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STEM

ACADEMY

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Senior Breakfast Celebrating Class of 2015

7:30AM Thursday, April 9, 2015 Auditorium

On Thursday, April 9, 2015, STEM and Community will celebrate the Class of 2015, our second graduation since opening in 2011. Seniors, their parents, and distinguished guest will join in a breakfast that includes traditional American and Somali fare.

The Juniors (Class of 2016) will host the breakfast celebrating the Senior's accomplishments and future plans. Part of the program for this breakfast will be the announcement of the Class of 2015 Senior Legacy. Last year, the Class of 2014 planted a crabapple tree by the entrance of the school.

STEM to Perform at 40th Annual World Festival

Rochester STEM Academy students are invited back to the World Festival to be held Friday and Saturday at John Marshall High School. You don't want to miss this great event. Last year Rochester STEM Academy students brought the house down. This year you'll see and hear from cultures around the world from China to Latin America, India, Uzbekistan and, and of course, Somalia.

Rochester STEM Academy Students will be performing Friday and Saturday.

APRIL 2015



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Remember...

Monday, April 6 • School resumes after spring break.

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(Sambusa served)

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- **Health Fair with Nasra Giama and the University of Minnesota School of Nursing** • April 30, 2015
- **Graduation – 11:00AM Saturday, May 30, 2015 -Commencement at the Kahler Hotel followed by a reception at Rochester STEM Academy.**

RSA Students Doing PSEO • College Bound... NOW!

This is what we are all about. We assure that all high school students pass their college entrance exams to be eligible to enroll in college. All PSEO students must complete the Minnesota requirements for graduation so college work is integrated into high school curriculum to assure all standards and benchmarks are completed. Strategy 2018 is a plan to have current 9th graders graduate with a high school diploma and a 2-year college degree in 2018.

Supplementing High School Study with a PSEO college campus experience accomplishes several things:

1. It inspires students to excel at high school coursework beginning in grade 9.
2. It initiates focus for students to excel in math and reading to pass Accuplacer/ACT exams.
3. It propels teachers and parents to identify strategies for students to do what it takes to prepare for college and actually enroll before graduation.
4. It provides students with the experience of being a college student while having the emotional and academic supports of home and high school to help with the transition from high school to college.
5. It is **FREE** to students and parents. At RCTC that equals \$192 a credit. This year, RSA students are receiving more than \$10,000 to \$30,000 of college tuition at no charge to their parents.

Who's doing it?

Ahmed Ali (12th Grade, full-time), Muna Abdiasis (12th Grade, part-time), Sahra Abdullahi (11th Grade, full-time), Awale Nur (11th Grade, full time), Hibaq Mohamed (11th Grade, part-time), Sagal Abdi (11th Grade, part-time), Salma Hassam (11th Grade, part-time).

Please visit our website, www.rochesterstemacademy.org, to learn more about PSEO at RSA and Strategy 2018.

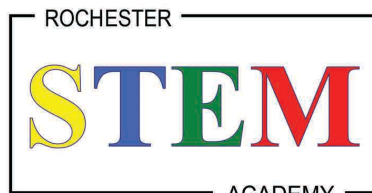
Next Year...

We plan on more than doubling the number of students in PSEO to nearly 20.

What's Going On....

April is National Poetry Month Somalia is often called the "Land of Poets" and this month our young poets are preparing for presenting their own poetry to their peers and the community at the Rochester World Festival being held at John Marshall High School on Friday and Saturday, April 10 and 11. In addition, RSA will be part of an Open Mic Poetry Slam night at the Tuesday May 19th at 7:30 in the auditorium of the Rochester Public Library. This is a prelude to our final Poetry Night to be held here at Rochester STEM Academy on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 7:00PM.

SOLAR BOAT REGATTA – RSA Engineering class will be competing in the At the Minnesota Renewable Energy Society's Solar Boat Regatta teams demonstrate knowledge of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) to design and build boats powered by the sun. They compete in a number of races, culminating with a one-hour endurance race. Join us at Riley Lake, Eden Prairie on Saturday, May 16, 2015 from 10:00AM to 2:00PM.



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