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More Than Bootstraps High School Fellow Accepted Into Rutgers Business School Pre-College Enrichment Program

PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY – January 9, 2021 - **More Than Bootstraps (MTB)**, a New Jersey non-profit, congratulates MTB High School Fellow and Passaic High School junior **Catherine Librado** on her acceptance into the [Rutgers Business School Pre-College Enrichment Program \(PREP\)](#), a competitive program designed to introduce high school students to various business concepts and career options. RBS-PREP students are enrolled in a college level business course and may earn 3 academic course credits. They also participate in weekly enrichment sessions with guest speakers and other activities.

The More Than Bootstraps community celebrates Catherine for her acceptance into this program and her MTB college student mentor, **Rogreka Clayton**, for supporting Catherine as she takes this initial step into higher education. Despite the challenges of the moment, Catherine has been able to focus on her future and, in her words, “get outside her comfort zone and open connections with people.”

Catherine is currently completing her second business class at Passaic High School. Her classes have piqued her interest in the stock market. She is also interested in the business side of fashion design and how people can use clothing to express themselves and make change

The goal of More Than Bootstraps, according to **Audrey Fisch**, the founder and president, is to create a community of success through near-peer mentoring. “First-generation students have been severely impacted by the pandemic and by the challenges of remote learning. Yet even under these circumstances, these students are making their way to and succeeding in higher education.”

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ABOUT MORE THAN BOOTSTRAPS

[More Than Bootstraps](#) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping first-generation students access and succeed in higher education. MTB builds on the strengths and resources of first-generation college students, the majority of whom are students of color from low-income communities. Students in More Than Bootstraps will succeed not just through their individual efforts and grit but through their membership in and contribution to a peer community, engaged in a shared enterprise focused on success in getting to and succeeding in college.

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