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First *Great Expectations* Fundraiser Exceeds Expectations

They say the first fundraiser is the hardest but you helped to make it the best. And who says a fundraiser can't be fun! Thank you to the over 300 participants, donors and sponsors who contributed to the Great Expectations, Decade of Success fundraiser. What a spectacular way to start off the next 10 years!

There were over 250 in attendance and the congratulations keep pouring in. Here are some representative comments:

"I am so tired of the usual fundraiser - stand around with a drink in your hand and chit chat. This was so much fun - I sat at a table where I knew no one - that is, until we started playing Trivia."

"I had such a great time at your Great Expectations gala last night. I was so impressed with the work that went into organizing, but most impressed by the amazing group of students that Salem CyberSpace has supported over the years."



"Congratulations. Great kids, terrific program, well done evening with lots of energy. You've done special work and should be proud. - Salem Cyberspace makes a difference."

This was also a time to celebrate the 13 high school students and 5 college students

who graduated this year. Two of our college graduates gave moving speeches. Each college student awarded an Educator Award to an educator who had a positive influence on their lives.

You can view pictures of the event at www.salemcyberspace.org and, of course, it is never too late to make a donation.

We are planning to make this an annual event so there is always next year.

Thank you to the Event Committee and its Chair, Anne Bresnahan. Thank you to my staff who also put countless hours into the event and thank you to the wonderful high school and college students who volunteered through the night selling raffle tickets, managing the trivia game and welcoming guests. It was truly a group effort.

First Set of College Success Students Graduate from College

In 2004, we started our youth programs with a group of middle school students. In 2008, 8 of these students participated in our first College Success cohort. All but one of these students are still enrolled in college and in line to graduate from College



in the next two years. One of these students, Rosa Alvarado graduated this year from Salem State University's School of Social Work in only 3 years!

In addition, we have 3 students who finished North Shore Community College:

Yibelis Pena, Johanna Rodriguez and Quynh Dang. Yibelis and Johanna will be attending Northeastern University with large scholarships from both Northeastern and from the Stephen Phillips Memorial Scholarship and Quynh will enter the workforce before continuing on to SSU next year. Ron Frias, graduated from Kaplan Institute of Technology in the electrician's program with a 3.9 GPA and will be entering the workforce.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- 3-6 hours per week
- Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, and/or Sat
- Work with ESL students
- Tutor in math, science, technology
- SAT prep
- Enrichment projects

Must be able to do high school level work



Thank you to Beverly Cooperative Bank who was the lead sponsor for our Great Expectations Event.

Healthy Communities 2020 Theatre Project

Twelve middle school students, two high school students and one college student teamed up with actress and storyteller, Judith Black and the incomparable Salem Theatre to develop 3 skits on youth health issues: nutrition, bullying and alcohol abuse. Over 600 Salem students, teachers and community members viewed the performances at various schools and at Salem Theatre. Students completed assessments after the performances and the results were pretty impressive. Students paid attention to their peers and showed a clear un-

derstanding of the issues.

Skits (Cereal Wars and Chess) can be viewed on You Tube on the Salem Theatre channel - http://www.youtube.com/user/salemtheatreco?feature=results_main.



Students Performing at Salem Academy

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This project was selected as one of 91 projects from 1,000 applications. In addition, the project was so successful that

it was chosen of only one of five nationally to be highlighted on the Healthy Communities 2020 website which should be completed sometime this summer. Stay tuned on this.

From Academic Learning Center:

Debi Chute is the newest employee of Salem CyberSpace, joining in March as the Academic Center Coordinator. Debi was the Teen Center Coordinator at a Boys and Girls Club in West Virginia and comes with over 20 years experience working with older youth. She is from Beverly originally and is happy to be back on the North Shore. Debi did not take long in getting the youth engaged in fun, hands-on learning activities.



Christine Vo, a member of the Salem State Chemistry Society, ran a science program for our middle and high school students. Christine conducted fun experiments with the students on a weekly basis. They were able to learn about freezing point depression by making homemade ice cream, cabbages and pH, they created parachutes and competed in a parachute drop, they made gooey slime and created a witches brew using dry ice and soap.

Salem CyberSpace and the North Shore Technology Council arranged for a tour of 2 area technology companies, Analogic and Sylvania. The purpose of the trips was to inform students about careers in science, technology, engineering and math

(STEM), to see how products are designed and manufactured and to learn about corporate employment opportunities. Salem CyberSpace invited youth from the

Boys and Girls Club of Greater Salem to participate in the tours. Four tours were conducted during the year and a total of 15 boys and girls took advantage of the opportunity. Employees shared their personal backgrounds and the education needed to work in their field. At Analogic, students were able to watch a medical exam using ultrasound technology and learned not only about the technology but about human anatomy. Sylvania staff treated the students to different hands-on activities in various lighting rooms, using an X-Box console. They also learned about the future of LED lighting and its positive im-

pact on the environment.

In May, seven students competed in a roller coaster building competition. They were very creative and each student was recognized with a certificate in a variety of categories.

Twelve of our high school students attended a job fair located at the WorkForce office in May to learn about The FirstJobs program this summer.

Sixteen of our students participated in the community service event "Youth Get to the Point Day" on May 31st. This was a community event that included other area youth organizations and was sponsored by the North Shore CDC. The youth picked up the litter on Peabody Street, as well as two of the playgrounds located in The Point. They also raked Peabody Park and assisted the Beautification Committee in planting flowers.

In June, 18 middle and high school students took a tour of the Salem State Campus. Students were able to see all the different areas of the campus and learn about the personal experiences of the student's life while at SSU.

ELL Street Winter/Spring Activities

The ELL St. program was blooming with the flowers this spring as they participated in a number of activities to build their language skills and help the community. Students assisted at LifeBridge's food shelter, hosted a tour at the PEM, and held a yard sale. Fourteen students helped cook turkey casseroles and serve it at LifeBridge's center during March. In April, the students hosted a tour in the PEM's ShapeShifters exhibit. Each student chose a piece of art, developed a presentation about the artwork,



and presented this multiple times to a crowd of over 20. In May, the students participated in Salem's Green Energy fair. They worked to collect donated items for a yard sale to raise funds for an end of the year trip to Boston. Students then organized all the items, priced them and sold them during the fair. To cele-

brate their hard work and achievements this year, students went on a trip to Boston in June where they took a boat tour of the harbor and walked around the historic North End as well as Boston Common. Congratulations to the students on a great year!

ELL St. is funded through generous donations from the Norman Read Trust Fund, Amelia Peabody Foundation, the Lenny Zakim Fund, The House of the Seven Gables, BJ's Charitable Foundation, Dominion Energy and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Stay Tuned

Fun STEM Summer Programs

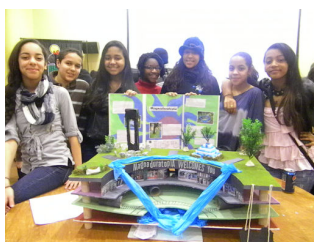
Starts July, 2012

Salem CyberSpace will be conducting two STEM summer programs. Partnering with Salem High School, Salem Sound Coast Watch and the National Park Service, we will be offering a marine science service learning project for high school students. Starts July 9, 2012

At Salem CyberSpace, middle school students will enjoy 3 weeks of science fun with Christine Vo. Projects will encompass hands-on and outdoor activities in Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Starts July 30, 2012

Future City Competition

In January, our team of 7 middle schoolers carried the physical model of their future city, **Magnaduratopia**, through one of Boston's only snowstorms of the season into the Curry Student Center at Northeastern University. This year the competition was stiff as 20 middle school teams from all over the Boston area brought their vision of the future to a jury of Boston's finest civil and structural en-

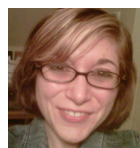


gineers. Our team placed 14th and won the award for the Most Family Friendly city. Competition included a computer model of the city, a physical model and an essay.

The city had to conform to a large set of requirements and rules. Students worked on this project from October through January.

Major funding for the ALC comes from the Danversbank Foundation, Amelia Peabody, and Norman Read Foundation.

Welcome our Mass Promise Fellow



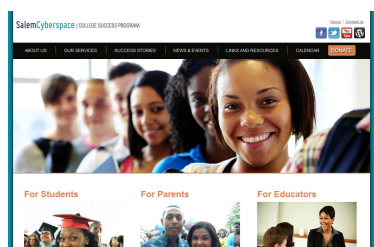
Welcome Heather Maes, our newest staff person. Heather will be working as an Academic Enrichment

Fellow and will be designing fun, hands-on activities to engage the students in learning after homework is complete. Activities will cover science, arts, careers, personal development and college. Heather is a 2010 graduate of UMASS Boston and has 2 years experience working with youth. Mass Promise Fellowship is part of Americorps.

College Success Corner:

- Monique Gallant is now full-time helping Jesenia Tejada with the 65 students in the program (a 20% growth from last year)
- There were 7 college campus visits this spring: Bunker Hill CC, Salem State U, U MASS Boston, Endicott, Emmanuel, Simmons and Northeastern.
- Fifteen Juniors joined College Success and 8 (a record!) were nominated for a Posse Scholarship including 3 for the new Bryn Mawr STEM scholarship.

Visit the NEW Salem CyberSpace College Success Website.



With funding from the Department of Higher Education, College Success staff completed a new website for students, parents and educators. This site includes information to help students and their parents navigate the often complex college

application process.

On the site, you can stay up-to-date on our accomplishments, find helpful college tips and links as well as access important and useful information on financial aid. The College Success website provides a "one-stop" website for parents and students to learn about applying to and affording college.

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INTRODUCING THE COLLEGE SUCCESS HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2012 100% OF STUDENTS HEAD TO COLLEGE.

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Thirteen College Success students and several more stu-



dents who have participated in our ALC and ELL programs walked the stage at Salem High School to receive their diplomas. This marks the 4th year in a row where all of our active students graduated from high school.

Of the 13 students from our

College Success program, 100% are attending college next year. Three will be attending North Shore Community College, 5 will attend Salem State University, and 3 will go to UMASS-Boston. As reported in our Fall edition, 1 student, Jesus Morales will be attending the University of Pennsylvania on a full Quest-Bridge scholarship (tuition, room and board) and Maria Gomez will attend Bryn Mawr College with a Posse scholarship that will cover her tuition for 4 years.

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Salem Rotary scholars (l to r): Jesus Morales, Maria Gomez, Domingo Quiroz, Marleny Guerrero, Stephany Frometa, Jansie Alместica



Students attending Salem State University with Director, Linda Saris, SSU Trustee Pam Scott and SSU President Meservey

Scholarship News:

Six of our students were awarded Salem Rotary Club scholarships with Maria Gomez receiving the coveted Buck award which will go a long way to cover her room and board at Bryn Mawr. (See picture to the left)

Amanda Monaco who joined College Success in 2011 as a junior, was awarded the Christian Herter scholarship. Each year, 25 Massachusetts students in the 10th and 11th grades are selected to receive awards of up to 50% of their calculated need at the college of their choice.

Way to go, Amanda!