

Rutgers seeks talented students from Orange

Middle- and high school-age students within the Orange School District are being sought for an academic program presented through the Newark campus of Rutgers University.

In Talent Search Program, students in underserved areas are prepared for their academic future through meeting specific financial guidelines for college and beyond. A U.S. Department of Education grant the program receives is expected to provide as many as 250 city students with academic, career, and financial counseling for them graduate from high school in good academic standing and complete further education.

Students in grades 7-12 from Cleveland Street School, Lincoln Avenue School, Park Avenue School, Orange Preparatory Acad-

emy, and Orange High School may participate in the program. Selection criteria include:

- Academic performance, with a minimum 2.5 grade-point average, or be in good academic standing.
- A prospective first-generation college student.
- Highly recommended by a teacher or member of the district administration.
- Support and participation of parents or guardians.
- Full participation in all required programs and activities.
- Meet the financial guidelines.
- Agree to provide information and documents up to six years after high school graduation.

Applications for the program are available at the participating schools.