

A community in action



LEAD students gather after a Communications Workshop with PGIM employees.

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Naysha is becoming the leader she always wanted to be.

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275

students enrolled at LEAD

9

Allied Health students got CPR certified

LEAD AT A GLANCE

- Classes began September 16th, with more than 200 LEAD students.
- On October 10th, Newark OYN is collaborating with the Rutgers School of Public Health for its 400 Years of Inequality panel. The discussion will focus on the school-to-prison pipeline, what OYN has learned through the Restorative Center and working to re-engage disconnected youth.
- Prudential is investing in LEAD students through the Image is Power workshop (October 23) and the Halloween Build Day (October 30).



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: NAYSHA

Naysha is strikingly honest when you talk to her. Where some people would gloss over their blemishes, Naysha proudly owns her truth. Pregnant at 15. Held back two years. Homeless teen. “I’ve been through a lot but I don’t regret anything that I’ve been through because it has made me the person that I am,” she said. [Read the full story here.](#)



MY BROTHER’S KEEPER NEWARK JOINS OYN

The Newark chapter of My Brother’s Keeper (MBKN) announced an official merger with Newark Opportunity Youth Network (Newark OYN). As part of Newark OYN, MBKN will lead future policy and advocacy initiatives directly connected to the Newark OYN community - youth 16 to 24 years old who are disconnected from employment or traditional schools. [Read more about the partnership here.](#)

WHAT’S HAPPENING THIS MONTH?



400 Years of Inequality

Oct. 10

8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Newark OYN will discuss the school-to-prison pipeline and solutions to reengaging opportunity youth.

Community Expo

Oct. 16

3 - 4 p.m.

LEAD will host students, parents and the extended community for an evening of fellowship and relationship building.

201 Bergen Street, Newark, NJ

Happy Hour for Men of Color Who Teach in Newark

Oct. 18

5-7 p.m.

Free drinks and appetizers for men of color teachers in Newark. Guest speakers include Mayor Ras Baraka and Superintendent Roger Leon.

24 E. Park Street, Newark, NJ

YMCA Leaders and Legends

Oct. 29

6 - 9 p.m.

YMCA of Newark and Vicinity is honoring CEO Robert Clark for his lifetime of work in Newark.

1 Center St, Newark, NJ

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