

# On Course... The Newsletter of Young Scholars

April 2026



As we thaw out from a long winter, March was full of activity and excitement for Young Scholars. Read about the new young scholars and field trips.

## NEW SCHOLARS AT MLK

Six new young scholars at MLK Charter School were chosen in March, joining the existing 6 young scholars at MLK. Along with the new scholars, we also welcome 5 new mentors, all teachers at MLK. After a lively assembly with music and plenty of cheering celebrating academic dedication and performance, the young scholars, their families and mentors gathered for cake and celebration.



The new MLK young scholars



Welcome to the Young Scholars' family!

**Thumbs Up!  
That  
sums up the  
day.**



## NEW SCHOLARS AT WSS



Academic achievements were celebrated and 6 students were named as the newest young scholars at White St. School. We also welcome 6 new mentors to the Young Scholars Fund program!



Current young scholars welcomed the new scholars after the assembly as everyone enjoyed cake and refreshments



**A new  
partnership!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Scholar Partner  
Committee meets April 8  
at 5:30 pm.

WSS montly luch club  
with mentors, April 16 at  
12:30, the date in May is  
TBD.

Young Scholars Board of  
Directors meets on April  
16 at 7:00 pm.

MLK monthly lunch with  
mentors, April 30, May  
28 and June 11 at 12:30.

School vacation week is  
April 20-24. This is a  
perfect time to plan an  
activity with your young  
scholar. You could visit a  
local college, a local  
museum, or participate  
in a library program.  
Invite another young  
scholar/mentor team to  
join you to make it more  
fun! Just ask if you need  
contact information of  
other mentors/scholars?

END OF YEAR  
COOKOUT Date TBD.

Let us know of your young  
scholar outings so we can  
share ideas with others.  
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## Melody's Musings

Happy spring, and all of the holidays associated with it. The first daffodils are always a cause for great celebration for me.

Our Young Scholars year has a fresh rebirth too. In February, the teachers at each school choose this year's recipients. It's hush-hush with the parents learning about the scholarship first then at the student assembly, among other fun announcements, the chosen students learn of their award. tears are visible among parents, mentors, and teachers.

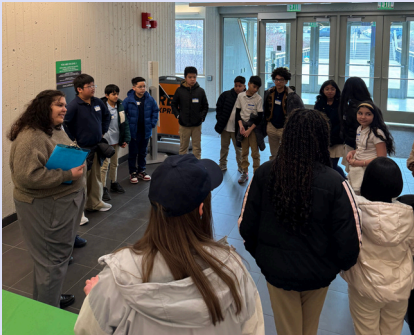
Our program is filled with such positive energy and many new faces. We just had a fun and educational visit by the White Street School scholars to Holyoke Community College. Scholars opened the eyes and minds of the third, fourth and fifth graders, who can begin to envision a college education.

We are always looking for people with good ideas for field trips, art events, or other community activities. Please call me to discuss any thoughts. You have to make our program even better.

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Thanks for all your support!

### COLLEGE VISIT



WSS young scholars enjoyed a field trip to Holyoke Community College at the end of March. Five mentors and 16 young scholars, including the newest young scholars, visited all the different buildings, learned about the various student support services available and they learned that attending HCC is free! Transferring to a 4 year college after graduating from HCC can significantly reduce the total cost of a college education. After a pizza lunch, the young scholars were able to ask questions to a panel of current students about college life at HCC.



White Street School Scholars at Holyoke Community College

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The mission of the Young Scholars Fund, Inc. shall be to create programs in elementary schools for the purpose of: identifying pupils who show potential for college success, awarding scholarship funds, and providing continued guidance and support for those pupils even as they enter college.