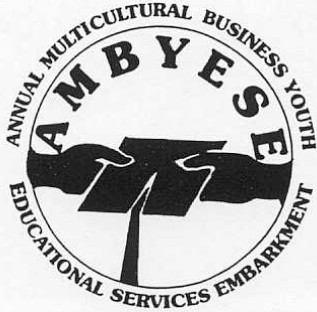


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ASM Mini-Materials Camp

On Monday April 13, 2009, the AMBYESE's "Yes I Can" Program participated in an ASM Mini-Materials Camp at the University of Connecticut in Storrs. The Institute of Materials Science (ISM) and the Materials Science and Engineering (MSE) branches of study hosted the event and coordinated all workshops and lectures. Students from

both the "Yes I Can" program and a local Hartford high school were able to participate in hands-on workshops, as well as varied informative presentations by university faculty and students at UConn. Participants toured through seven stations: Heat Treat/Mechanical Properties, Rolling, Materials Identification, Shape Memory Alloys,

Metal Joining, Casting, and Materials Advantage Explorations. In addition to visiting through these stations, students were able to interact with undergraduate and graduate students, as well as faculty, in their study of the many applications of Material Science at UConn.

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Presidents letter

Greetings,

The first quarter of 2009 was exciting and challenging for AMBYESE, as illustrated by the remarks from several of our college-bound high school students and members of the AMBYESE Alumni Association.

Five members of our Y.E.S., I Can Institute will become college freshmen this September:

- Precious U. Asouzu, UNL Independent Study High School, Central Connecticut State University
- Bailey A. Brown, Danbury High School, University of Pennsylvania
- Leslie Duran, Wooster School, Boston University
- Minuette M. Griffin, Academy of Information Technology & Engineering, Arizona State University
- T. Randell Jones, Jr., Wooster School, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

On behalf of their extended AMBYESE family, I would like to take this opportunity to extend our heartfelt congratulations and gratification to all five graduates for their tenacity in striving to attain academic excellence; being a leader by example and their commitment to improving the quality live for others in your communities. We are looking forward to having them stay in touch and becoming active members of the AMBYESE Alumni Association.

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ASM Mini-Materials Camp (continued)

The day's goal, to ignite interest among bright and motivated youth to pursue education opportunities in the Materials Science fields, was certainly attained. On behalf of the AMBYESE's "Y.E.S., I Can" program's students and staff, we'd like to thank UConn and its students and faculty for the awesome opportunity to explore such a fascinating and multi-faceted field of study.

The following Y.E.S., I Can students participated:

Aamir Aziz, Junior, Danbury High School

Morgan Bartz, Junior, Bethel High School

Samantha Colon, Junior, Westhill High School

Jacqueline Coraizaca, Sophomore, HAT High School

Jean Cruz, Sophomore, HAT High School

Evelyn Diamond, Junior, Solomon-Schechter High School

Keyosha Freeman, Sophomore, Westhill High School

Jaleesa Harrigan, Junior, Bethel High School

Sarah Michalka, Junior, Bethel High School

Esti Nof, Junior, Stamford High School

Terence Robinson, Sophomore, Central High School

Crystal Rodriguez, Junior, Bethel High School

Oliver Anthony Thompson, Sophomore, Stamford High School

Story Submitted By Jayme McGovern
Language Arts Instructor
AMBYESE's "Y.E.S., I Can" Institute

Student's Mini-Materials Camp Experience

I enjoyed myself at the April 13th 2009 ASM materials camp because I learned so much about the different materials that make our lives easier such as the shape memory alloy which is used for braces and retainers, brazing which is used to repair pieces of metal or making

cast iron pots, and casting which is used to make nails and metal doors for houses.

By learning so many materials, I was able to submerge myself in new knowledge that would not be accessible to me in my high-school. I also had a great time in each and

every station I went to. This program is well worth taking the day off from school. I also got a small taste of college life which was also great.

Thank-You
Oliver Thompson



Mini- Material Camp

A Student's Y.E.S., I Can Experience

I am currently a sophomore at the UConn and I am majoring in Molecular and Cell Biology. I graduated from Danbury High School in June 2007. I was a part of the Y.E.S., I Can - AMBYESE program for three consecutive years. Through this program, I was given the chance to

attend Materials Camp in Cleveland, Ohio, take part in free SAT classes, visit various companies (Praxair, Pepsi, Pfizer, American Express, etc) and learn about what they actually do. Essentially, this program introduced me to various facets of the "working-world" while I was still in high school. I

was able to observe various career paths, ask questions, and even have some hands-on experience. Ultimately, the Y.E.S., I Can - AMBYESE program greatly assisted in preparing me for college. M. A.

A Student's Y.E.S., I Can Experience

I have been involved with AMBYESE/Y.E.S., I Can since 2003. Throughout my academic career I did not excel in multiple choice tests, so I knew the SAT prep would be challenging but beneficial. In the end, my score went up more than 100 points.

Y.E.S, I can open many doors for me including overcoming my fear of public speaking. The program also introduced me to the UConn Mentoring Program. I was selected to be apart of this elite program for gifted students in June 2005 and was so grateful for the experience.

During the Y.E.S, program, I was fortunate enough to go on many field trips, including

PepsiCo, WABC, and the United Nations. The most memorable adventure was the American Express Headquarters. As I reviewed some my reflections from the program I came across one of the most accurate portrayals of how I felt in that moment and how it motivated me to pursue a career in business.

“I wanted that corner office, mahogany desk, dress suits and the fast paced office scene. I wanted to work in New York City and look sophisticated. I wanted to work in the business world.”

Although this sounds superficial at first, it was my first glimpse of what my life could be like. Five years after this experience I have been exposed to the fast paced

atmosphere, need to multi-task and pay attention to detail, ability to organize and not be overwhelmed – and I still want it.

Since then I have joined my University's newspaper, been on the Dean's List all semesters, I have attended WCSU, and gained academic recognition by receiving a Merit Scholarship, - all while still maintaining a social life, job, and member of the WCSU Dance Team.

Without the Y.E.S., I Can program, I would not have been exposed to these amazing corporations and experiences. As I stated earlier, my visit to American Express headquarters, solidified my drive to work in business. And, I am determined to someday have the opportunity to call the executive dining room my lunch place of choice.

S.M.



Mini-Materials Camp

A Student's Y.E.S., I Can Experience

I've been participating in the Y.E.S I can summer program for three years. Through my high school career the program has truly helped me as a student and as I set my future career goals. I have been able to significantly improve my SAT scores in math, critical reading, and writing. These higher scores, coupled with my extracurricular activities, have given me a competitive edge as I've been applying to schools throughout the country. I

can definitely say that signing up for the program was one of the best decisions I've made. I've had an academically-enriching experience as well as a fun time with the new people I have met.

Not only has the Y.E.S., I can program helped me on the testing side of college preparation, but I have also learned about many new careers available to me as well as various work experiences.

During my last

year at Danbury High School and as a peer leader I have continued to recommend the program to incoming freshman because I definitely see what a positive impact the program can have on an individual.

B.A.B.



For more Mini-Materials Camp pictures and a letter from Governor Jodi Rell, go to: <http://www.asm-hartford.org/meetings/HAMC09.htm>

Alumni Update

My most recent update is that in I'll be studying abroad in Singapore at the National University of Singapore (NUS) during winter semester of my junior year at UVA. I'm not studying specifically anything at NUS; I'll be taking some East Asian Studies classes because East Asian Studies is my minor. I'll be taking a few psychology (my new major) classes as well. Originally I was going to

major in business/commerce at UVA, but I decided that psychology was more suitable for me and it still applies to my future career in marketing/advertising. In addition to studying abroad, I plan on obtaining a summer internship with an advertising firm like Ogilvy & Mather in Singapore or Vietnam. I want to work in Southeast Asia in the future; thus, I think this

would be a great opportunity for me to gain some experience.

As for academics, I'm doing well in school. I've been making the Dean's List every semester. My goal is to graduate with at least Honors, so hopefully I'll either keep up my good grades or get even better grades.

Best,
Q. N.

Alumni Update

I am in my sophomore year at Brown and have decided on a concentration in psychology. I am also

continuing to take pre-medical classes as I am also a member of the Program in Liberal Medical Education -- Brown's 8 year combined undergraduate and medical school experience. I figure that though one day I hope to be a doctor, a concentration in psychology will be able to provide me with insight

with which to treat my patients, no matter what type of medicine I decide to pursue. All is extremely well and I am very much settled at Brown. I am hoping to study abroad next spring in London to further advance my collegiate experience.

C.M.



AMBYESE's Calendar of Events is as follows:

- Y.E.S., I Can Student Application deadline -- May 1, 2009
- Y.E.S., I Can Program, at UConn/Stamford -- August 3 -22, 2009
- AMBYESE's Legacy Mentoring Program -- August 15, 2009
- Student Survey completion deadline -- August 21, 2009
- 26th AMBYESE Conference Student Application deadline --September 30, 2009
- PSAT testing dates -- October Wednesday, 14th and Saturday the 17th
- SAT testing dates -- October 18th, November 8th and December 6, 2009
- 26th AMBYESE Conference at UConn/Stamford -- November 7, 2009
- Grades due for first marking period -- December 26, 2009

President's letter Continued

On April 13th a group of our Sophomores and Juniors participated in the ASM Mini Materials Camp held at the University of Connecticut's Storrs Campus. While we were on campus, UConn's Professor of the School of Business Karla H. Fox, who has been a member of the AMBYESE Board of Directors for the past twenty years initiated and arranged a meeting between our visiting group, UConn's Dr. Cathleen T. Love, Associate Vice Provost Diversity and Equity Professor, Dr. Willena Kimpson Price, Director African American Cultural Center and Adjunct Professor-Neag School & Honors Program and Karla to discuss the possibilities of expanding the partnership with AMBYESE. The meeting was mutually productive and we are progressing in cementing a mutually beneficial partnership. We are also in the process of launching AMBYESE's Legacy Mentoring Program. Please see accompany articles and photos.

Congratulations to Evan Bailey and Morgan Bartz on being selected for scholarships to attend the EISENMAN ASM MATERIALS Camp® in Materials Park, OH on July 12-17, 2009. They will be joining a group of 30 high school student delegates from across the nation who share a similar interest in science. AMBYESE takes enormous pride in referring and recommending these scholars, who are being sponsored by Praxair Inc., the title sponsor of the Y.E.S., I Can program. We are confident they will have a great time and learn a lot about the world of materials.

As in previous years, they will also be participating in the Y.E.S. I Can College - Prep Program. Congratulations on being selected for this unique and prestigious honor!

Congratulations to Stamford High School's Esti Nof for winning the 1st prize for Stamford's Junior Achievement's Best Salesperson contest. Esti said, as the first prize winner she'll get a free flight and hotel stay for the university business program. The '09 Youth Leaders Exchange will be held at McMaster University, in Hamilton, ON Canada from August 8th until the 15th. Jax '09 is week-long which brings Junior Achievement youth from all around the world together with their peers and volunteer business leaders to explore real-time business challenges in team environments. The extended AMBYESE family is looking forward to fulfilling 2009's challenges. We are thankful of having your continuing support.

Sincerely,
Wendell L. Johnson
Chief Executive Officer

The New Mentoring Program

AMBYESE is now starting a mentoring program to add to its list of student services! AMBYESE's new Legacy mentoring program seeks to prepare high potential youth from diverse backgrounds to lead successful lives and make great contributions to society. Our mentees are select high school sophomores and juniors from the Fairfield and Westchester County area. Our mentors are active

young professionals with a zeal for helping to develop the next generation of successful young leaders. Mentors are matched to a mentee based on interests and background. Mentors strive to build a trusting relationship with mentees in order to offer guidance, support and wisdom. The strength of our program rests in our ability to cultivate a rich and engaged volunteer mentor community for our mentees to tap into. The

program will begin in mid-August and run to early-June.

For more information regarding AMBYESE's Legacy Mentoring or if you are interested in applying to become a mentor, please visit us at [www.ambyese.com/legacy mentoring](http://www.ambyese.com/legacy_mentoring) or contact us directly at legacy@ambyese.com.



Mini-Materials Camp

Mentor Team Members

- Gilbert Addo, Jr. Xerox Corporation and Co-Chair of the Mentoring Team
- Madiya Aziz, Sophomore, UConn Storrs and AMBYESE Alumni Association Member
- Karen Dias, 25th AMBYESE Conference Role Model
- Karla H. Fox, Professor, University of CT - Storrs Camp and AMBYESE Board of Directors Member
- Vanessa Abrahams-John, Esq. Praxair Inc., AMBYESE Steering Committee
- Beverly B. Johnson, AMBYESE Board of Directors Member
- Carol Johnson, Xerox Corporation and AMBYESE Board of Directors Member
- Cyprian Kibuka, Xerox Corporation and Co-Chair of the Mentoring Team
- Jayme McGovern, Bethel High School and Y.E.S. I Can Language Arts Instructor
- Ira Noble, PepsiCo and Co-Chair of the Mentoring Team
- Catika Wright, Freshman, Western CT State U. and AMBYESE Alumni Association Member

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AMBYESE 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.