



Youth Pipeline Mission

Waterbury Hospital is committed to developing a robust "Youth Pipeline" to close the achievement gap for minority and economically disadvantaged students and produce students who can matriculate and compete nationally for placement in post-secondary education programs in preparation for health careers.

Hospital Named to Governor's Mentoring Corporate Honor Roll

In 2006, 2007 and 2008, Waterbury Hospital was named to the Corporate Honor Roll by the Governor's Prevention Partnership for its leadership and involvement in significantly advancing youth mentoring in Connecticut. The hospital has mentored the ninth grade at Wilby High School for the past six years.

At the high school level, the hospital is the leading partner with Waterbury public schools in the city's Smaller Learning Communities/Ninth Grade Academies Federally Funded Program. The program's goal is to prepare ninth graders to make academic choices that will define their life goals, before entering the tenth grade. Mentoring is just one of three of the hospital's innovative Youth Pipeline programs. The hospital is also involved with the Adopt-A-Classroom program at the elementary school level and with the Providing Early Acquaintance with Careers in Health program (PEACH) at the middle school level.

YOUTH PIPELINE PROJECT

Elementary Schools:
Adopt-a-Classroom

North End Middle School:
PEACH
(Providing Early Acquaintance with Careers in Health)

Wilby High School:
Mentoring Programs

Funding and Support From:

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**WATERBURY
HOSPITAL**

WATERBURY HOSPITAL 2009-2010 MENTORING PROGRAM



Parents Welcome To The Ninth Grade Academy Waterbury Hospital Mentoring Program



WILBY HIGH SCHOOL
HOME OF THE WILDCATS



WHAT WE DO

Waterbury Hospital has been mentoring the entire ninth grade at Wilby High School since 2004 and we consider the Waterbury public schools our EMERGING WORKFORCE. The healthcare industry is the largest employer in the City of Waterbury and we are committed to ensuring that students have the information they need to prepare for the jobs that will be available in the future. We hope that our mentors will inspire students to invest in their futures and become successful and responsible members of our community.

SAMPLING OF MENTORING TOPICS

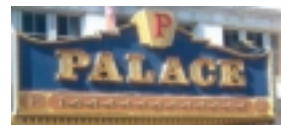
- Practical Money Skills
- Completing Job and College Applications
- Communication Skills
- Interviewing Tips and Mock Interviews
- Safe and Healthy Choices
- Hospital Visit
- Career Day
- Goal Setting and Choosing Career Academies
- Homeless-to-Harvard Movie

WATERBURY HOSPITAL YOUTH PIPELINE

DEAR PARENTS: WELCOME TO 2009/2010 MENTORING

As part of the Smaller Learning Communities and ATOMS Programs at Wilby High School, your child will be mentored in the classroom for one hour every other week by Waterbury Hospital mentors from October 2009 through May 2010. We follow our established mentoring curriculum with a variety of interesting activities to engage students and provide them with information they will need to make good choices in their academic careers. If you want to be informed of upcoming events in advance please complete and return the enclosed parent contact sheet to us. We are very excited to have the opportunity to mentor your child and trust that we will learn many things from each other during the next school year. All programs are provided free of charge to students.

Palace Theater



As a sponsor of fine programming at the Palace Theater, Waterbury Hospital is committed to donating tickets to the students in the mentoring program for various Palace performances. Ninth grade students may win a ticket by submitting an essay when a contest is announced.

Dinner at TGI Friday's and tickets will be provided.

Additional Components of the Youth Pipeline Project at Waterbury Hospital

- Spring Break Exploration Camp
- Wilby Emergency Medical Services (a new club on campus)
- Parent Leadership Training Institute (PLTI)
- Parents Supporting Educational Excellence (Parent SEE)
- Area Health Education Centers - National Health Service Corps.
- Medical Response Technician Training (Fall 2009)
- Post-Secondary Options Handbook (on request)
- 500 SAT Word Workbook (on request)
- 2010 Summer Bridge and Emergency Medical Technician Training



Photography Program

A limited number of students will participate in a photography project using Nikon Cool Pix cameras. They will learn how to use Power Point and Photo Shop Elements and will learn about photo composition, layout, editing and framing. Photography field trips may be scheduled. Photography will also be included in the Spring Break Camp and Summer Bridge Program.

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How Can Parents Get Involved?

- Ask your child for information about what is happening at mentoring every week.
- Encourage your student to submit applications when appropriate.
- Ensure that your child requests a Post-Secondary Handbook and SAT Workbook from their mentors.
- Participate in announced Parent Activities.
- Sign up for Parent SEE (January 2010) and PLTI (January 2010) to learn advocacy and leadership skills.
- Complete the attached parent contact form and return it to us so that we can mail program announcements to your home.