

**CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
EAST CLEVELAND PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROVOST SCHOLARS
University Seminar
Session Fifteen
Thursday, April 3, 2014, 2:30pm-5:00pm
Spartan Room, Thwing Center**

Music with Al Rodriguez

Purpose

The purpose of this University Seminar is to introduce the Provost Scholars to different musical genres, such as rock orchestra, traditional southern rock and piano pop, and life in Ghana, a West African country. Al Rodriguez, a Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) student and musician, will be leading the music introduction and also sharing his academic experiences from his time at Lakewood High School and CWRU. Also, he will share information about the trio, *The Midnight Slander*. In addition, Ms. Me'Lani Joseph and her daughter, Layla, will be speaking with the Provost Scholars via Skype about her experiences living in Ghana.

Presenter Biography



Al Rodriguez is in his third year at CWRU and is a bassist and backup vocalist for *The Midnight Slander*, a three-member band that plays traditional southern rock. The band formed after graduation from high school and meeting through Lakewood High School's The Lakewood Project, a high school rock orchestra group. With this trio, Mr. Rodriguez will be releasing their forthcoming album, "The Long Way Home", through Spectra Records, in spring 2014. In addition to playing and performing, Mr. Rodriguez plans to complete his undergraduate degree in Music Education in 2015. He enjoys spending time with his fraternity brothers, and writing and composing music. **For more information, please visit:**
<http://thedaily.case.edu/news/?p=25353>.

Agenda

- Al Rodriguez will lecture on rock orchestra followed by a short musical performance
- Question and Answer (Q&A) with Mr. Rodriguez
- Live from Ghana: Me'Lani Joseph and Layla
- New Word of the Week

Faculty

- Dr. Faye Gary
- Coach Dennis Harris
- Katrice Williams, Master's Student, Program Manager
- Xinyi Xu, Student

Guest

- Al Rodriguez, Music Education student at CWRU and bassist/vocalist for *The Midnight Slander*
- Me'lani Joseph, Director of Engineering at the Gelfand STEM Center at CWRU

Word of the Week: Virtuoso

Concierge and Matre'D

- Provost Scholars Leonardo Armstrong and Alexis Johnson
Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served