



Transform Rhode Island Scholarship

“Growing up, I felt disconnected from my Cambodian/Laos background. I struggled a lot with my identity and connecting to peers. But over time, I learned more about myself because of the many cultures around me. Making those connections was the stepping stool to acknowledging those barriers and deconstructing them.”

~ Krystallyah Ratsabout

Dr. Jorge Alvarez High School

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BIG IDEA:

Krystallyah’s big idea is centered around a multi-faceted leadership program that would educate students about their culture’s history and, in turn, empower them to help others embrace their identity.

The platform would also create pathways to mentorships and job opportunities for students. Krystallyah believes motivating students to learn about different ethnic backgrounds can combat racial inequity and contribute to world peace.

HOW WILL SHE DO IT?:

Krystallyah’s goal is to give BIPOC students the opportunity to learn about their culture, empower them to teach others, and connect them to jobs that align with their future interests.

She envisions her program running during the summer months, with enrolled students hosting community events and participating in community service.



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