

PLAINVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BUSINESS BRIEF

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Plainville Community Schools **inspire** and **prepare** lifelong learners to follow their passion, **engage** in their communities, and positively impact our global society.



Kevin D. Case
Interim Superintendent

Over the years, the Plainville Community Schools have developed wonderful relationships and strong partnerships with numerous local businesses.

These partnerships have resulted in a variety of valuable opportunities and experiences for our students,

including job shadow and internship experiences, allowing students to explore their career passion and understand the skills necessary for such positions. Our mission is to ensure that all graduates of the Plainville Community Schools are collaborative, communicative, innovative, mindful, and resilient. We know that in order for our students to be college and/or career ready, they must embody these attributes. By giving our students these valuable experiences, our local businesses will in turn gain long-term, knowledge, and productive employees who can exhibit important 21st century skills.

We have expanded our emphasis on career pathways through enhanced promotion and marketing within each of the 16 identified career clusters. We continue to have a need for our local business and community members to engage with our students around these career clusters. We also continue to expand our award winning VEX Robotics program and would welcome volunteers who have an aptitude and interest in such programs to work with our students.

As we look to further develop and expand our community and business partnerships during this upcoming school year, please consider partnering with our schools. We have come to learn that these partnerships will have a life-long effect on our students and will be mutually rewarding and beneficial to our Plainville business community. Please do what you can to be involved. Thank you in advance for your support!

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ALUMNI VIDEO SERIES EVERYONE HAS A PATHWAY... WHAT'S YOURS?

As part of the ongoing focus on career pathways exploration in Plainville Community Schools, a video library was developed featuring Plainville High School Alumni sharing their career pathway stories. Working with local videography company, Mazzarella Media, Inc., 16 videos (aligned to the 16 National Career Clusters) were developed. Each video, approximately 2-3 minutes in length, features one Plainville High School Alumnus highlighting his or her education, training, and other relevant information outlining the "pathway" to their respective field of employment. The videos are part of a comprehensive marketing and information sharing effort to engage students in career exploration, planning, and opportunities within the school district to explore a variety of career fields through coursework, internships, job shadows, field trips and more. The alumni pathways video series was also recently selected as an international "2023 Telly Award" winner for excellence in television and video production.

A VERY SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING PHS ALUMNI FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE CAREER PATHWAYS VIDEO PROJECT:

Bruce Charette 1986 • Brent Davenport 1997
Joanne Davenport 1997 • Wyatt LaCombe 2020
Jay Landry 1991 • Dr. Gary Maglio 1975 • Tyler
Majsak 2013 • Tyler Mikolajcik 2010 • Kyleigh
Panetta 2013 • Bethany Pelletier 2017 • William A.
Petit Jr. 1974 • Austin Provost 2010 • Brittany
Rogan 2011 • Jarod Romankiw 2016 • Dayna
Snell 1983 • Mikayla Wells 2012



CHECK IT OUT!

The career pathways video series featuring PHS Alumni is archived on the PHS Career Center webpage.

ACCESS NOW!

Intern Spotlight



Plainville High School senior Matt Collado participated in a Plainville High School Fieldwork Experience Internship at the Plainville Municipal Center over the summer. Matt learned first hand about the Public Administration Pathway and all facets of town management.

If you are interested in hosting a Plainville High School student intern, please contact Sue Bradley 860.793.3210 x6110 BRADLEYS@PLAINVILLESCHOOLS.ORG

Pictured are: Town Manager Michael Paulhus, Intern Matt Collado, and Assistant Town Manager Andy Cirioli

PARTNER WITH PLAINVILLE SCHOOLS

Adopt a school to meet their needs throughout the school year • Purchase a "Wish List" item for a classroom • Become a VEX robotics partner • Feature student artwork at your place of business • Join the Adult Education Advisory Committee • Host a PHS student in a job shadow or fieldwork experience internship • Donate school supplies, art supplies, crafts or STEM Lab supplies • Hire a high school student for part-time employment • Participate in a PHS Learning Adventure Day • Make a financial donation to the Plainville Community Schools Innovation in Education Foundation at: <http://cfgnb.org/our-funds>

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Class of 2023 Data

Graduating Class Size: 165



77.6% pursuing higher education
5.5% attending a vocational/trade school
3% going into the military
7.3% going into the workforce
0.6% participating in a Gap Year experience
3% attending SPED transitional program
1.2% retained
1.8% undecided



Of the students pursuing higher education

61% attending a 4 year college
39% attending a 2 year college
79% attending in-state schools
21% attending out-of-state schools
80% accepted to their 1st choice school
74% attending their 1st choice school



Class Profile

Graduates' parents did not attend college: 30%
Graduates' parents are college graduates: 57%
Graduates did not disclose: 13%

Collectively

- 5,334.75 hours of community service logged
- \$157,250 received in local scholarships (not including institutional/athletic funds)



DID YOU KNOW? More than 70 professionals, businesses and organizations throughout Connecticut participated in the Plainville High School career based learning adventure day last December, sharing information about their career paths with students via on site tours at their workplaces, hosting information sessions at PHS or participating in an interactive "Career Gallery" session!

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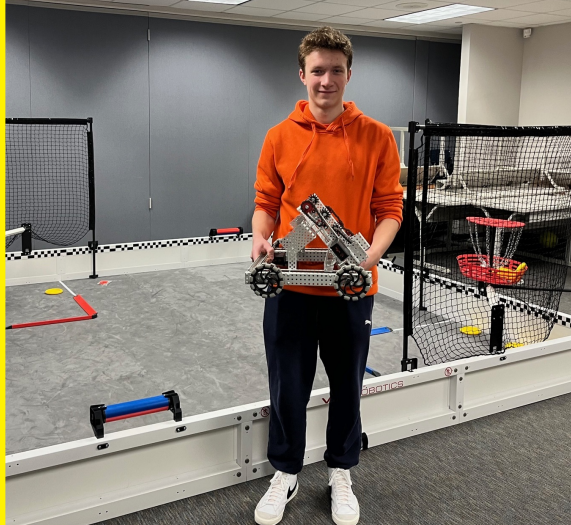
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"Future Engineers in PRE-K"
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VEX Robotics at PHS

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Plainville High School, Class of 2024
VEX Robotics



Building on the enormous and long standing success of the Middle School of Plainville's VEX Robotics program, Plainville High School was able to launch a VEX program over the 2022-23 school year. The VEX robotics program expansion to the high school was unanimously approved and supported by the Plainville Board of Education, and a group of excited and dedicated students together with advisor Lorrie Weimer, enjoyed the inaugural program year. Initial funding for the new PHS VEX Robotics program was provided through grant support, but the team is currently seeking additional support from local businesses and the community in terms of funding, equipment and volunteer support. ***If you are interested in supporting the Plainville High School VEX Robotics program, please contact Lynn Davis at: (860) 793-3210 x6111 or via email at: davisl@plainvilleschools.org***

Please Join Us!

Career Based Gallery of Professionals & Learning Adventure Day

As the Plainville High School community continues planning for 2023-24 career based learning opportunities, we are seeking local businesses and professionals to participate in two upcoming career exploration events as follows:

Career Gallery of Professionals

October 13, 2023 at Plainville High School

Join us and fellow professionals to share information about your career and career pathway with Plainville High School students. Each participating individual or organization will have a designated "booth / table" in the high school gymnasium. Students will cycle through to visit participants and learn about your profession, career sector and organization. More information will follow regarding event specifics.



Access now for more information!

Career Focused Learning Adventure Day

November 8, 2023

Host a group of students at your place of employment or lead a half day or whole day interactive session at Plainville High School for students to learn about your career sector or pathway.

If you are interested in learning more about the Plainville High School Career Gallery of Professionals or the Career Focused Learning Adventure Day and how you and your company can participate in either, please scan the QR code to the left, or contact Plainville High School Principal Jen DeLorenzo: (860) 793-3210 x1141, or via email, delorenzoj@plainvilleschools.org