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## STEM Graduate Returns with Ivy League Experience



Jeferson Mendoza, School of Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) at JFK Class of 2017, STEM Valedictorian, and Dartmouth Class of 2021, returned to his alma mater recently to speak to the school's College Ready/Robotics students. The remarkable STEM alumnus took time out of his busy schedule to speak about student life at Dartmouth, the "Ivy League," and first year college experiences. Jeferson stands as a great example of a

STEM/PPS graduate giving back to their school, district and hometown.

## STARS Special Olympians are Primed and Ready to Roll

The 2017 Special Olympics are rapidly approaching! The STARS Academy's *Paterson Tigers* have participated in the Special Olympics games for more than 10 years. With 17 athletes on deck this year, the Tigers will be participating in various Special Olympics competitions including Bowling and Track and Field, and more. All of the students are excited, motivated, extremely competitive, and committed to their various sports. The dedicated STARS Special Olympics coaches and volunteers for the 2017-2018 school year include, Mr. Galizia, Mr. Basilicato, Mrs. Malatesta, Ms. Rodriguez, and Mr. Alburquerque.



## School 20 Students are Looking Ahead to College



Students of School 20's *I Have A Purpose College-Bound Lunch Time Group* participate in weekly discussions and activities geared towards college preparation. The students enjoy learning about colleges, (especially those attended by their teachers) while discussing different career interests. The group's next activity involves directly contacting those colleges and universities attended by their teachers.

The students in this group are greatly expanding their knowledge on higher learning and realizing the many career options available to them. In January, the students will have a meet-and-greet session with a college-bound student and will ask questions about the entire process of preparing for, and applying to college.

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