

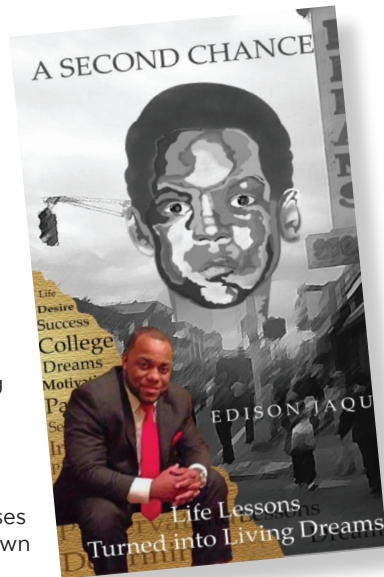
Newark Schools Harbor Writing Talent

In addition to pursuing a degree, some of the students at Newark's six colleges and universities have written books. Consider adding one or more of these to your summer reading list.

BERKELEY COLLEGE

Name: Edison A. Jaquez
Year graduated: 2009
Name of book: A Second Chance: Life Lessons Turned Into Living Dreams
Publisher: CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform

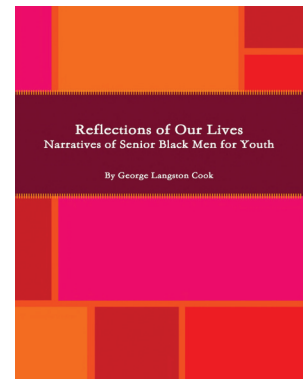
Before author Edison Jaquez became the founder of the B-Men and BYOUtiful mentoring programs for at-risk teen boys and girls in Perth Amboy, NJ, he found himself a young adult with a good job, a son, and a jail sentence for selling drugs. He uses the story of how he turned his own life around to help others.



ESSEX COUNTY

Name: George Langston Cook
Year graduated: 1976
Name of book: Reflections of Our Lives: Narratives of Senior Black Men for Youth
Publisher: George Langston Cook, 2011

Author George Langston Cook collected the life narratives of 25 men over the age of 70 for this first volume of his book *Reflections*. Each subject talks about what life taught them about work, family, marriage and faith, and they also offer words of wisdom to young men just embarking on their adult lives.



NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Name: Manoop Talasila
Year graduated: 2015
Name of book: Mobile Crowdsensing
Publisher: Chapman and Hall/CRC Press, 2016

Mobile crowdsensing allows large groups of individuals to collectively share data and extract information to measure, map, analyze, estimate or predict via mobile devices like smartphones, tablets or wearable technology. The book is a one-stop shop for all relevant issues pertaining to mobile crowdsensing, including motivation, applications, design and implementation, incentive mechanisms, and reliability and privacy.



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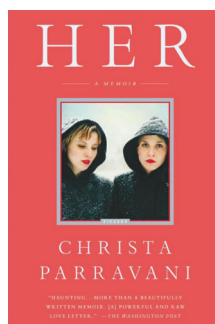
Name: Saideh A. Browne
Year graduating: 2018
Name of Book: Happiness in Heels
Publisher: GS Publishing Group, 2016

Happiness in Heels is a motivational read by President of the National Council of Women and women's empowerment activist Saideh A. Browne. It's a 30-day transformation guide that helps women answer the question Who am I? and discover how to live a life of purpose on purpose.

RUTGERS-NEWARK

Name: Christa Parravani
Year graduated: 2012
Name of book: Her: A Memoir
Publisher: Picador, 2014

Author Christa Parravani lost her identical twin sister, Cara, to an act of violence that sent Cara into a deep depression and eventually resulted in a drug overdose. *Her* is about the author's subsequent struggle to regain her own identity and purpose in life.



SETON HALL SCHOOL OF LAW

Name: Brian Newsome
Year graduated: 2017
Name of book: Cynebold and the Son of the Prophecy: Book One of the Coelmund Prophecies
Publisher: Strategic Book Publishing and Rights Co., 2014

Cynebold and the Son of the Prophecy is the first of a fantasy/science fiction series about Jonathan Cynebold, an unwitting hero who goes on a journey of self-discovery and realizes he is destined to overthrow the evil lord Eorwald and unite a world of beings long forgotten. [BN](#)