

Rhode Island Transition Academy 2022

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

October...*Sweaters, Hot Cocoa, Corn Mazes, Falling Leaves, Crisp Apples & Pumpkins of Course*

RITA EVENTS

- *October's Theme:
Citizenship Month
- *Monthly Featured
Internship: Cloud
House Museum
- *Community Day
Roundup: October



October Theme is Citizenship Month at the Transition Academy



(LEFT) This month, RITA students visited the Station Nightclub Memorial, paying their respects to victims of this local tragedy. This horrific accident affected the West Warwick Community and beyond leading to changes in RI fire codes.



(LEFT) Landon, graduating RITA in June, takes time to assist in tree planting at the expansive grounds of Cloud Hill House (East Greenwich). This historical site includes a museum and arboretum **(See Page 3)**.



(RIGHT) RITA student, Nic, proudly shows-off his new jersey to his classmates. Currently he plays basketball on the Tigers within Special Olympics RI. Nic has played on multiple sports teams, including the unified league in Rhode Island..

(RIGHT) In support of the nearby West Warwick Fire Department, RITA visited the memorial park located at Station 4, W. Warwick. The memorial includes a towering bronze statue, historic station bell, and granite wall dedicated to past West Warwick Fire Fighters. Thank you to our gracious hosts!



This Months Featured Internship Partner: Cloud Hill House-Museum



(Pictured RIGHT) Clouds Hill [Victorian] House is a museum located in East Greenwich RI, on the estate formerly known as Cedar Hill, a country estate built 1871 as a wedding present for Elizabeth Ives Slater Reed by her father, **William Slater**. Adjacent to the main house lies a separate carriage museum with more than 12 carriages, including a gypsy wagon from the mid-1800s. Additionally, the property on which the house sits has been referred to as the West Bay arboretum and is the home to more than 70 species of trees and shrubs.



Landon

October marks the start of a new internship at Clouds Hill for two third-year RITA students, **Will** and **Landon**. Overall, the focus of their internship is to assist the museum manager in maintaining the grounds of property using hand and power tools/equipment. Typical tasks include mowing, trimming, planting, watering, fertilizing, digging, and lots of raking. With the excessive influx of leaves at this time of the year, instead of rakes our students very much prefer using the power-leaf blowers, as shown in both photos. **(LEFT and RIGHT)**



Will

RTA's Community Day Roundup for the Month of October



(LEFT/RIGHT) Special thanks to West Warwick Firehouse #4 for hosting our class. Lt. Ben gave our students a 'special access-tour' of the facility, and equipment, including a Q&A session. Thank you to all men and women who bravely serve their communities.



(LEFT) Students and staff traveled to Farmer's Daughter, N. Kingstown, and were treated to a rustic hayride. **(RIGHT)** Also, the perfect Fall weather made traversing the property's Corn Maze ideal. This Community Day was the best Autumnal Adventure, according to student feedback.

