

Ron Kim Partners with Nonprofit to Launch High School Scholarship Program

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New York State Assemblymember Ron Kim, who represents Flushing, and RISE Now announced on July 31st a new partnership with Student Sponsor Partners (SSP) to launch a program offering high school scholarships to eligible students.

Access Future and Grayson Culture & Youth—along with one of this year's scholarship recipients, Selina Jiang—also attended the press conference. SSP is the program's primary sponsor and organizer, and is a nonprofit dedicated

to providing promising students with educational opportunities and mentorship. Kim said, “The Student Sponsor Partners program is an outstanding initiative, and we're excited to bring it to our community. The program will achieve this by identifying students with the greatest potential and giving them the resources and guidance they need.”

Representatives from SSP and RISE Now gave a detailed overview of the program, including the application process and eligibility requirements. The Student Sponsor Partners program awards scholarships to help recipients attend high-quality private high schools in New York City, pairs them with dedicated mentors, and provides college or career-planning guidance throughout the program.

Applicants must meet income eligibility guidelines based on their household's financial situation, show strong academic promise, and demonstrate a clear personal and practical commitment to participating in the program. At the close of the announcement, Ron Kim welcomed scholarship recipient Selina Jiang and her family and recognized her as part of the 2026 Student Sponsor Partners program. Selina Jiang, a Flushing resident in Queens, will begin at Holy Cross High School this fall, and hopes to be the first in her family to attend college.

RISE Now Inc. is thrilled to announce an innovative partnership with State Assemblymember Ron Kim and Student Sponsor Partners to create a new pathway for low-income students across Greater Flushing to attend 23 top private high schools throughout New York City's five boroughs—along with tuition scholarships, dedicated mentors, and college and career guidance.

Debra De Jesus-Vizzi, Executive Director of Student Sponsor Partners (SSP), said: “This collaboration marks the beginning of a broader partnership between Rise Now and SSP, designed to expand educational opportunities for students and families in the Rise Now communities we serve—especially those facing financial and educational barriers—and to develop programs that support students' academic, personal, and career growth.”