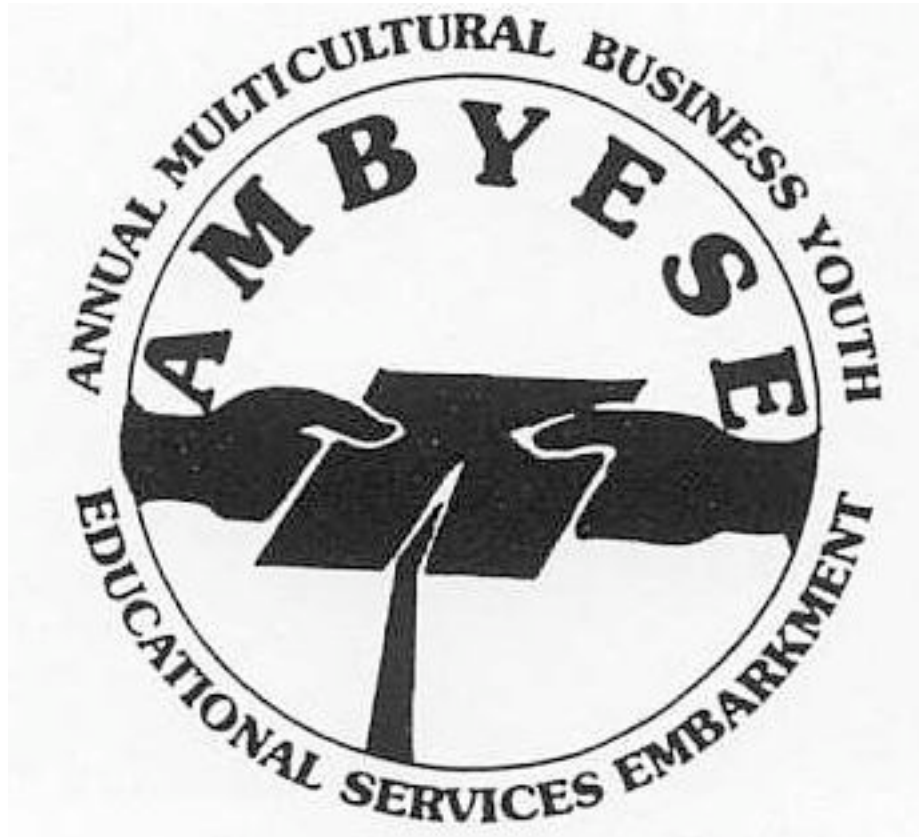


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Saturday, November 7, 2009

Starting Time	Minutes	Ending Time	Location	Activity
10:00 AM	30	10:30 AM	Outside auditorium	Attendee arrival and registration
10:30 AM	5	10:35 AM	Auditorium	Welcoming Remarks - John Howell, CPA and Conference Coordinator
10:35 AM	15	10:50 AM	Auditorium	Welcoming Remarks and UConn's admission policy - Terry Reilly, Director of Outreach and Enrollment Services
10:50 AM	10	11:00 AM	Auditorium	Welcome remarks and reflections: AMBYESE Founder and CEO, Wendell Johnson
11:00 AM	5	11:05 AM	Auditorium	High School English Teacher, Bethel High School, Bethel, CT - Jayme L. Beckham, M.S. in Instructional Technology
11:05 AM	25	11:30 AM	Auditorium	Marketing Presentation - PepsiCo, Inc.
11:30 AM	20	11:50 PM	Auditorium	Health Career Profession - Barbara E. Kream, Ph.D, Professor of Medicine and Genetics & Developmental Biology, Director, MD/PhD Program

11:50 PM	15	12:05 AM	Auditorium	Fifteen minute break
12:05 AM	60	1:05 PM	Auditorium	Overview of other professions: Accounting/ Finance, Legal, Engineering/ Operations, Supply Chain/ Operations, Physics/Material Science, Information/ Technology
1:05 PM	10	1:15 PM	Auditorium	Yes I Can Program: Beena Ramachandran , Ph.D, Computer Science & Engineering Expert at Uconn, Dean, Yes I Can Institute
1:15 PM	35	1:50 PM	Outside auditorium	Lunch
1:50 PM	35	2:25 PM	Auditorium	Breakout session - Health Career Center Students Presentation (Part 1)
1:50 PM	35	2:25 PM	Assigned Classrooms	Breakout session - Other Classroom Role Model Presentations (Part 1)
2:25 PM	35	3:00 PM	Auditorium	Breakout session - Health Career Center Students Presentation (Part 2)
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November 7, 2009

Dear Students, Educators, Parents and Corporate Participants:
On behalf of the entire Annual Multicultural Business Youth Educational Services Embarkment (AMBYESE) family, welcome to the Twenty Sixth Embarkment.

The 26th AMBYESE is dedicated to the Xerox Foundation. Every since our inception, the Xerox Foundation has been a corporate partner and major financial supporter. Over the past 26 years, the Xerox Foundation's support of AMBYESE programs has been AMBYESE's life support. In terms of logic equivalence: The Xerox Foundation is a supporter for AMBYESE, as oxygen is a supporter of life." We are especially grateful to Dr. Joseph Cahalan, president of the Xerox Foundation and Evelyn Shockley, executive director for their unwavering support and commitment to develop our youth and future leaders of the 21st Century.

AMBYESE is being hosted at UCONN's Stamford Campus for the ninth year. We continue our commitment of making a measurable educational impact on the lives of the 200 multicultural college bound participants from schools across Connecticut and Metropolitan New York.

AMBYESE has a three phased program: 1) AMBYESE Conference, 2) S.T.A.F.F. - Student Tracking & Academic Fulfillment Force 3) Y.E.S., I Can -Youth Endeavoring to Succeed, I Can. Please visit our Web site for more information.

All of our programs are offered free to all students! This is made possible by funding from AMBYESE's corporate partners: Praxair Foundation, Xerox Foundation, PepsiCo Foundation, Wells Fargo Wachovia Foundation, People's United Community Foundation, Disney/American Broadcasting Company, Pitney Bowes Employee Involvement Fund, University of Connecticut School of Business Administration, Stop & Shop, American Express, CL&P and Patriot National Bank.

Xerox is the official documentation company. Xerox printed the 26th AMBYESE program journal. PepsiCo products are the official beverages and snacks. STOP & SHOP is the official supermarket. Disney/ABC is the official Theme Parks and Media Company. Commencing this year, everyone can come to a Walt Disney World's theme park on their birthday and get in free. Anyone showing up with a valid ID including proof of birthdate will get a free ticket on that day.

AMBYESE represents a unique opportunity for students to become acquainted with how "big business" works. Today, students will learn how to apply their present-day school knowledge and work experiences towards developing near-term careers. Students will interface with our team of highly successful mentors who are employed by the above corporate partners. They'll be exposed to careers in accounting/finance, banking, communications, human resources, engineering, research/development, marketing/sales and information technology and law.

Mission statement: AMBYESE prepares multicultural secondary school students for the challenges of a more diverse workforce in the 21st Century. The objective is to motivate the students to "Strive For Excellence" academically by exposing them to career options in the corporate sector, and to facilitate their anxieties concerning "big business" by instilling a high-level of self-esteem in them so they learn about embarking on careers through highly successful multicultural role models. Today, over 12,000 regional students have earned undergraduate and graduate degrees in business, science, engineering, etc. as results of participating in AMBYESE programs.

History: AMBYESE originated in Danbury Western CT State University's Ancell School of Business hosted the 1st through 4th AMBYESE Conferences. Danbury High School hosted the 5th through 12th. Our student population grew from 100 at Western to 1,100 at Danbury High School. After spending the first dozen year's in Danbury, the venue was moved to Westchester County New York - The 13th and 14th AMBYESE Conferences were hosted by White Plains High School; the 15th and 16th were hosted by Mount Vernon High School; The 17th AMBYESE was hosted at Westhill High School, Stamford, CT and the 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd 24th and 25th were hosted at UConn's - Stamford campus.

Our focus is "jump-starting" the careers of students, so they can qualify for scholarships available through nonprofit organizations. We're passionate and honored to assist our nation by working with schools, parents and corporate partners for the purpose of preparing students for the challenges ahead.....God Bless America!

Sincerely,

Wendell L. Johnson John H. Howell, CPA
Founder & CEO Conference Chairman

BIOGRAPHIES

Barbara Kream, PhD
Professor of Medicine in the School of Medicine
University of Connecticut Health Center

Barbara Kream, PhD, is Professor of Medicine in the School of Medicine at the University of Connecticut Health Center (UCHC). She graduated from Mount Holyoke College (BA, Chemistry) and Yale University (PhD, Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry) and did postdoctoral work at the University of Wisconsin in Madison and UCHC. In 1979, she joined the faculty of UCHC as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Medicine. She was promoted to Associate Professor in 1985 and Professor in 1991. She holds joint appointments in the Departments of Genetics & Developmental Biology and Orthopaedic Surgery. At UCHC, Dr. Kream is a basic researcher investigating the roles of local and systemic hormones in bone remodeling using transgenic mouse models and in vitro systems. From 1997-2006, she served as Program Director of an NIH-funded Program Project in the *Pathogenesis and prevention of osteoporosis*. She has mentored many PhD students in the Biomedical Science graduate program and now serves as Director of the MD/PhD program. At the national level, she has served as a member of NIH study section and as President of the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research (ASBMR). In 2004, she was elected to the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering. In 2005, she received the Gideon Rodan Excellence in Mentorship Award from the ASBMR, and in 2008, the Osborn Biomedical Science Teaching Award from UCHC.

Robbie E. B. Narcisse
Vice President, Global Ethics and Business Practices
Pitney Bowes Inc.

As Vice President, Global Ethics and Business Practices, Ms. Narcisse leads the Company's efforts to ensure that its worldwide business operations are conducted in full compliance with all applicable laws and regulations, Pitney Bowes policies and procedures, and with the highest ethical standards. Her department's objectives include refining and implementing strategies to expand global communication and training in the areas of ethics and business practices, and enhancing the visibility and accessibility of Global Ethics and Business Practices in all areas where the Company has operations. She is also responsible for designing and implementing programs that protect the employees and assets of the Company.

Ms. Narcisse was appointed to her current position in April 2005. Prior to that, she served as Deputy General Counsel - Corporate, where she managed a staff of attorneys in the Corporate Legal Department which provided legal advice and counsel to the company's various North American divisions in all aspects of corporate commercial law. She also served as lead in-house counsel for all domestic matters affecting the company's largest division, Global Mailstream Solutions, in a corporate practice that covered all aspects of general commercial law. In her tenure with Pitney Bowes since 1989, she has held succeeding positions of responsibility in the Corporate Legal Department.

Prior to joining Pitney Bowes, Ms. Narcisse was an associate in the Litigation Department of Weil, Gotshal & Manges (1984-88) in New York City. She is a graduate of the University of California's Boalt Hall School of Law (1982), and received her M.A. and B. A. degrees from Stanford University (1979). She is currently member of the board of directors of the Minority Corporate Counsel Association, and is also a member of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York; the American Bar Association; the National Bar Association; and the Association of Corporate Counsel (National; WESFACCA chapter; and WESFACCA Ethics Roundtable).

Norma St.Vil Bernard
IT Director, ERP Planning
Praxair

Develop and drive Center of Excellence Program for ERP Systems

Developed program to drive enterprise wide software systems through standardized implementation methods and tools. Created Toolkit and internal sites to communicate and collaborate with businesses to drive productivity. Developing JD Edwards prototype system to drive acceptance. Created Communication and Training strategies and frameworks to drive thinking and capitalize on opportunities.

Previous Experience: **International Business Machines** (IBM), White Plains, NY

Senior Marketing Manager – Strategy & Planning -- Led multiple teams through strategy development and execution cycle to deliver on multi-billion dollar business strategies and marketing plans for Software and internet business over several years. Won IBM Sales & Distribution Marketing Excellence Award for leadership.

Architected business strategy development methodologies driving standard more efficient business practices.

Developed successful competitive marketing strategies for ibm.com to grow channel participation of IBM products, services and solutions year to year.

IT Strategy Certified Management Consultant -- *Delivered e-business strategies and performed business transformation for major financial services institutions in the areas of consumer finance, insurance, retail brokerage, credit cards, and commercial banking.*

Lehman Brothers, New York City, NY Summer Intern – Public Finance

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EDUCATION **Columbia University** New York City, NY

Masters in Business Administration

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PC SKILLS

 Microsoft Product Suite, Lotus Product Suite and various collaborative tools

LANGUAGE Fluent in French

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Noel A. Anderson
Enterprise Software Product Quality Manager

Pitney Bowes Inc.

Mr. Anderson is currently the Enterprise Software Product Quality Manager for software products at Pitney Bowes Inc. based in Shelton, CT. In his position he is responsible for assuring software products meet or exceed customer expectations of by assuring quality attributes are identified early within the development process and appropriate metrics are in place to measure and validate quality goals are achieved.

His prior experiences include Business Process Engineer, Data Quality Engineer, Staff Quality Assurance Engineer, Quality Engineer, Associate Manufacturing Engineer, and Method Analyst. In addition Mr. Anderson is a Certified Six Sigma Black Belt, member of the American Society of Quality (ASQ) and the Society of Manufacturing Engineering (SME). Also he is a member of the Nu Ypsilon Tau Academic Honor Society.

Mr. Anderson received a Masters in Software Engineering from the University of Fairfield, a BS degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Bridgeport. He also possesses a BS degree in Applied Technology from the Charter Oak College and an Associate in Applied Science (AAS) in Electrical Technology from Westchester Community College.

Charles J. Alpuche
Senior Vice President, supply Chain Operations
Pepsi-Cola Company

Chuck graduated from Delaware Valley College in 1981 with a degree in Business Administration and later on with a M.S. degree from the University of Pennsylvania. After graduation, chuck played one year of professional football with the Detroit Lions before a knee injury ended his career. Chuck joined Pepsi Cola in February, 1982 as a production Supervisor trainee in the Philadelphia manufacturing facility. He held a number of increasing operational managerial responsibilities in Philadelphia Pepsi Cola before moving to Newport News, Virginia, as a Production manager, and then Plant Operations Manager. Chuck then moved to headquarters in Somers, NY in 1990 as Manager, Operations Training and then Director, Process Improvement. After a variety of headquarters assignments in North America, Chuck moved to the Pepsi Cola International Division of PepsiCo where he was Vice President Concentrate Operations, Americas/Asia. Pepsi Cola international is in 195 countries throughout the world and is a Division of the PepsiCo Corporation. Chuck moved to his current role as Senior Vice President, Supply Chain Operations for Pepsi Cola North America in October 2005. Pepsi Cola North America manufactures and distributes such brands as Pepsi, Cola, Mt. Dew, Aquafina, Lipton Ice Tea, Sobe, Tropicana and Dole Bottled Juices, as well as many other leading brands. Chuck and his wife, Marybeth, have two children and reside in Danbury, Connecticut.

Benna Ramachandran, Ph.D.
Computer Sciences & Engineering Expert
University of Connecticut

Benna Ramachandran is currently teaching crediting courses for the computer science and engineering courses at the University of Connecticut and Norwalk Community College. Her teaching courses include learning Microsoft Office programs and graphic design programs such as Photoshop, designing websites with HTML and FrontPage.

In 2008, Dr. Beena Ramachandran was appointed Dean of the Yes I Can Institute. In the summer of 2003, she was the Computer Science Instructor for AMBYESE's Yes I Can summer college prep program and in addition to designing the course curriculum, brought real-life experience to the classroom to enhance the students understanding of using computers in business life.

Ms. Ramachandran holds several degrees, including a Ph.D. in Business Administration from the University of Bombay, Bombay India, a Masters in Management Studies from K.C. College of management, Bombay, and a Masters in Science.

**Olivia Skiffington
Marketing Specialist
Pitney Bowes Inc.**

Olivia Skiffington is currently a Marketing Specialist in the Corporate Communications and Marketing department for Pitney Bowes. She manages projects around internal communications, marketing communications and branding. Olivia is currently in charge of corporate project plans for brand implementation and employee communications.

Olivia has produced collateral for the business units as well as worked with new acquisitions on their brand migration. She helped produce the annual report and handled the distribution of it to the shareholders and internal employees. Previously Olivia also worked for the tradeshow department and has experience in event planning and tradeshow logistics.

Before Pitney Bowes, Olivia worked as a Marketing Manager for The Princeton Review as well as Banquet Manager at L'Escale Restaurant. She received her BBA in Marketing from Pace University. Graduating magna cum laude, Olivia now continues her education at the University of Connecticut where she is studying for her MBA in marketing.

Olivia was born and raised in Costa Rica by American parents and is fluent in Spanish and English. Being an athlete all her life, she continues to play volleyball recreational now for Pitney Bowes, and volunteers her time for the Special Olympics.

**Aaron Lucas
Ph.D. Candidate
Material Science
University of Connecticut**

Aaron Lucas is a native of Chicago , IL. He graduated from Morehouse College in 2007 with a B.S. degree in physics. He is currently a graduate student at the University of Connecticut in pursuit of a Ph.D. in Material Science. He is a member of Omega Psi Phi fraternity Inc. Also involved in NSBE (National Society of Black Engineers), NSBP (National Society of Black Physicist) He is a Ronald Mc Nair NASA scholar. Eventually he is planning to become an astronaut.

Esperanza Teasdale
Senior Brand manager
Pepsi-Cola Company

Esperanza Teasdale is a Senior Brand Manager for the Pepsi-Cola Company on the Propel Enhanced Water Brand. She will be responsible for brand strategy, marketing and execution. She previously worked on the Sierra Mist brand where she was at the heart of developing brand strategy and creative solutions including the recent launch of Sierra Mist Ruby Splash and Cranberry Splash. She also led the launch of a new diet CSD trademark (TAVA) which was a zero calorie sparkling beverage. Prior to joining the brand team, she led PepsiCo Shopper Marketing for the Regional Grocery Team where her focus was building insight driven, marketing solutions leveraging the PepsiCo portfolio. In this role, she delivered powerful marketing promotions for the Super Bowl XL and XLI, Shrek 3 and Superman Returns movie properties. Early in her career she worked at Unilever Bestfoods in marketing, sales and operations which helped build core general management skills. She received her MBA from the University of Connecticut, Stamford and her BS in Industrial Engineering from Rutgers University in New Jersey. She is the mother of two children and happily married to Jeff Teasdale for 12 years

Christine S. Lee
Director of Resource Conservation
PepsiCo Americas Beverages

Christine Lee is the Director of Resource Conservation in the Supply Chain organization of PepsiCo Americas Beverages (PAB), a division of PepsiCo. PAB has a beverage portfolio that includes Pepsi-Cola North America Beverages, Gatorade and Tropicana. Christine has worked for PepsiCo for 14 years in various engineering and operations roles in Research & Development, Supply Chain and Bottling Operations. She is active in various PepsiCo diversity and inclusion groups, such as the Women of Color and Pacific Asia employee networks, on which she serves as a member of their leadership teams and mentor groups.

Prior to joining PepsiCo, Christine held corporate engineering roles at Merck & Co., Inc. and Nabisco, Inc. She received a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from Rutgers University and a M.S. in Management from Stevens Institute of Technology. Christine and her husband, Myung, reside in Rockland County, NY with their daughter Elizabeth.

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