



THE RUMBLE

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AIM hits the mark

With the help of Academics in Motion (AIM), a non-profit youth development organization, high school student-athletes in metropolitan area inner city schools are getting the academic support and social support they need to graduate and continue their careers on the college level.

"It's a great program," Hofstra coach **Tom Pecora** told The Post. "They don't just talk the talk, they walk the walk. They get involved with kids early in high school and they stick with them." Pecora knows. One of his emerging stars is sophomore **Nathaniel Lester** of Canarsie. He averaged 6.3 points and 2.5 rebounds as a freshman. In less than three years, AIM has established programs in 10 public high schools in the metro area with plans to double that number in the 2008-09 academic year.