

Saint Peter's University's Center for Afterschool and Expanded Learning (C.A.S.E.L) department was awarded a \$2.5 million 21st Century Community Learning Center grant to implement a multifaceted after-school program to three select schools in Jersey City (Ezra L. Nolan Middle School #40, Dr. Lena Edwards Academic Charter School, and Soaring Heights Charter School).

The Saint Peter's University 21st Century Program will employ the "Institute of Excellence Model" (I.E.M.), a nationally recognized after school program model created by Dr. Elnardo Webster. This model brings Nutrition, Academic Remediation, Enrichment/ Recreation, Character Education, Field Trips, Family, Community and Summer Learning activities to the students in a secure and supportive environment. On February 4th, 2022, Cassir Bastien, Project Director, was able to obtain a "Warm Jacket Fund" from the Community Foundation of New Jersey to provide students with the opportunity/ experience of skiing. Currently, we are working with the National Interscholastic Cycling Association (NICA) and have purchased mountain bikes to create a Mountain Bike Club to begin in the fall of 2022.