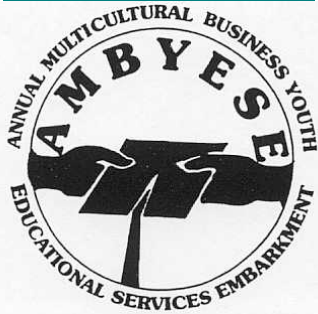


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Presidents Letter

My, my, time really passes quickly when one is fulfilling challenges. Indeed, I can attest to that statement! Reflecting on the past year of energizing ventures simply leaves me dazzled! Over the past several months we've been engaged in implementing our **STAFF** (Student Tracking and Academic Fulfillment) initiative via working in concert with our students, their parents and respective schools monitoring our students academic achievements. While the STAFF initiative has been overwhelmingly successful, there have been some cases where a few students were not meeting their targeted projections. Therefore, we immediately developed an action-plan to assist these deserving students in fulfilling their academic goals. The following are examples of our success:

- Senior, Kevin Kendall of AITE, successfully completed the renowned UCONN Mentor Connection gifted and talented three week residential summer program, whereby he earned college credits.
- Seniors, Evan Bailey and Morgan Bartz received sponsorships through Y.E.S., I Can College-Prep Program's title sponsor, Praxair, to participate in the prestigious and highly competitive week-long residential ASM Material Camp in Cleveland, Ohio. They displayed their unique experiences by making a team presentation during the Y.E.S., I Can field trip to Praxair's corporate offices on August 12th. Evan, Morgan, our board member, John Gumpert, our chair of the budget committee, Vanessa Abrahams-John Esq. and yours truly are featured in Praxair's United Way Charitable Giving Poster photo.
- Morgan Bartz is the recipient of a world-class Science award that provided her with sponsorship for her trip to Alaska. Read her essays in this newsletter.
- CDT Julian Christe, West Point Class of 2011 reflections of his Y.E.S., I Can participation are intriguing. Read his comments in this newsletter.
- In addition to the Y.E.S., I Can's field trip to Praxair, we also had exciting field trips to American Express' and PepsiCo's Headquarters. American Express' Barbara Neysmith and Lena Johnson, who is a member of our steering committee, planned and implemented a wonderful visit. Each year, PepsiCo's Phil Yieh, who's also an AMBYESE Board member, hosts an adventurous and rewarding learning experience. Members of the PepsiCo team included Chuck Alpuche and Ira Noble. We also visited The United Nations, where our board of director's member Brenda Smith is on special assignment. UConn/Storrs' Dr. Willena Price, Seanice Auston and Principal Murphy of Immaculate High School addressed the Y.E.S., I Can students during their visits to UConn/Stamford's campus.
- We sponsored a group of students, with interdisciplinary academic interests, and their parents to participate in UConn's main campus Open House Program held on **Sunday, September 13, 2009**. This is a day in which the UConn School of Business invites high school students to campus for a day of learning, tours and faculty presentations and interaction with current UConn students. Open House was a University-wide event.

President's Letter (continued)



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Wendell Johnson*

- The 26th AMBYESE Conference was held at UConn/Stamford on November 7th. Our board members John Howell, CPA, and Lela Connors, who were conference chair and role model coordinators respectively did an excellent job of planning and delivering a super conference. John even brought along a busload of students, which was sponsored by UBMQ. The event was dedicated to the **Xerox Foundation. The Xerox Foundation is a charter partner and major supporter. For more information, please visit us on the Web: www.ambyese.org**
- On December 1, S.T.A.F.F. met with Y.E.S., I Can students and parents regarding tracking our students current and projected GPA and PSAT/SAT scores, as well as their projections for the next semester.
- AMBYESE/Y.E.S., I Can has just entered into a three-year partnership with UConn/ School of Business at the Storrs Campus to host a Y.E.S., I Can College Prep Program, concurrently with the Y.E.S., I Can UConn/Stamford campus program – August 9 -28, 2010. UConn's School of Business Professor Dr. Karla Fox, a twenty -year AMBYESE Board of Directors member played a major role in paving the way for this expanded partnership.
- We are establishing a new partnership with National Academy Foundation. NAF has three well-positioned, small school Academies centered on our Finance, Information Technology, and Engineering themes in Hartford. Each school has strong leadership and has made, or is on the cusp of making significant progress with respect to student achievement.

Confirmed invitations for our 2010 Calendar:

- On Tuesday, January 5th I will be meeting with Principal Joaquim and guidance personnel of Rogers Park Middle School, Danbury, CT
- On Saturday, April 10th we have been invited to the University of Connecticut Health Center Schools of Medicine & Dental Medicine for a day-long presentation on how 8th, 9th, 10th 11th and 12th graders can plan for a career in Medicine and Dentistry.
- On Monday, April 12th we have been invited to UCONN Storrs campus for the daylong **ASM Materials Camp, Institute of Materials Science (IMS) Materials Science & Engineering (MSE)**. This is for 11th and 12th graders only.

Schools/Students interested in participating are to contact me via e-mail: wendell.johnson@ambyese.com

On behalf of our board of directors, corporate partners, participating schools, nonprofit organizations, volunteers, students, parents, the Editor of this newsletter, Olivia Skiffington, Stacey Baradit, president of the AMBYESE Alumni Association -- AAA, members of the AAA as well as Dr. Beena Ramachandran and Jayme McGovern, Dean and Executive Director of the Y.E.S., I Can Institute, respectively, we all wish you and yours a wonderful 2010.

Wendell Johnson

To Alaska and Back – A Wonderful Summer Experience

This summer I had the opportunity to participate in an assortment of exciting events revolving around science. To begin, my experiment “The Role of Natural Flocculants in the Purification and Clarification of Contaminated Water” attempted to address the global issue of water purification by implementing accessible, natural substances. I tested three natural flocculants: *Moringa Oleifera*, chitosan, and papain. *M. Oleifera*, also known simply as the horseradish tree, is indigenous to India and known for its coagulating and microbial properties. Chitosan, derived from the exoskeleton of crustaceans, is sold commercially as a weight loss product. Lastly, papain originates from the latex of papaya and is used as both a digestive aid and meat tenderizer. I found that these three flocculants alone were not sufficient to make water suitable for human consumption. However, all three flocculants managed to lessen the turbidity of contaminated water,

consequently reducing the level of contamination.

My experiment received prizes at my regional science fair, Science Horizons. I also won the Connecticut U.S. Stockholm Junior Water Prize, giving me the opportunity to travel to Anchorage, Alaska in June 2009 to compete at the national level for the U.S. Stockholm Junior Water Prize. While in Alaska, I absorbed the Alaskan landscape by taking an all-day train ride from Anchorage to Denali National Park. While I did not win at the national level for my experiment, my interest in alternative forms of water purification endures, and I immensely enjoyed the unique trip.

I also traveled to Cleveland, Ohio to participate in the 2009 ASM Materials Camp, sponsored by Praxair. Materials science is a concentration of engineering that focuses on metals, polymers, and ceramics. One of the major aspects of materials science is failure analysis; I was assigned to a group with students from across the country, as well as a

student from France, with the task of determining why bolts from a connecting rod in a racecar failed. I can easily say that the 2009 ASM Materials Camp was the highlight of my summer, due to the great social and educational experience. My past summer was quite busy, culminating in the 2009 Y.E.S. I CAN Program in August. I am extremely grateful for the eventful summer and the rewarding benefits I have received from such aforementioned programs.

Morgan Bartz



Alaska -train ride from Anchorage to Denali National Park

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2009 AMBYESE Conference

"This conference is always such a great experience to be able to share your life experiences with the students and learn from theirs as well."
 Olivia Skiffington
 Mentor

The 26th AMBYESE Conference was held at UConn/Stamford on November 7th 2009. It was another successful and wonderful conference. Many students joined us from all over the region to listen to our speakers and our engaging mentors. In the morning the students heard interesting speeches from Terry Reilly on UConn's Admission policies, followed by an

exceptional marketing presentation by Pepsi Co. AMBYESE also arranged for other speakers to share their profession with the students such as:
 Accounting/Finance,
 Legal,
 Engineering/Operations,
 Supply Chain/Operations,
 Physics/Material Science,
 Information/Technology

After lunch the students got to go to their breakout sessions with all our volunteer mentors to learn more about specific careers.

Thank you to all who worked hard to put this great day together and to all our mentors for their continuous support of AMBYESE and education.



Westhill High School Jr. ROTC



Woodlands High School

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2009 AMBYESE Conference

Humanities And The Arts Magnet High School



Kevin Kendall
Scholarship recipient to UConn's Mentoring
Connection Program

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

I participated in the Y.E.S. I Can program in the summer following sophomore year of high school at Immaculate High School, in Danbury, CT. While I had initially joined the program in order to become more proficient with regard to my SAT's, I soon found that I was in for a whole lot more than I had bargained for. As a current junior, or "cow" at the United States Military Academy at West Point, and a member of the AMBYESE Alumni Association, I can attest to the multiple benefits of the Y.E.S. I Can program.

My SAT score jumped over 100 points after taking the program, but this was only one of the reasons that I cherish the experience. The field trips to PepsiCo and Sikorsky were instrumental in helping me to choose my major. It was at those places where I fell in love with engineering. I am now a year and a half away from a degree in Mechanical Engineering, and I attribute a large part of my success to the hardworking members of the Y.E.S. I Can faculty, who have the best interest of their students at heart,

and love to watch them succeed. Once I am out of the Army, I am hoping to work for defense contracting, particularly in development of weapons, munitions, and armor.

Had it not been for AMBYESE, I don't think that I would be where I am today, or if I would have decided to become an engineer at all! I would recommend this course to anyone who wants to raise their SAT scores and maybe find some more direction in their scholarly life.

CDT Julian Christe
Class of 2011

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