# PATHWAYS PROGRAM

## HIGHLIGHTS

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

- AHS celebrated the Law and First Responders (LFR) Pathway in January. The following LFR students were recognized: Aaliyah Ballester, Iraj Moeen, and Megan Steczkowski.
- Alumni Attorney Christopher Lisi, Judge Clifford Hoyle, and law student Christopher Winters met with students interested in a career in law. Additionally, Attorney Jeanette Manning, The Chief of Training & Research at the National Association of Attorneys General, held an informational Zoom meeting with students.
- Alumnus and EMT, Matthew Pinto, met with students to talk about his path to becoming an EMT and training programs available in CT.
- Students interested in a career in manufacturing met with the Sikorsky Teamsters and visited Lockheed Martin.
- AHS celebrated the Business Pathway in February, The following business students were recognized: Brianna Mastrantoni, Rocco Criscuolo, and Jahzari Lawson.
- Students participating in the Stock Market Challenge Zoomed with JP Morgan Broker Doug Wardlaw.
- Alumna Ashmal Baig met with Personal Finance students to discuss her role as a Relationship Banker at Wells Fargo.
- Alumnus John Marro spoke with students in Introduction to Business about his career in Medical Device sales.
- Juan Paez-Romero provided LinkedIn training to business students.
- DECA and FBLA members collected toys for Team's Toys For Kids Program and spent a day volunteering to set up the Team Toy Store. DECA members held a Soup-er Bowl canned food drive to collect items for the Spooner House.
- Engineering students participated in PLTW Engineering Day at UNH.
- Jimmy Tickey, political strategist and public-servant, talked to students about his passion for politics, entrepreneurial insights, and the importance of volunteering.

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### STATE REPRESENTATIVE VISITS AHS TO TALK WITH STUDENT PATHWAYS ADVISORY BOARD

Students on the AHS Student Pathways Advisory Board recently welcomed State Representative Kara Rochelle for a thoughtful and engaging conversation about the future of education and career readiness. During the visit, students and Rep. Rochelle discussed how Artificial Intelligence is shaping future workforce needs, along with important topics such as local and higher education funding, housing and homelessness challenges, internships, and workforce development. Rep. Rochelle shared valuable insights from her experience in public service and encouraged students to stay curious, remain involved in their communities, and continue using their voices to make a difference. The Advisory Board is grateful for Rep. Rochelle's time, perspective, and ongoing support of students and their future pathways.

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# ANSONIA HIGH SCHOOL

# PATHWAYS PROGRAMS

## SPAB HOSTS PATHWAYS FAIR AT AMS

Members of the AHS Student Pathway Advisory Board (SPAB) recently hosted a Pathways Fair for 8th grade students from Ansonia Middle School (AMS). The event gave incoming students an opportunity to learn more about the programs and opportunities available to them at Ansonia High School.

AHS pathway representatives created display boards, interactive activities, and led open discussions to highlight each of the school's pathways. Students shared information about the Advanced Manufacturing, Allied Health, Business, Education, Engineering, Exercise Science, and Law and First Responders pathways, helping AMS students explore potential interests and future career connections.

The event began with a question-and-answer session led by AHS Student Government members, who provided insight into life at the high school and answered questions about academics, activities, and pathways.




AHS would like to recognize Ansonia Alderwoman, Ms. Jackie Daniels, for discussing college and career opportunities with the Student Pathways Advisory Board and attending the Pathways Fair at AMS.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- SPAB will continue celebrating a pathway each month.The Allied Health Pathway will be celebrated in April and the Education Pathway will be celebrated in May.
- Ansonia Police Department is hosting a Career Panel at AHS in March.
- AHS, in partnership with Junior Achievement, is hosting an Empowered for Change student event in March.
- Members of DECA and FBLA will compete in the first ever DECA vs. FBLA Business competition at AHS in April.

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

## NATIONAL GUARD COOL CAREERS PANEL







As part of LFR Month, AHS welcomed a team of National Guard members thanks to alumna SSG Giovanna Donofrio, who organized a career panel highlighting opportunities in the Guard. Students heard from members serving as an Info. Tech. Specialist, Military Police K-9 Handler, Combat Medic, Mechanic, Preventive Medicine Specialist, and Infantryman. Each shared their career path and insights into their daily work. Panelists also discussed benefits of enlisting, including free college tuition in Connecticut, internship and job opportunities, and early retirement options. They emphasized the valuable transferable skills gained through service, such as communication, collaboration, leadership, and problem-solving.

## EDUCATION PATHWAY

Students in the Education Pathway can enroll in Future Educators I and Future Educators II, which offers dual enrollment credit through Southern Connecticut State University. Through these courses, students gain real-world experience by teaching financial literacy lessons to elementary school students, observing classroom teachers to complete practicum hours, and learning from a variety of guest speakers working in education and related fields.

The Education Pathway helps students develop important skills such as communication, leadership, collaboration, and problem-solving—essential qualities for professionals who work with children, families, and communities. With a growing need for teachers, counselors, social workers, and youth mentors, this pathway provides a strong foundation for students interested in making a positive impact through service and support. Please reach out to Mrs. Davis at cdavis@ansonia.org to learn more.

Check out the AHS Pathways on Instagram @ahspathways