

The Rule: A Look at a Newark School's "Recipe for Success" at the Montclair Film Festival



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School success, and what that entails, is a highly debated topic these days. *The Rule*, playing on Tuesday, April 29 as part of the Montclair Film Festival, details how the Benedictine monks of Newark Abbey and their school, St. Benedict's Prep, are able to achieve amazing success — near 100% college acceptance rate — with America's most vulnerable population: inner-city African-American and Latino teenage males. Not an easy feat given that Newark has a poverty rate of 32% and a high school graduation rate of only 22%, according to the documentary created by Jersey-based husband and wife filmmakers Marylou and Jerome Bongiorno.

The Rule at MFF is co-presented with Steve Aduato, Ph.D., Emmy Award Winning Anchor, WNET & NJTV (PBS) and the Caucus Educational Corporation, who tells Barista Kids:

"*The Rule* is a terrific film about an inspiring school in the heart of Newark. It shows how an urban high school can succeed against the odds. It's a Must See movie!"

See *The Rule* at Bellevue Theater on Tuesday, April 29 at 6:30 pm. Tickets are available on Montclair Film Festival's website [here](#).