

PCSD College Readiness and Workforce Education Newsletter



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Elementary- College and Career Awareness and Exposure

Meet the Career Crew: Volt- the navigator, Zee-travels around the world to discover different types of jobs, The Fact Dragon- the fact checker and Beep-9- The student.



Pathful Jr. is up and running in all elementary schools.

An Interactive Career Exploration Platform for Elementary Schools and K-5 Students.

Students can explore different careers and engage in career exploration games. This platform can be accessed through Classlink.

On Oct 10th, students at Morse Elementary were being exposed to a community job- Firefighter.

Students loved it when the ladder was extended with firefighters inside the bucket. They also learned to open and close a sample water hose.



Middle School-College and Career Exploration and Planning

The Marist College Liberty Partnerships Program (LPP) provides comprehensive services to meet the academic, social, emotional, and career needs of students in their programs.

One hundred seventy Middle School students are participating in the Marist College Liberty Partnership program this year at the Middle School. To teach students money management skills as well as to incentivise them to complete their academic work, after students finish all their work, they earn Marist Bucks. At the end of every month, students buy different items from the marist “store” using their earned bucks. Students learn to budget their earned “cash” and to make smart purchasing decisions.

Financial
Literacy



Marist Liberty
Bucks



Meet our Transition Counselors



Ms. Megan Amendola

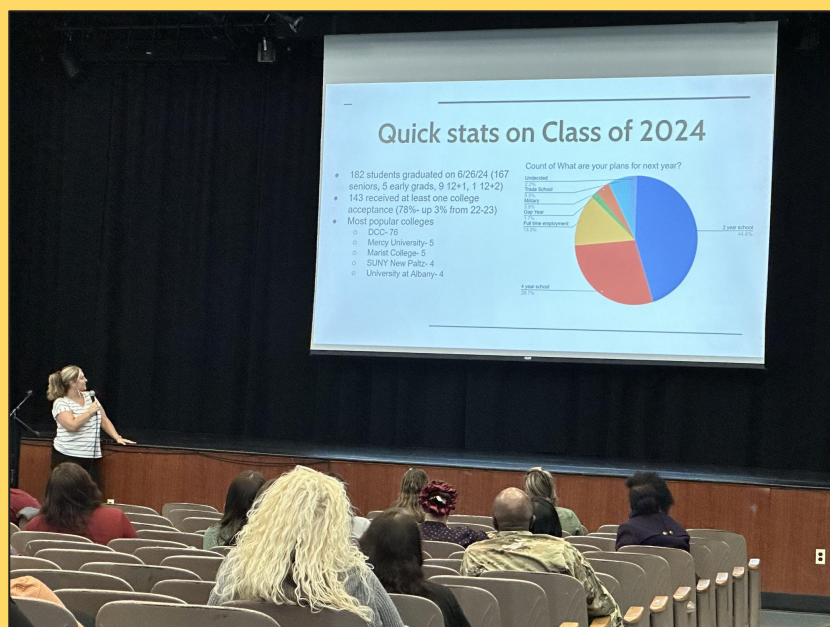


Mrs. Stephanie Fata

Transition counselors work with students with exceptionalities. They ensure students are engaging in work experiences to develop their employability skills to be successful in their transition to post-secondary life. They help students and families connect with adult agencies such as ACCES-VR and OPWDD. Mrs. Fata has been working with our district for over 2 years.. Ms. Amendola joined the team this September- Welcome!

High School: College and Career Exploration, Planning and Development

Our District is no longer using Naviance, the college application and search platform and has moved over to Schoolinks. This new platform supports The Entire Student Planning Journey Within a Single Platform. This platform not only supports the needs of students interested in attending college but also those whose post secondary interests may be joining the workforce. Students can also search for summer internships, part time and summer jobs. Schoolinks closely aligns with the District's Transformation Pathways Initiative and the District's focus on data informed practices.



Mrs. Semexant, our K-12 College Readiness and Workforce Education school counselor presented the new platform to teachers during a H.S. faculty meeting after sharing some of last year's Class of 2024 statistics.

The District has purchased 3 Flight Simulators and 3 Rudder Controls, which control the movement of an aircraft about its vertical axis!



When you hear “this is your captain speaking” on an airline flight in the United States, more than 90% of the time, the speaker is a white male. Just 3.4% of U.S. airline pilots are Black, 2.2% are of Asian descent, and a paltry 0.5% are Hispanic or Latino. Women make up just 4.6%. As the U.S. population trends to greater racial and ethnic diversity, airline pilots look less like their passengers.

-Eileen Bjorkman, The Chicago Sun Times (2023)

Flight simulators are used to train pilots and crew members for airplanes and spacecraft flight.

The District is ensuring our students have as many opportunities to explore different post-secondary pathways as possible and to get a headstart on their future.

As a change agent, we hope to be a part of the changing trends in the aviation industry by diversifying such workforce.

The simulators and Rudder Controls are an addition to the ROTC programming at the High School as well as to the NEW afterschool Poughkeepsie Aviators Club PAC- coming soon!!