

JUNE 2020

VERNON ROCKS COALITION

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June is PRIDE Month

IT'S JUNE. IT'S PRIDE MONTH.

**EMPOWER
AND
PROMOTE
ALL LOVE**

Stand in solidarity with
the LGBTQIA+
community.

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The Vernon ROCKS Coalition stands in solidarity with the LGBTQIA+ community.

PRIDE month was developed to raise awareness and improve the attitudes of society and encourage inclusiveness. It promotes their dignity, equal rights, self-affirmation, and is a way of increasing society's awareness of the issues they face (Awareness Days).

PRIDE is celebrated during the month of June in remembrance of the Stonewall Riots in 1969. We have come a long way since the riots, however, injustices remain.

Unfortunately, sexual minorities often face social stigma, discrimination and other challenges like violence and harassment, not experienced by people who identify as heterosexual. These challenges mixed with other stressors lead sexual minorities to be at an increased risk for substance use. According to SAMSHA, substance use disorders affect 20-30% of the LGBTQIA+ population, compared to 8.4% of the general population.

The Vernon ROCKS Coalition wants everyone to know there are supportive people, and resources to help and you are not alone. For more information on substance use disorder and the LGBTQIA+ community **VISIT OUR WEBSITE.**

CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS

The Vernon ROCKS Coalition would like to congratulate our Seniors; **Amani, Angie,**

Emily, Georgiette, and Tiffany on their graduation from Rockville High School!! They have been instrumental in the coalition and as members of Real Talk by continuously dedicating their time to our efforts.

Through their own grit and hard work, they have all been active in many clubs, sports, jobs, and events while keeping up with their rigorous schoolwork. They have been leaders among their peers and are examples of amazing youth who have excelled while being substance-free.

They have all decided to continue their schooling by earning bachelor's degrees.

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| Amani | Saint Anselm College |
| Angie | University of Connecticut |
| Emily | Seton Hall University |
| Georgette | University of Connecticut |
| Tiffany | Bentley University |

Graduating high school and going on to college is an exciting time in a youth's life. While this year may not have been what they envisioned for their senior year, it is only one step in their lives. We hope they will continue to develop, learn and expand their minds, create countless memories and laughs, and go on to be happy and successful. We are so proud of them for all their hard work to bring them to this moment in their life, and we cannot wait to see where they will go in the future!

SENIOR

Spotlight



Emily
Real Talk Member Since 2018

College
Seton Hall University

Major
Nursing

Favorite Memory with Real Talk
Attending CADCA in Washington, DC

We are so proud of you!



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Spotlight



Angie
Real Talk Member Since 2018

College
University of Connecticut

Major
Computer Science

Favorite Memory with Real Talk
Attending the annual Rockville ROCKS Block Party.

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SENIOR

Spotlight



Amani
Real Talk Member Since 2018

College
Saint Anselm College

Major
Political Science

Favorite Memory with Real Talk
Attending CADCA in Washington, DC.

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SENIOR

Spotlight



Georgiette
Real Talk Member Since 2018

College
University of Connecticut

Major
Allied Health Sciences

Favorite Memory with Real Talk
Attending the annual Rockville ROCKS Block Party.

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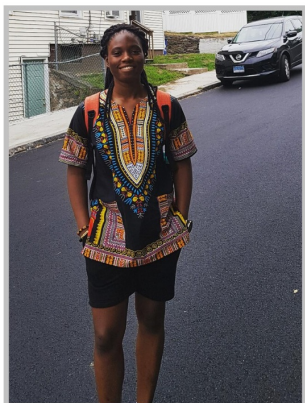


TO OUR



Spotlight

Seniors



Tiffany

Real Talk Member Since 2018

College

Bentley University

Major

Finance

Favorite Memory with Real Talk

Attending the annual Rockville ROCKS Block Party.

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We are so proud of all of you!

We will miss you all but we are sure you will go on to do amazing things!

Prevention Blog



The Vernon ROCKS Coalition has developed a new source of information for parents and caregivers through a blog. Our blog will focus on different protective factors, or the things a caregiver can do to help prevent a child from participating in risk-taking behaviors such as using substances. Be sure to read our new post each month!

[CHECK IT OUT HERE](#)



If you or a loved one is having trouble with substance abuse check out the available resources in the area

[Get Help](#)

If you are aware of an underage party or illegal activity follow the link and submit the anonymous form below, and the Vernon ROCKS Coalition will work with the Vernon Police Department to prevent or stop the activity.

[Report it Here](#)

Are you are interested in becoming more involved with the Vernon ROCKS Coalition we are always looking for more members. You can join by visiting our website!

[Get Involved](#)