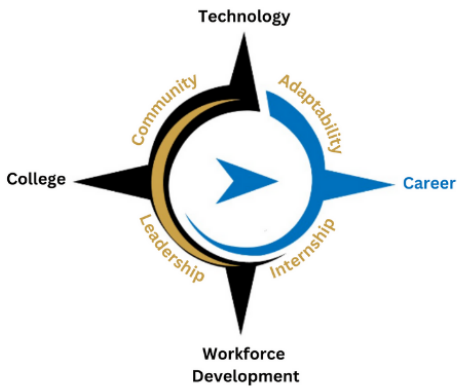


MSAP College and Career Newsletter

September/October 2024



Welcome to the inaugural MSAP College and Career Newsletter! We are excited to bring you a semi-monthly update that highlights the fantastic events happening across our NPS MSAP schools: P-TECH Norwalk, Ponus Ridge STEAM Academy, and Kendall College and Career Academy. Throughout the school year, we will showcase the incredible programs and opportunities made possible by the Magnet Schools Assistance Program. We look forward to sharing the exciting experiences and opportunities our students will have access to in the months ahead! This issue highlights P-TECH Norwalk!

This is MAGNET for EVERYONE!



Dr. Victor Black
MSAP
Project Director

As proud members of Magnet Schools of America, we are dedicated to serving our Norwalk community with a commitment to excellence in all our endeavors. We are honored to have the support of the Federal Government through the Magnet Schools Assistance Program, which enhances our accountability and commitment to maintaining high standards.

Our top priorities are the emotional and physical safety of our students, as well as providing them with exceptional educational experiences that prepare them to become global citizens ready to face future challenges. We enrich our curriculum and instruction with a strong focus on Technology and Workforce Development, continually adapting to meet the evolving needs of our community.

We celebrate diversity and invite EVERY STUDENT to explore the numerous opportunities we offer for growth and achievement—often surpassing even your own expectations. Join us on this journey; the pathways to your defined and undiscovered success await!



P-TECH Highlights

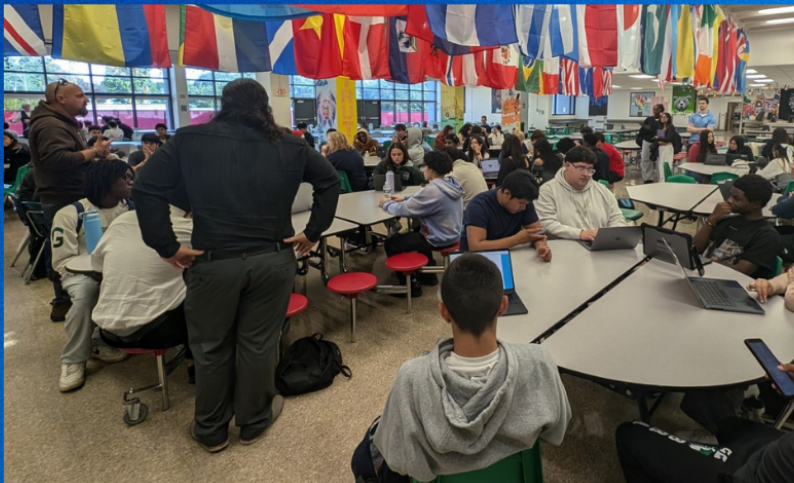
Freshman Year Experience:

In September, freshman students and families were invited to an evening presentation regarding the Freshman Year Experience. As part of this parent/student event, Ms. Coelho presented how to bridge the transition from middle to high school, and Ms. Matott presented an overview of the P-TECH and CT State Partnership, outlining the pathway toward earning an associate degree. We encourage all students to take full advantage of the unique opportunities available to them as P-TECH students!



Senior Family Meetings:

Throughout September and October, our school counselors Mrs. Costello and Ms. Coelho have been conducting family meetings with seniors to discuss their post-secondary plans and ensure they are on track to meet important college application deadlines.



Seniors working on their Common Application as Mr. Morrell discusses the college essay with them.



Mr. Baker from CT State Norwalk discusses options with some of our senior students.



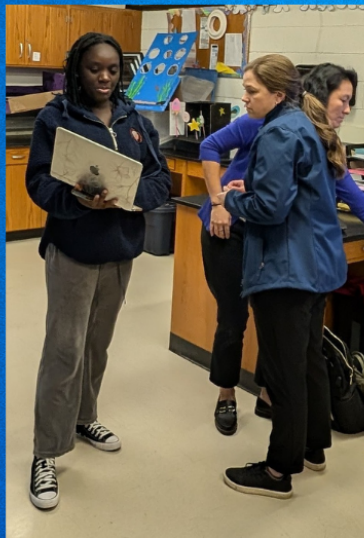
Mark Breslin from Porter and Chester discussing trade options with seniors.



Ms. Dilullo conducting final Capstone completion checks with seniors.



P-TECH Highlights



College and Career Speaker Series:

Altieri Engineers
Angelica Hermanto & Amanda Cortese
speak with our students about
careers in Engineering. Some seniors will
be job shadowing in November.



College and Career Speaker Series:

Ramon Peralta, of Peralta Design
delivered an inspiring message to
our students. Some of our seniors
will be job shadowing at his
company in November.



Ramon Peralta, Founder



P-TECH Spotlight!



**P-TECH Principal
Beth Furnari**

At P-TECH Norwalk, we are dedicated to shaping the leaders of tomorrow through a unique blend of rigorous academics and real-world experience.

As the Principal, I am proud to share that our school is a place where innovation meets opportunity, and where every student is empowered to reach their fullest potential.

P-TECH Norwalk stands out for its commitment to providing a comprehensive education that integrates high school and college coursework with hands-on industry training. Our curriculum is designed to challenge and inspire, preparing students for success in both higher education and their chosen careers. We offer a supportive and dynamic environment where students from diverse backgrounds come together to achieve excellence.

Our dedicated faculty members are not only experts in their fields but also passionate mentors who guide and support students every step of the way. We believe in the importance of fostering a growth mindset and instilling values such as resilience, curiosity, and integrity.

Beyond academics, our school community thrives through a variety of extracurricular activities, including clubs, sports, and community service projects. These opportunities allow students to explore their interests, develop leadership skills, and build lasting relationships.

At P-TECH Norwalk, we are committed to creating an inclusive environment where every student feels valued and motivated to succeed. We believe in the power of education to transform lives and are excited to partner with families in this journey.



P-TECH Alumni

Scan the QR Code above to watch a great video from recent P-TECH graduates!

Hear from college students:

- Aaron Charles - UCONN Storrs
- Shirley Lin - New York University
- Marco Tullio - Roger Williams University
- Victoria Ward - University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



**Matthew Ferine
P-TECH Senior**

Majors: Software Engineering
and Web Development

Position: P-TECH IBM Co-Op

In the beginning of my junior year I started my job working as an IBM Co-op, which has been a highlight of high school. My main responsibilities are to be a liaison between IBM and P-TECH Norwalk, and carry out IBM initiatives.

In my senior year, I was selected to be the Senior Co-Op for my school and was also promoted to the position of Co-op Leader the 30 Co-ops from schools nationwide. I work with and lead Co-ops from P-TECH schools spanning multiple states such as Maryland, Texas, Louisiana, Minnesota, and more. Adjusting to an administrator role has been busy but exciting so far.

Working as the IBM Co-op has been a very enriching experience that has taught me invaluable lessons in professionalism, service and diplomacy.