



## The "School of Life" Newsletter

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**Students at the Annual Vive Career Fair line up to apply for jobs with Whole Foods Market, represented by Human Resource Managers Enzha Quinones (left) and Jenny Reyes (right).**

### ***Welcome Back to School!***

***By Principal Susan Naber***

Greetings to all students and staff of the Vive School/Pathways to Success! I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all back, and to thank you for your commitment to education. The 2018-2019 school year has gotten off to a great start. I

hope you have had a productive first two months, and have been taking advantage of the many wonderful educational and career opportunities we have to offer, such as the Annual Career Fair (pictured above). With the holidays approaching, I would ask you to please stay focused on your studies, and keep on learning!

## *The Pathways to Success Annual Career Fair*

Many students are seeking to explore new career opportunities, pursue their education, land full-time jobs, or simply make some extra money for the holidays. Our students had the opportunity to pursue these goals as Pathways to Success hosted its Annual Career Fair on Thursday, October 11.

Attended by more than 350 students and members of the community, this event was the eleventh job fair which has been held here at the Vive School. In attendance were some of the area's largest employers. Students had the opportunity to interview with these employers, and also to apply for positions online in our Computer Lab.



*Among the many employers who students had the opportunity to apply with were Lowe's and St. John's Riverside Hospital.*

We would like to extend our deepest appreciation to **Jerry Galella, Manager of Shop-Rite of Greenway Plaza**, who generously donated all of the delicious breakfast items for our fair. And a great big "Thank You" to all of the participants:

**Stew Leonard's, Lowe's, Whole Foods, Dunkin Donuts, US Postal Service, CINTAS, St. John's Riverside Hospital, Liberty Lines, Things Remembered, Express Employment, Active Staffing, Fidelis Care NY, Multi-Line Insurance Agency, Yonkers Career Center,**

**Northwell Health, 5 Star Premier Residences of Yonkers, Volunteers of America, The Jewish Board, Promoworks, Barksdale Home Care, Caring Professionals, Sunshine Home Care, Mrs. G's Services, True Care, ArchCare, White Glove Home Care, and Empress Ambulance**

Following the Career Fair, several students and residents were interviewed and/or hired, such as Keiona Reynolds from Ms. Barrett's class, who was hired as a Home Health Aide by White Glove Community Care, and Olga Perez from Ms. Gray's class, who was hired by CINTAS as a Clothing Hanger. If you were interviewed and/or hired by any of the job fair employers, or if you need assistance with employment, please see an Employment Counselor in Room #104.

## *Health Care Careers Flourish at Vive School*

At Pathways to Success we are continually seeking to enhance our vocational program offerings. Within the Hudson Valley, the career outlook indicates a continued need for health care related personnel. The New York State Department of Labor projects that occupations within this field will grow by 25 percent through 2022.

In order to address this demand, and to create career opportunities for our students, Pathways to Success has entered into a collaborative arrangement with training provider Westchester Medical Coder, Inc. (WMC). Through this collaboration, students will be able to pursue one of two pathways: Medical Administrative Assistant or Medical Billing and Coding Specialist. Successful completion of either pathway results in certification from the National Healthcare Association.

Another healthcare program, already offered at Vive is Home Health Aide (HHA), conducted by the Family Service Society of

Yonkers. For the first time ever, students in the HHA Program received their Bloodborne Pathogens/ Infection Control Certificates here at the Vive School. Training was conducted by our partner Empress Ambulance, and each student received a certificate from the American Safety and Health Institute.

If you are interested in this program, please see Tom Stefanchik in Room #104.

## *Pathways to Success Opens Newest Satellite*

Pathways to Success satellite programs are off and running, with high enrollment and strong attendance. Our latest location is Saint Michael's Ukrainian, located at 21 Shonnard Place, Yonkers, NY 107013. Evening ESOL classes began there in October, and are held on Monday and Thursday evenings, 5:45 PM to 8:15 PM.



**Zdzisława Moskwinski (seated, center) and her ESOL class at St. Michael's Ukrainian.**

Other satellite locations are as follows:

- \* **School 13** - ESOL (day)
- \* **School 5** - ESOL (day)
- \* **Scholastic Academy** - ESOL (day)
- \* **Eugenia Maria de Hostos** - ESOL (day)
- \* **Enrico Fermi** - ESOL (day and evening)
- \* **Saunders Trades and Technical High School** – TASC and ESOL (evening)
- \* **PEARLS Hawthorne** – TASC and ESOL (evening)

## *"Resilience" Screening Held at Vive School*

Toxic stress is a syndrome caused by abuse and neglect incurred during childhood. Last month, all Pathways to Success teachers, counselors, administrators and Family Welcome Center liaisons had the opportunity to attend a screening of a new film which explores this important topic.



**Dr. Andrew Bell leads group discussion following the screening of "Resilience."**

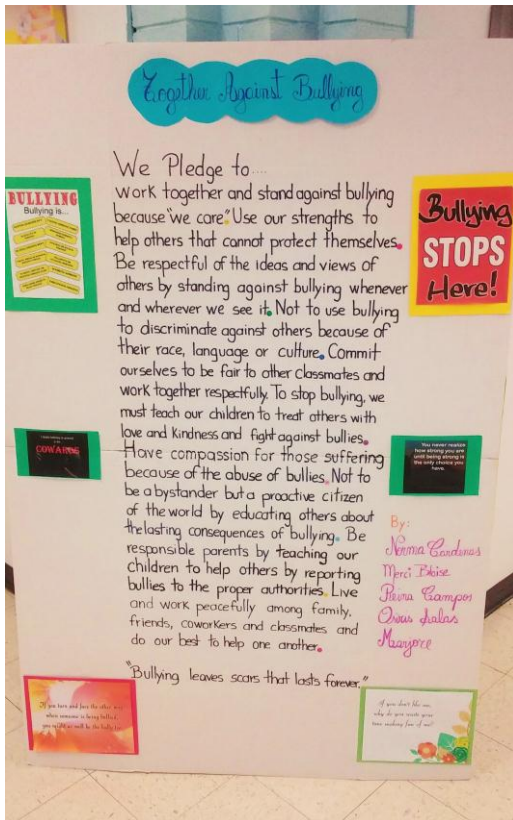
"Resilience" details the incidence of toxic stress, and chronicles a recent movement, led by pediatricians, educators, social welfare professionals and others, to fight back against toxic stress, using cutting-edge science and field-tested therapies.

The screening was followed by a group discussion/Q&A session with Dr. Andrew Bell, Mental Health Program Director of Westchester County. Attendees also feasted on delicious baked goods prepared by ESOL and Baking Teacher Rosemary Roche and her students.

## *Anti-Bullying and Breast Cancer Awareness Activities*

In recognition of October being both Bullying Prevention and Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the teachers and counselors at

Pathways to Success utilized a wide range of creative strategies to educate students on these important topics. A few examples:



**This 5-foot anti-bullying sign, created by students in Ms. De La Pena's ESOL class, greets students as they enter the front lobby.**

- Ms. Haynes-Martin created anti-bullying lesson plans, including classroom activities, topics for discussion, terminology, examples and resources to assist students.
- ESOL students in Ms. Roche's class created a "STOP THE BULLYING" bulletin board, with each student contributing their ideas on how to solve the problem.
- Ms. Tamis' entire Pre-TASC class participated in a "Restorative Circle," a safe space in which each student had the opportunity to discuss their experiences with bullying.
- Students in Dr. Lara's ESOL class conducted online research into such topics as nutrition, healthy lifestyles and even family medical history, to promote breast cancer awareness. They also created bulletin boards,

pens, pencils, cups and other items to promote awareness to others.

- Family Welcome Center Case Manager Linda Bohan visited each classroom to discuss breast cancer awareness and provide resources for teachers, who further explored the topic with their students.
- As a result of these efforts, 11 women over the age of 40, who had no insurance and had never received a mammogram, were scheduled to receive a FREE mammogram from our partner Hudson River Healthcare.

Thank you all for supporting these initiatives.

**For more information about  
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That's all for now. See you in two months!

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