

AMBYESE *Y.E.S. I Can* Students Tour Sikorsky Aircraft

The Sikorsky Aircraft Facility is located just below the Merritt Parkway in Stratford Connecticut, a well known fact to most Connecticut residents; but, what is not as well known, is that Sikorsky Aircraft was started by a native of Kiev who immigrated to the U.S. in 1919 with little more than a change purse of money and a big dream. After a few years of teaching and lecturing, Mr. Sikorsky, together with some of his students and friends, started his first aviation company and in 1923 he built the first American twin-engine aircraft, the S-29-A, the prototype of the modern airliner!

Sikorsky's dream to build a single-rotor, vertical-lift

aircraft never died, even with the success of his transatlantic "flying boats". But, he was unable to get the funds for such an "extravagant" idea until 1937 when United Technologies financed his research. His dream finally came to fruition in 1939 when his helicopter, the VS-300, lifted a few feet off the ground. Just a few years & a few experiments later, Sikorsky Aircraft, by then a subsidiary of United Technologies, had its Helicopter prototype and was on its way to becoming the premier helicopter manufacturer, responsible for the transport of troops, presidents, and popes alike!

Igor Sikorsky's life and dreams are one of the many stories that inspire our

Y.E.S. I Can students to work hard, study hard, and dream.

We began our tour of the Sikorsky Aircraft facility with the bits & pieces that become the helicopter shell. Our tour guides, proud retirees of the Plant, walked with us down the assembly line and as each station passed, we witnessed a bit more of what would eventually be a completed helicopter. Our students were impressed with the complexity of the vehicle, particularly the number of wires and cables that supply power to the pilot's computers and help him/her operate the helicopters safely.

Probably most impressive, though, was the fact that

Terry Gellin and Gail Janensch visit AMBYESE *Y.E.S. I Can* Students at UConn/Stamford



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Sikorsky Aircraft

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Igor Sikorsky kept his dream alive through hundreds of experiments, his birth-country's revolution, poverty, unemployment, and world wars. And that this dream produced the prototype single main rotor with cyclic pitch control and a single tail torque-compensating rotor helicopter. His perseverance is daunting!

WABC Studios play host to Y.E.S. I Can Students

"One thing I liked a lot about the WABC Studio trip," said Paloma Ferrera, a junior at Danbury High School, "was how we got to see a live recording of the *Eyewitness News*." This sentiment was echoed by several of our students, who not only loved to see the News Broadcasters live, but also, "...the way the studio cameras function," according to David Gervais. Chris Shafer, a senior at Immaculate High School appreciated seeing the various control rooms, and learning about, "...all the different jobs that are needed [to produce a broadcast], and how everything is put together." Thanks WABC!!! We loved our tour!

College Day at Y.E.S. I Can!

Terry Gellin, Director of Development at the Naeg School of Education, UCONN, offered our students her advice and guidance during a brief talk about college admissions and financial aid, "Come to the Visitors Center in Storrs," she began, "And take a tour. It is well worth it to tour any college you might be considering."

Together with Gail Janensch, Director of the Career Center at Stamford High School, our students learned the basics of the infamous college search, college applications and college financing. "Start early," cautioned Mrs. Janensch. "Colleges are looking for leadership capacity, well-written essays, depth not breadth, community involvement, and probably most importantly, they're looking for students who have challenged themselves. Students who have gone beyond their schools' expectations. After all, you're the grown-ups of tomorrow; everyone wants you to be well prepared!" she added.

Thanks for the great tips Mrs. Gellin and Mrs. Janensch! We will do our best to heed your advice! In fact, your advice spurred Mr. Johnson into action! He has secured a bus to take our students—for free!—to UCONN's open house on Sunday, September 19th!



WABC Studios Conference Room.

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-Aura Villalte,
Academy of Information Technology
Student, Stamford.**

What Do Our Students Think?

Chris Shafer, The Y.E.S. I Can Program helped me with my verbal scores because that's not normally my strong point. Also the trips we got to see a lot of cool places we wouldn't normally get to see. Like going into the top secret hangar of the Sikorsky Factory, which was really cool.

Jose Espinosa, I like the program because I made a lot of new friends from all over and I learned a lot from the classes. The teachers were really great!

Aura Villalte, This program has helped me a lot and I hope it goes on forever because there are a lot of people like me who really need it.



Chris Rotante, I think the program has helped me a lot. I feel like I've been able to network myself at great companies. The classes have helped a lot too—I actually went up 100 points in my grades! That's a good improvement for two weeks.

Ethan Natale, I'm going to be a senior this year at Danbury High School. What I liked best about the Y.E.S. I Can Program this year was probably our visit to the Pepsi headquarters. We got to meet a Vice President there and he really inspired me to never give-up and to do me best.

Thanks everyone!

High School Participation in The AMBYESE Conference

Over the past twenty-one years, thousands of students from high schools through out Connecticut and New York have benefited from information gleaned at our Annual Conference. These students have come from hundreds of different high schools like the following:

Academy of Information Technology
Bassick HS
Bridgeport International HS Academy
Brien McMahon HS
Briggs HS
Bristol HS
Bullard Haven HS
Central HS
Christian Heritage HS
Crosby HS
Danbury HS
Farmington HS
Greenwich HS
Hastings HS
HS in the Community
Hillhouse HS
Immaculate HS
J.F.K. HS
J.M.Wright Technical HS
Lincoln HS
Masuk HS
Mount Vernon HS
New Britain HS
New Canaan HS
New London HS
New Rochelle HS
Norwalk HS
Plainville HS
Port Chester HS
Southington HS
Stamford HS
Stamford Public School/School to Career
Stratford HS
Trinity HS
Trumbull HS
Warren Harding HS
Weaver HS
Westhill HS
Wilby HS
Wilton HS
Woodlands HS
Yonkers HS

The 21st Annual AMBYESE Educational Conference

Conferences. For 20 years, AMBYESE has sponsored **The Annual Educational Conference for 200 to 650 multicultural students at no charge** to all its participating schools. This year it will be held Veteran's Day weekend, **November 12 - 13, 2004.** The **awards program** will be held Friday evening November 12 from **7:00pm until 9:30pm at Stamford's Holiday Inn Select** and the Annual Educational **Conference** will be held on Saturday, **November 13 from 9:00am until 1:00pm at UCONN-Stamford.** The conference provides an opportunity for students to learn about the **college admissions** process, **fields of study** and interface with people in various fields of **business, science and technology.** Following a group orientation, students convene in small groups with **corporate mentors.** Our mentors come from participating companies. As a result of these small group discussions, **mentors and students connect,** developing a relationship that lasts throughout the year—and often continues for years to come!

AMBYESE 21st Annual Educational Conference

The 21st AMBYESE conference is open to all college-bound students regardless of sex, race, or religion

Students who attend the conference should have an interest in developing careers in business, engineering, math, science, law, and/or information technology. **Students must be well disciplined, focused on learning, and able to make the commitment to be at the conference by 9:00am Saturday morning.**

Corporate partners like **Praxair Inc., Pitney Bowes Inc., Verizon, Xerox, United Technologies Corporation, PepsiCo, University of Connecticut School of Business Administration, Wachovia Bank, American Broadcasting Company, Aquarion Water Company, State of Connecticut Department of Banking, American Express Company, Stop & Shop Supermarkets, Circle Trust Corporation, Castle Oil Corporation and Bank of America** will provide the 21st AMBYESE Conference with several of their employees, who will serve as role models to the 200 participating students.

What The Day Will Look Like

Breakfast will be served from 8 a.m. until 8:50 a.m. A student assembly will be held in the auditorium from 9 a.m. until 10:15 a.m. Simultaneous career workshops will be held from 10:30 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. Each workshop will have 12 to 15 students and a team of 2-3 corporate role models, who are experienced in one of the following disciplines: accounting/finance, communications/journalism, engineering/operations/research & development, human resources, information technology.

Lunch will be served from 12:20 p.m. until 1: p.m. The conference will provide students with career handbooks and other instructional materials, corporate sponsors provide free "goodie bags." Hanes T-shirts are the official AMBYESE conference T-shirts and will be given away to each participant.

Students will be given a follow up progress reports form, which are required to be turned into their advisors at the end of the first semester. The advisors will send all completed progress reports to AMBYESE. AMBYESE will follow up with each student and their parent(s) or guardian(s) regarding the possibility of providing a corporate mentor to monitor each student's progress throughout the entire academic year.

Participating schools must provide round-trip transportation for their students and a school chaperon, who will be AMBYESE's contact person throughout the academic year.

Volunteer Application

Contact Information:

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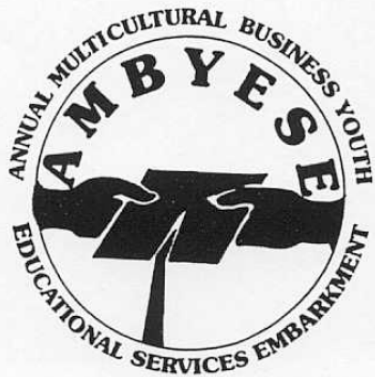
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***We've mentored 10,600 culturally
diverse high school students in
Fairfield and Westchester Counties
over the last 20 years!***

AMBYESE is a four-phase program consisting of the following:

The 1st phase: One of the most important phases of our program is the **21st Annual AM-BYESE Educational Conference**, which will be held on Veterans Day weekend, November 12 - 13, 2004. The awards program will be held Friday evening November 12 from 7 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. at Stamford's Holiday Inn Select and the educational conference will be held on Saturday, November 13 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at UConn-Stamford. There will be 200 college-bound students attending from various high schools in our region. The entire educational conference is free! We begin with all the students together and present general information concerning career development and college requirements, and then we break into smaller groups where the students have an opportunity to interface with and learn from corporate mentors. The mentors work for participating companies. As a result of interfacing with a number of students during the conference, the mentors connect with certain students who are then identified and become their mentees. This is a very important phase as this establishes a yearlong and sometimes a lifelong, relationship between mentor and mentee.

2nd phase: at this time a mentor/mentee relationship is established. We call this phase the **Student Tracking and Academic Fulfillment Force (STAFF)**. **STAFF**'s role is to understand and coordinate the needs of its participating students. **STAFF** maintains year-round contact with the students, their parents, and the faculty members of the student's schools. We encourage communication via e-mail and telephone. If the mentor has the time, we encourage person to person contact, as long as the parents and the school approve of such arrangements.

The 3rd phase: is our **Y. E. S. I CAN Summer College Prep Program**. Y.E.S. I Can is a free two-week academic summer program held in August at UConn-Stamford. Students are identified by their respective schools and must be sponsored by participating corporations. During the two-week period classes are held from 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Students learn IT skills, and improve their verbal and math SAT scores. They improve their non-fiction writing skills while making presentations that help develop their presentation skills and become confident public speakers. They take several field trips, meeting with corporate executives and government officials. This program is highly competitive and is limited to 20 students.

Our 4th phase: after twenty years of mentoring students, we have added the **AMBYESE Scholarship Fund**. This fund will serve as both incentive to our students as well as providing financial support so that they can fulfill their dreams of attending college.

Meet Our Fabulous Y.E.S. I Can Instructors!

Beena Ramachandran, Ph.D is a Computer Science and Engineering expert currently on faculty at both the University Of Connecticut/Stamford and Norwalk Community College. She is also C.E.O. at Pepper Ridge Consulting, Stamford and the mother of two. AMBYESE students are extremely fortunate to have Dr. Ramachandran teaching our *Y.E.S. I Can* S.A.T. math-preparation course this summer!



Irene Coussa Reynolds teaches at Wooster School in Danbury and is Director of Diversity for its Upper School. She has her Masters degree in TESOL and works primarily with non-native English speakers. She is delighted to be back with AMBYESE students teaching the Critical Reading and Writing components of the SAT prep course. She has 3 children and enjoys cooking.