

SPRING 2020

# SCP NEWSLETTER

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## DIGITAL RESOURCES

### **SUPPORTING STUDENTS REMOTELY**

With schools in Massachusetts being scheduled to reopen on May 4 at the earliest, SCP's Career Specialists are working with our partner school districts to continue to provide career development opportunities and resources for students during this time. If you are interested in learning more about how to support this effort, please visit or contact us through our website at [www.schooltocareer.info](http://www.schooltocareer.info).

## WCVB FIELD TRIP

### **CAREER EXPLORATION**

On March 3, a group of students from Norton High School attended a field trip to Channel 5 News (WCVB) in Needham, MA. Students who attended are interested in various careers such as audio production, journalism, news anchoring. WCVB staff gave students a tour of the facility, discussed the ins-and-outs of the daily news, and fielded questions about their career paths. One major takeaway from this tour was how important internships are for jobs within this field! After the tour students were able to watch a live recording of the twelve o'clock news. First, students watched behind-the-scenes from the AV room, and then first-hand in the news room. Students were most impressed with the news anchors ability to transition effortlessly from one segment to the next and deliver their lines with ease!



## OPPORTUNITIES FAIR

### **POST-SECONDARY PLANNING**

On March 12, Seekonk High School held its second annual Opportunities Fair. This event is designed to help expose students to post-secondary opportunities including colleges, trade schools, armed forces, and employment. Over one hundred juniors and seniors attended this year's Opportunities Fair. Pictured above are students networking with event attendees and learning more about post-secondary options.

## CREDIT FOR LIFE

### **FINANCIAL LITERACY**

On Tuesday, March 10 SCP staff supported Oliver Ames High School's annual Credit for Life (CFL) event. This event is organized by North Easton Savings Bank and hosted at Stonehill College. CFL introduces students to financial decision-making based on their career choice. At this event, students learn about balancing needs versus wants when they visit booths based on different expenses such as furniture, clothing and housing. In addition to volunteering at OAHS' Credit for Life, the School-to-Career Partnership supports this event annually at Attleboro and Seekonk High Schools, and semi-annually at North Attleboro High School.

# CAREER SPOTLIGHT

## INFORMATIONAL INTERVIEW WITH A REGISTERED NURSE

Beginning a series of informational interviews highlighting different careers, the School-to-Career Partnership spoke with a professional who is on the front lines during the COVID-19 pandemic. Emergency Department (ED) nurse, Emily Jester, fielded questions about her daily tasks, responsibilities, and skills she finds most important in her work. In addition, Jester discussed her journey through nursing school and how working as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) helped her gain the necessary skills for working in a patient-care environment.

As for working during a pandemic, Jester discussed ways in which COVID-19 has completely changed her job, from new hospital visitor policies to innovative safety protocols. "One of the hardest things right now is caring for people who cannot have any family with them, especially if they are dying" she explained. In addition to this, Jester says that she is seeing many of her fellow nurses being quarantined after exposure to COVID-19, causing staffing disruptions and shortages.

A positive change that Jester has seen is the amount of innovation from the healthcare professionals on her team who are adopting and creating new practices in the face of the pandemic. "We have tried several new techniques for intubating a patient who is suspected of having COVID" said Jester, who described two new tools being used to prevent airborne spread of the virus during intubation.

While these changes have been impactful Jester also said that work, in many ways, is the same and that daily tasks, such as starting an IV or monitoring a patient's breathing, have not changed much. In addition, Jester remarked on the importance of nurses being supported during this time of crisis. "As healthcare workers we see a lot of tragedy - especially now - and it's important for me and my peers to lean on each other." She added, "We are really being taken care of by our community, almost daily." According to Jester, people from the community are showing their appreciation by donating food, water, and homemade medical gear such as surgical caps and face masks.

On behalf of the School-to-Career Partnership, thank you to all of the healthcare workers and support staff who are working during this time. In light of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, please refer to the World Health Organization ([www.who.int](http://www.who.int)) for the most accurate and up-to-date information. Also, stay safe and healthy!

*A recording of this interview will be shared with students at our partnering schools. Are you interested in supporting remote career development for our students during this time? If so, please contact us through our website at [www.schooltocareer.info](http://www.schooltocareer.info).*



Above: Emily Jester (left) with fellow nurse and co-worker. Below: Jester, wearing personal protective equipment (PPE) at work to help prevent the spread of COVID-19



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