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**CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY  
EAST CLEVELAND PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PROVOST SCHOLARS**

**Intensive University Seminar  
Session Two – Fall 2016  
Thursday, October 13, 2016  
2:30-5:00pm**

**Guilford House, 11112 Bellflower Road, Cleveland, OH 44106**

**Seminar Title:** *The Best Laid Plans of Mice and Men Oft(en) go Astray*

**Purpose**

The Provost Scholars will learn about academic excellence, the importance of goal setting and the necessity of being able to adapt to demands and circumstances.

**Presenter Biography**



Ruzica Conic is a current PhD student in the Clinical Translational Science program at Case Western Reserve. Her current research funding is through an NIH T32 Translational Dermatology grant, and her research focuses on melanoma. Originally she is from Belgrade, Serbia, but came to Cleveland in 2004 several years after Belgrade was bombed. Upon graduating from Cleveland Heights High School, she returned to Serbia to attend Belgrade University School of Medicine. In her free time, she likes to play sports and play video games.

Ms. Conic will discuss the unexpected circumstances in life and the importance of not letting failed plans set one back. Setting incremental checkpoints to achieve an ultimate goal can be a way to minimize setbacks and improving organization. Finally, academic excellence is a major component of discussion, and dealing with setbacks in this arena is also important.

**Objectives**

**The Provost Scholars will...**

- 1) Be able to realize the importance of flexibility in planning for the future.
- 2) Learn the components of academic excellence and setting goals.

**Agenda**

2:30 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.: Hors d'oeuvres will be served  
2:40 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.: Tutoring Hour  
3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.: Brief Intermission  
3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.: Seminar speaker, Ms. Ruzica Conic, Ph.D student  
4:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.: Wrap up and Questions

**Faculty & Staff**

- Dr. Faye Gary, Program Director
- Cicely Philpot, Program Coordinator
- Haruna Sulemana, Master's Student, Program Assistant
- CWRU Tutors

**Guest**

- Ms. Ruzica Conic

**Word of the Week:** *Perseverance*- steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success.

**Synonyms:** persistence, tenacity, determination, staying power, indefatigability, steadfastness, purposefulness

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- Provost Scholars Marquease Lundy and Janae Braxton