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**Investing in the power of their ideas.**

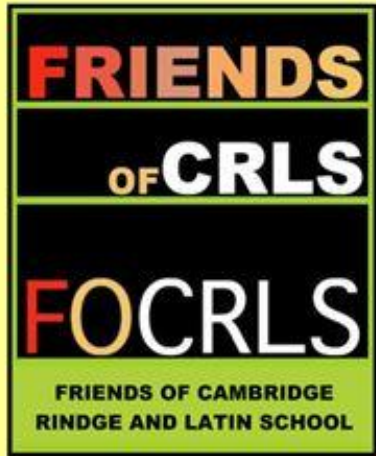
# Friends of CRLS Mission Statement

The mission of the Friends of Cambridge Rindge and Latin School is to develop, support, and enrich the academic and social development programs at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School and to support the alumni of CRLS and its predecessor schools. In so doing, FOCRLS promotes achievement and a greater community investment in the future of CRLS, its current students, and its graduates. Friends of CRLS is a tax-deductible 501(c)3 non-profit association founded by two CRLS parents in 2006.



Damon Smith, CRLS Principal and FoCRLS Board member, presents an end-of-the-school-year wrap up at the May 2015 FoCRLS Community Meeting





SCHOLARSHIPS and awards give academically talented seniors the added financial support that will help them succeed



FACULTY INNOVATION GRANTS add cutting-edge experiences to a diverse array of classrooms and clubs

(photo courtesy of CRLS FIRST Robotics Team 97)



UNSUNG HEROES are recognized by their deans, counselors, and families for their emerging leadership

This is what  
**SUCCESS**  
looks like



FACULTY DISTINCTION AWARDS honorees are chosen by graduating seniors

for having the most positive impact on their years at CRLS



STUDENT TRAVEL FELLOWSHIPS

enable students (like this El Salvador traveler, pictured with her mom) to access school-sponsored, life-changing journeys

THE "IT TAKES A VILLAGE"  
COLLEGE SUCCESS PROGRAM (ITAV)

builds a platform of support for achieving degrees and meaningful careers

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# Friends of CRLS Scholarships and Graduate Awards

- *"100 by 100" Cambridge Business Community Scholarship*
- *Friends of CRLS First Scholars Award* for the first family member to go to college
- *CRLS Core Values Scholarship* for demonstrating *Opportunity, Diversity, Respect*
- *"It Takes a Village" Scholarship* for a Massachusetts public or community college
- *Dr. Christopher Saheed Future Educators Scholarship*
- *Charlene Holmes Memorial Award* for *Compassion and Aspiration*
- *Mary Frances Monti Scholarship* for *Academic Achievement*
- *Daphne S. Powell Scholarship* for an African American student
- *Dr. David A. Link Scholarship* for the *Health Professions*
- *Betty Curry Scholarship* for *Mathematics*
- *Calvin Hicks Memorial Award* for the *Study of Music*
- *Fresh Start Construction Corp. Award* for *Carpentry*
- *CRLS/Children's Hospital Basketball Fundraiser Scholarship* for *Athletics*
- *Rose and Victor Rifkin Family Scholarship* for a first generation student pursuing the American dream
- *Maria J. Tavares Memorial Scholarship* for the first student to go to college from a family with immigrant parents
- *Scholarship Honoring Allan Gehant and Janani Nathan* for *Community Service*
- *Colonel and Mrs. Henry Bayard McCoy Memorial Scholarship* for *U.S. History and community service*

Brett McFarland, recipient of a *Charlene Holmes Memorial Award*, makes his mother and sister proud at FoCRLS's Class of 2015 Scholarships and Graduate Awards Night Reception







FoCRLS scholarship recipient Arianna Saunders (Dr. Christopher Saheed Future Educators Scholarship) and her grandmother share a happy moment at FoCRLS's Class of 2015 Scholarships and Graduate Awards Night Reception





FoCRLS scholarship recipients (l-r) Elorpheton Deneus (CRLS/Children's Hospital Basketball Fundraiser Scholarship), Lucy Sternbach (CRLS Core Values Scholarship), Isabelle Stephen (Dr. Christopher Saheed Future Educator Scholarship), and Abdullahi Dirir (Daphne S. Powell Scholarship) celebrate at FoCRLS's Class of 2015 Scholarships and Graduate Awards Night Reception



# Student Travel Fellowships



Friends of CRLS partnered with Cambridge Community Services' City Links Program to make it possible for 13 CRLS students to participate in a service learning trip to El Salvador.

One traveler reflected, "This trip made me realize that different things can make a person happy. Even though the people in the village live in poverty they still find ways to make their lives meaningful and full of excitement. They have different goals in life and they pursue them regardless of their financial situation. From now on I will live my life looking at things from a different perspective."

Friends of CRLS Student Travel Fellowships have made it possible for CRLS students to participate in domestic and international school-authorized educational and service learning trips to:

- New York City
- The Galapagos Islands
- The Island School in the Bahamas
- El Salvador
- The Dominican Republic
- Panama
- Spain
- Turkey
- England
- France



The CRLS team represented Sudan at the 2015 National Model United Nations conference in New York City.



While on the trip to The Galapagos Islands that Friends of CRLS helped make possible, Natalia Ruiz, a 2015 Student Travel Fellow, took this photo of Galapagos Fur Seals sunbathing.







While on the trip to The Galapagos Islands that Friends of CRLS helped make possible, Natalia Ruiz, a 2015 Student Travel Fellow, took this photo at a farmers' market.



# Faculty Innovation Grants



Friends of CRLS Faculty Innovation Grants have helped the CRLS FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics Team build robots and enter competitions under the guidance of RSTA (Rindge School of Technical Arts) Engineering Instructor Conrad Hauck, who explained “Our goal is not only to build the best robot but also to have a strong team where everyone contributes and can be proud of their contribution. The environment we try to cultivate is one of teamwork, pride, and learning.”





A 2014 FoCRLS Faculty Innovation Grant awarded to RSTA Carpentry Instructor Doug Carey covered the materials used for The Planter Project in which students designed, planned, and built rolling wheelchair-accessible planters for the residents of Sancta Maria Nursing Facility. The carpentry class then joined the RSTA health assisting class in presenting the planters to the residents and helping them plant flowers and vegetables.



Saleh Jiddawi-Nunley, the straight-A carpentry student pictured here working on The Planter Project, went on to receive the 2015 *Fresh Start Construction Corp. Award for Carpentry*, presented by FoCRLS.









A FoCRLS Faculty Innovation Grant awarded to CRLS Family Liaison Greta Hardina helped launch CRLS's chapter of The Weekend Backpack Program, created by Cambridge Public Schools parent Alanna Mallon (left), assisted by RSTA Culinary Arts Chef Cathy Thomas (center), and then-senior Ashia Aubourg (Class of 2014, and recipient of the 2014 *Mary Frances Monti Scholarship*, presented by FoCRLS). Fruits, vegetables, milk, and other nourishing foods are packed on Fridays to tide over students in need and their siblings until they return to school.



# Faculty Distinction Awards

FoCRLS Faculty Distinction Awards give graduating seniors a chance to honor the teachers and staff members who had the most influence on them during their time at CRLS.

Principal Damon Smith introduces the awardees at the graduation ceremony. The Class of 2015 awardees include (below) English teacher Dr. Kimberly Parker, (below right) freshman algebra teacher Janet O'Reilly, and (right) psychology and history teacher Greg Racki.







FoCRLS Faculty Distinction Awards are presented each year at graduation to four teachers and staff members nominated by the graduating class.

Above:  
Security specialist Aral Lecorps is among the 2015 awardees.



Right (l-r):  
Ceramics instructor Jon Baring-Gould, American literature teacher Amanda Hughes, history teacher Ned Flaherty, and history and psychology teacher Susie Van Blaricum (who is now Dean of Students in CRLS's Learning Community "L") were the faculty honored by the Class of 2014.



# “It Takes a Village” College Success Program



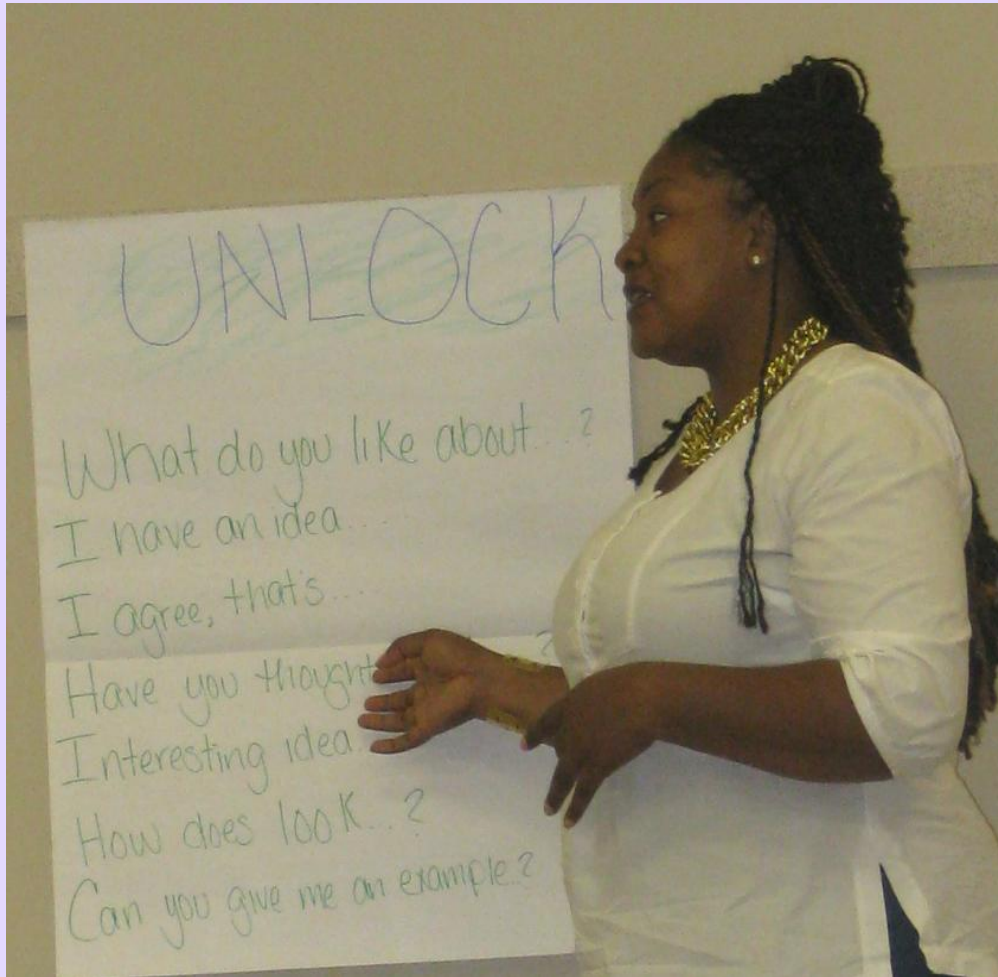
FoCRLS’s “It Takes a Village” College Success Programs (ITAV) offers CRLS alumni attending Massachusetts public and community colleges support to help them achieve their educational goals.





ITAV tutoring and test prep help students maximize their efforts by starting college with courses that will earn them credits toward a degree.





ITAV career mentors – many of whom are CRLS/CHLS/Rindge alumni – share experiences about their career paths, help make professional connections, give guidance, and offer moral support. Mentors and mentees both receive training on how to make the most of their partnerships.

Left: ITAV Mentor Coordinator Rachel Deleveaux presenting communication strategies at a mentee training session

For information about becoming an ITAV career mentor please email Rachel at [mentor@focrls.org](mailto:mentor@focrls.org).

ITAV participants may qualify for two-year scholarships to reduce their financial burdens and motivate them academically, both ways to help them focus on their studies.

Right: Heena Gulam, CRLS Class of 2014, now a sophomore at UMass Boston







Unsung Heroes Awards are presented to students, nominated by teachers, deans, and guidance counselors, for their emerging leadership qualities, including character, academic improvement, citizenship, sportsmanship, and community service.

Above: Norman Garcia sharing his moment with his proud family





Unsung Heroes Awards are given to sixteen students each term: one from each of the four grades, from each of the four learning communities.



# Friends of CRLS has raised over \$570,000 so far to bring opportunities to the CRLS community!

- Appeal Letters and Emails
- House Parties
- Holiday Phonathon
- Annual MayFair Raffle
- Grant Proposals
- Community Participation
- Business Engagement



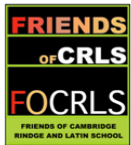
Ariela Schear and Amisi Hicks gift wrapping for FoCRLS donations at Henry Bear's Park



# 100 BY 100

## CAMBRIDGE BUSINESS COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP INITIATIVE

A partnership with



Friends of  
Cambridge  
Rindge and Latin  
School



*Our business is student success!*

Friends of CRLS launched the “100 by 100” Cambridge Business Community Scholarship Initiative in 2015. The objective of the “100 by 100” is to engage 100 local businesses each to contribute \$100 annually for an additional \$10,000 in scholarships to be awarded to members of each graduating class.

The Class of 2016 will be the first to receive these scholarships from this new fund, currently at 85% of FoCRLS’s goal for the school year.



The Google Community Affairs Team offered FoCRLS a fundraising event, which took the form of a social mixer with FoCRLS supporters and award recipients mingling with Google employees at the company’s Kendall Square headquarters in September 2013.

FoCRLS invited the Harvard Square Business Association to hold their April 2014 board meeting at CRLS. The event featured a FoCRLS presentation, a tour of the school, and a dazzling breakfast spread prepared by the RSTA culinary students.







Cambridge Whole Foods Markets held a 5% Day for FoCRLS in 2012 and presented FoCRLS with a check for \$15,277.42! FoCRLS's next 5% Day will be in April 2016 and include the Somerville Whole Foods Market outside Inman Square.





CRLS Principal Damon Smith addresses a gathering at a February 2013 house party at the home of Lindsay Frazier and Owen Dempsey, parents of four CRLS students and alumni. House party hosts open their homes to friends and friends of friends who are interested in learning more about contributing to Friends of CRLS. A committee works together to make preparations for a welcoming event featuring guest speakers, delicious food, and flowing beverages.



FoCRLS's 2015 MayFair Raffle raised \$8,000, breaking our record of \$7,000, set in 2014.

More than 60 winners received prizes while supporting FoCRLS through the 2015 MayFair Raffle.

Two groups of volunteers manage the raffle by collecting gift cards and certificates from local businesses and selling raffle tickets at tables around the city.

Right: Dede Danforth welcoming ticket buyers outside the Cambridge Public Library

Below: Perle the spokesdog drawing potential winners to a raffle ticket table outside the Central Square post office





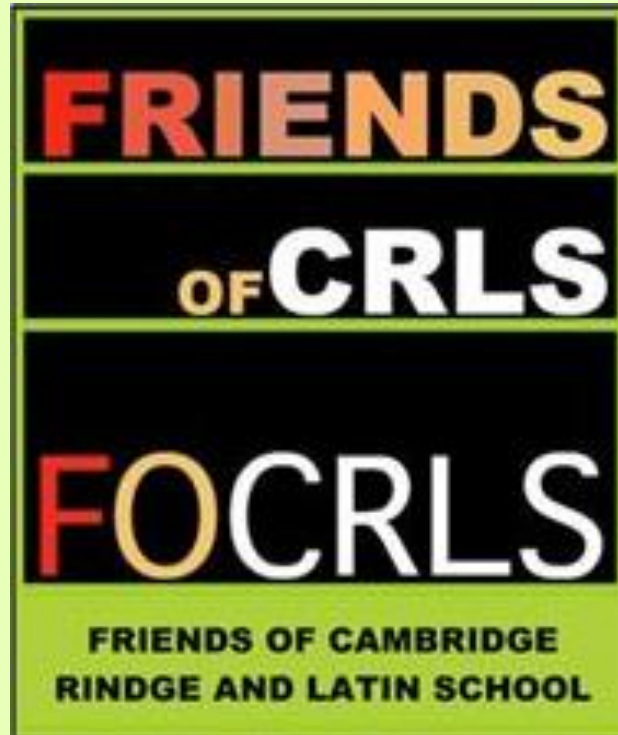
# Join Friends of CRLS in creating opportunities!



Friends of CRLS Board Treasurer Neil Rosenberg (center) sponsors the *Mary Frances Monti Scholarship*, which was awarded to the Class of 2015's Sophia Roderick (right), much to the delight of her mother Chelly Salcedo (left).

- Business Engagement
- House Party Hosting / Planning
- Holiday Phonathon
- MayFair Raffle
- Mailings
- Special Events
- Publicity and Communications
- Volunteer Outreach
- Alumni Outreach





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