

Dear Friends of YPPP (Eagleton's Youth Political Participation Program):

The semester has come to an end at Rutgers University, and summer is on the horizon. YPPP has had a productive spring . . .

The students of the Darien Learning Community were in the classrooms of New Brunswick High School to administer engaging RU Ready™ workshops about the promise of the Millennial Generation and ways to be an active citizen. Afterwards, we asked the high school students to share with us three words that came to mind when they thought of RU Ready™. The most popular words were "informational", "educational", and "fun"!



In April, RU Ready™ held its annual "Young Leaders Conference" for a selection of New Brunswick High School students. For the second year, we were pleased to welcome the Honorable James Cahill, Mayor of New Brunswick, as our featured speaker. Students were thrilled to meet and even take "selfies" with the Mayor.



YPPP also was happy to co-host an event for Rutgers students this fall entitled "#politics: Redefining Engagement Via Digital Media" at which experts on digital outreach, including representatives from Amnesty International and Rock the Vote, talked to students about the opportunities and challenges of using new media to connect people to politics.



We'll be back in touch in the fall as we launch another semester and mobilize students for the November elections. Have a safe and happy summer!

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which reads "Elizabeth C. Matto".

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