**History Makers Scholars**

**BronxWorks has announced it is again on the search for 24 college-bound teens from South Bronx schools to participate in the History Makers Scholars program this summer at Fordham University.**

The five-week summer program, which is held each year, will last from June 30 to July 31, and will center on Fordham’s Rose Hill campus at 441 East Fordham Road.

History Makers is a collaboration of BronxWorks’ Center for Achieving Future Education (CAFÉ) and Fordham’s Dorothy Day Center for Service and Justice, and is enabled by a grant from the Teagle Foundation.

The History Makers Scholars will be assigned independent research projects related to the African-American experience in the Bronx, leading up to papers that will be presented at a graduation assembly at the end of the program, said Jean-Pierre LaCour, coordinator of CAFÉ and organizer of History Makers. In addition to proving they can conduct “college-level history research beyond the textbook,” participants will also gain familiarity with the routines of campus life applicable to any college they attend, he noted.

History Makers Scholars will be mentored on their research projects and other topics by professors and upperclassmen, will attend selected workshops, lectures and seminars and take part in a one-week campus sleepover. The History Makers program will provide participants with a monthly Metro card, graduation stipend, free meals, college counseling assistance and various field trips and tours, including four no-charge trips to investigate other colleges. “Taking part in History Makers will reinforce these students’ intentions to get a college education,” said LaCour. “The experience will be an asset on their resumes and could be a factor in attaining scholarships and financial aid for college.”

More than 170 teens have been History Makers Scholars since the program started in 2006.

Applications for the program can be made online for submission no later than May 30 at http://www.bronxworks.org/center-for-achieving-future-education.

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**First Friday! Music & Trolley Return**

**April 3rd Performance Kicks Off Season of First Friday Music**

Back by popular demand, indie-folk band Hawthorne, featuring the talented Nat Osborn, Aimee Bayles, Karna Ray, and Stu Mahan, will kick-off the 2015 First Friday! Music and Trolley evenings at Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum (BPMM) on Fri., April 3rd from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Hawthorne, based in New York City, is led by Pelham native Nat Osborn. The band plays a mix of original and classic tunes, spanning various acoustic styles and genres, including indie-folk and Americana, with a touch of country, Irish folk, and even gypsy jazz.

Bartow-Pell’s First Friday! Music and Trolley program takes place at the museum the first Friday of every month, April through December. Visitors can enjoy the music, explore the museum, stroll the garden, and savor light refreshments. The trolley makes a continuous loop from the #6 Pelham Bay Park subway station to BPMM to City Island starting at 5:25 p.m.

Registration requested at 718.885.1461 or via email at info@bpmm.org. Cost $10 adults, $8 seniors and students; members free.

For more information, please visit www.bpmm.org, call 718.885.1461, or email at info@bpmm.org.