

Mail- Out Day 2015

On November 6, 2015, the senior class of 2016 at Democracy Prep / Bronx Preparatory Charter School “mailed out” their college applications. An annual tradition at Bronx Prep, this is not something that was going to be changed, despite the recent merger of Democracy Prep. Every year, seniors at Bronx Prep fill envelopes with their transcripts, personal essays, and other supplemental application material, and walk to the local post office to mail out their applications.

As technology has changed, the tradition had to change a little to adapt the online nature of college applications. So, the envelopes have been stuffed with transcripts that need to be mailed or faxed. On that Friday, all students are encouraged to either come in their uniforms, or come in college gear. “It is beautiful to walk through the halls and see the multitude of colleges and universities that the students know and are excited about,” Principal Cassius Gil said. As you walk around the school, there is truly a rainbow of colleges and colors that are being represented. “You have to remember these are kids who were told college wasn’t possible. Kids who only grew up in the streets. Kids who seen more people leave the home to go to jail rather than college,” Gil somberly recalled. As true as that has been, Bronx Prep has been a school actively dedicated to beating those statistics.

Bronx Preparatory Charter Schools boasts of 100% graduation and college acceptance of their seniors. Some of that can be contributed to the boost of morale and esteem during the annual College Mail-Out Day. With a mini pep rally to begin, speeches from graduates, and teachers and staff speaking on accomplishments, it is little surprise that the weeks after the mail out day celebration are some of the most effective.

