PATHWAYS PROGRAM

HIGHLIGHTS

Ansonia High School students and staff participated in several pathway program opportunities this spring:

- The Mock Trial Club visited Derby Superior Court to meet with Attorney Tim Dillion and they visited Bridgeport Federal Court to meet with Judge Manning. They also toured the Tort Law Museum.
- Nineteen students competed in the Junior Achievement Stock Market Challenge at UCONN Stamford. Three teams moved on to the Regional Competition held at Fairfield University. Ben Brejwo, Jessica Apanowicz, Brianna Mastrantoni, and Ryan Aruaco's team placed 5th in Connecticut.
- Members of the Ansonia Police Department, including alumni Matt Clifford, James Frolish, and Peter Lavermi, spoke with students interested in careers in law enforcement. Matt Clifford returned to AHS to talk to students in Cybercrime about his work as a detective.
- AHS celebrated the Allied Health Pathway in April. The following alumni returned to AHS to speak about their careers in health care: Matt Pinto (EMT), Addyson Izzo (Nursing Student), Matt Hurley (PCT), Sarah Ahearn (Speech Pathologist), Kendal Evans (Nursing Student), Amy Foster (Athletic Trainer / Exercise Science Instructor), John Marro (Medical Device Sales), Shelby Douglas (EMT) and Emilija Griceviciute (Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator). Allied Health students also heard from Michelle Montes (Nurse), Marilyn Tran (Optometrist), Leiska Sanchez (Dental Assistant), and Kelly Musante (Social Worker).
- Education Pathway students completed their practicum hours at Mead and Prendergast Schools.
- Business Pathway students and Culinary students visited Texas Roadhouse for a behind-the-scenes tour and meet and greet with managers.
- Members of DECA and FBLA participated in Sports Marketing Day with the Bridgeport Islanders.
- The Senior Class participated in a Financial Reality Fair sponsored by the AHS Business Department and Sikorsky Credit Union.
- The DeVinci Surgical Robot and Dr. Soto from Griffin Hospital visited AHS.

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SUMMER TRAINING PROGRAMS AND PAID INTERNSHIPS FOR AHS STUDENTS!

This summer, several Ansonia High School students will gain valuable real-world experience through paid work-based learning opportunities with industry partners Microboard (Jessica Apanowicz), Budderfly (Sahil Damania, Brianna Mastrantoni, Micaella Pierre-Jean), and the Sikorsky Teamsters (Jake Alequin and Lucas Figueroa). In addition, a group of graduating seniors will participate in the EnergyWorks Construction Training Program (Evander Leon Ayala, Giavanni Wilson, Tyrell Nichols, Tavon Long Jr, Wyatt Mellone, Owen Galbraith, Donovyn Michelin, Anthony Sciaba, Keon Dangerfield, Michael Russell, Dylan Tuttle, and Yondel Santiago) sponsored by The WorkPlace, where students will develop hands-on skills and explore careers in the construction trades. These experiences provide students with meaningful opportunities to build workplace skills, earn income, and prepare for future careers.

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ANSONIA HIGH SCHOOL

HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED

- The City of Civil Engineers spoke to Engineering students interested in Civil Engineering.
- The Social Media Project Team presented their year-long project, using social media to promote, pathways to building and district administrators.
- Manufacturing students visited the State Capitol for the Manufacturer's ConneCTion Fair sponsored by Representative Kara Rochelle, participated in Construction Career Days, attended a job shadow at Eversource, and toured the Advanced Manufacturing Center at HCC.
- Al Subbloie, the founder and CEO of Budderfly, Inc. spoke with students interested in entrepreneurship.
- Ansonia High School celebrated the Education Pathway in May with guest speakers from Post University, including alumna Maria Darling-Cook and Julie Day Daycare. Students taught financial literacy lessons as part of the Junior Achievement High School Heroes Program.
- Business and Engineering Pathway students toured Microboard in Seymour, meet with owner and CEO Nicole Russo, and participated in a hands on soldering activity.
- Forty students competed in the DECA vs FBLA business challenge.
- Twenty business students were inducted into the National Business Honor Society.
- The Mock Trial team presented their case in front of Judge Manning at Bridgeport Federal Court. Special thanks to Attorney Nancy Marini for working with the defense and prosecution teams this year.
- PCT Seniors completed a PCT training program at Griffin Hospital, sponsored by the WorkPlace, received Phlebotomy and PCT Certifications.



AHS would like to recognize Ansonia Alderwoman, Ms. Jackie Daniels, College and Career Outreach Advisor, Dennis Proto, Business Owner (Devine Strategic Solutions) Takiya Greene, and Junior Achievement Senior Education Manager, Kristine Dovale for judging the DECA vs FBLA Business Challenge held at Ansonia High School on March 24th.

Check out the AHS Pathways on Instagram @ahspathways

Interested in being a guest speaker at AHS? Reach out to Mrs. Phipps at kphipps@ansonia.org to set up a guest speaking event.

MANUFACTURING STUDENTS IN CRETE, GRECE!



Students enrolled in manufacturing classes, enjoyed a tour of the family-owned Kanakis olive oil mill while on the Global Scholars trip to Greece. Students learned about olive oil production and had a firsthand look at the olive oil extraction process. The tour including a tasting of the family's extra virgin olive oil, produced from Koroneiki olives grown in their own grove.

BUSINESS PATHWAY

Students in the Business Pathway can enroll in Marketing, Accounting, Advanced Computer Concepts, and or Foundations of Business. Each of these dual enrollment courses offers students the opportunity to earn three college credits in partnership with Housatonic Community College. There are also 10 additional electives students interested in business can take. Business Pathway students are encouraged to join DECA or FBLA, two business Career and Technical Student Organizations, participate in the Stock Market Challenge, or become a School Store Intern. Students that earn a 3.0 overall GPA and a 3.5 GPA in two or more full credits of business are inducted into the National Business Honor Society.

The Business Pathway helps students develop essential workplace skills including communication, leadership, teamwork, critical thinking, financial literacy, problem-solving, and professionalism. Through coursework and hands-on learning experiences, students gain an understanding of business operations, marketing, finance, entrepreneurship, and technology. This pathway prepares students for a wide range of career opportunities in fields such as business management, accounting, marketing, finance, human resources, sales, entrepreneurship, and information technology, while providing a strong foundation for both college and career success.