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## Students Point the Way with *College Track*

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During the month of November, the Paterson Education Fund (PEF) sponsored a “college readiness” program called, *College Track* at the John F. Kennedy Educational Complex. Students from all four JFK academies took part in the program as both facilitators and classroom leaders. Twenty-four student leaders presented to junior English classes in each academy over the course of two weeks.



This program helped participants and audience members in many ways; it provided them with valuable information that included, different types of financial aid, life on a college campus, and how to be more goal orientated.

PEF Director, Rosie Grant, spent two days training students so they would be well prepared for their presentations. Desiree Douglas, a School of Education and Training (SET) guidance counselor, organized and oversaw all of the presentations.

According to Ravyn John, a senior at the School of Business, Technology, Marketing and Finance (BTMF) who facilitated some of the presentations, “I presented to a class of juniors, provided them with important information about college life, and explained the ins and outs of financial aid.”

## Tragedy Mobilizes School 7 to Action

It is not widely known that breast cancer not only affects hundreds of thousands of American women each year, but it also affects thousands of men. Many of the families and friends of School 7 have been, and continue to be impacted by this devastating disease. After the disease claimed the life of one student’s parent, the school community felt that something should be done to honor the parent’s life, along with others who have encountered this condition.

First, School 7 wanted to ensure its community received information about the indicators, prevention, and treatment of breast cancer. A representative from the Susan G. Komen Foundation provided vital information with an informational table and brief meeting during the school’s Report Card Night. What’s more, through the sale of breast cancer awareness bracelets, a “dress-down day” in which students wore pink, and the sale of mini-posters with the names of those who have battled breast cancer, the school raised over \$450 (and did so in only one week).

All money raised will go to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

## Upcoming Events

### Dec. 6: High School Choice Open House

4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. at the Academy of Earth & Space Science (PANTHER Academy)

### Dec. 6: Board of Education Workshop

6:30 at the District Offices, 90 Delaware Avenue

### Dec. 7: High School Choice Open House

4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. at the Eastside High School Campus

### Dec. 8: Staff In-Service

1:00 Student Dismissal

### Dec. 9: Parent University Mini Conference

10:00 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. School

### Dec. 13: Community Forum on the District Budget

6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at John F. Kennedy Educational Complex

### Dec. 14: Community Forum on the District Budget

6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at Eastside High School Campus

### Dec. 19: District Annual STEM Expo

9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the William Paterson Univ. Commons Ballroom

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