

## Bourne Public Schools

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## **Bourne High School Innovation Pathways Open House a Success**

**Over 300 Students, Parents and Families Attend Event**



*Chris Hyldburg, right, Founder and President of Alpha One Flight Services, speaks to two senior interns at the Innovation Pathways Open House at Bourne High School on Tuesday, Nov. 29. (Photo courtesy Bourne Public Schools)*

BOURNE -- Over 300 students, parents and supporters attended the Innovation Pathways Open House at Bourne High School on Tuesday, Nov. 29.

The event highlighted the district's programs that provide students with unique and comprehensive lessons and hands-on learning opportunities in a variety of fields and industries. Each of the high school's 37 senior interns were on-hand to talk to those in attendance about their internships and engage with people about their interests and experiences thus far.

"What a tremendous night for our senior interns and a great showcase of our Innovation Pathways program," Superintendent Quinlan-Zhou said. "We overheard so many people saying 'Wow, I wish we did this when I was in high school,' and it was truly a testament to the mission we have here in Bourne to create a well-rounded and robust learning experience. Not only are students gaining valuable experience in a number of highly sought-after fields, they're learning life skills about how to behave in a workplace setting, how to be dependable and accountable, and how to develop skills that will benefit them in their careers down the road."

Seniors are engaged internships in and around Bourne, including with the Bourne Police Department, Bourne Fire Department, Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Joint Base Cape Cod, Cape Cod Community College, and Bourne Public Schools.

Open to families and community members, the open house featured the District's new Innovation Pathways in Business/Finance and Environmental/Life Science, and also highlighted the planned Health Science pathway for 2023. This included a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the high school's new ambulance simulator and iMac Lab Business Suite, and a demonstration of the Sustainable Living Aquaponics Lab.

Students and families were able to explore the ambulance simulator and get hands-on with some of the medical training equipment. Some students hung out in the lounge area of the Business Suite, while others looked at the vegetation being grown in the Aquaponics Lab.

"Everyone had such a fun time seeing and hearing about all of the great programs we have here at BHS," Principal Amy Cetner said. "Under Career/Innovation Pathways Coordinator Ann-Marie Strode's tremendous dedication and leadership, we have been able to grow our Innovation Pathways program into something truly special."

The evening was capped off with a College and Career Readiness Panel discussion that included several speakers from local businesses and institutions. Panelists included:

- Mr. Chris Hyldburg, founder and owner of Alpha One Flight Services
- Dr. Frank Scarano , Professor and Chairperson of the Medical and Laboratory Sciences Department at University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth
- Mr. Michael Ortiz, Dean of Enrollment Management, and Chief Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer at Massachusetts Maritime Academy
- Mrs. Jessee Clements, 6-12 Curriculum Director for Bourne Public Schools and the newest member of the Innovation Pathways Team
- Mr. Michael Sasso, Aviation Maintenance Technology Program Director for Cape Cod Community College.

Panelists highlighted the benefits of a Bourne High School Pathways education and made recommendations to students regarding course selection, college admissions, and employment skill development. In addition, panelists illuminated the many gateways available to students upon completion of their high school studies.

Last week's open house followed the BHS Showcase for Grades 7 and 8 last month, where students and families learned about the different course offerings and programming at the high school, and met with students and staff.

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*Over 300 people attended the event to showcase the district's Innovation Pathways programs. (Photo courtesy Bourne Public Schools)*



*Left to right: Bourne Public Schools Superintendent Kerri Quinlan-Zhou, Bourne High School Principal Amy Cetner, and senior student Mackenzie McMaster taking part in a ribbon-cutting ceremony to unveil the new programs being offered at the school. (Photo courtesy Bourne Public Schools)*





*A group of Bourne High School senior interns hug and pose with Career/Innovation Pathways Coordinator Ann-Marie Strode, middle wearing red, during the open house event on Tuesday, Nov. 29. (Photo courtesy Bourne Public Schools)*



*Bourne High School seniors lined up to speak with those in attendance at the Innovation Pathways Open House about their internships on Tuesday, Nov. 29. (Photo courtesy Bourne Public Schools)*





*Senior interns were all smiles as they spoke to open house attendees about their experiences. (Photo courtesy Bourne Public Schools)*





*A family looking at Bourne High School's new ambulance simulator, which will be used to teach students about health science and medical care. (Photo courtesy Bourne Public Schools)*



*The Sustainable Living Aquaponics Lab was on display during the open house event on Tuesday, Dec. 5. (Bourne Public Schools)*



*Students hang out in the lounge area inside Bourne High School's new Business Suite during the open house event on Tuesday, Nov. 29. (Photo courtesy Bourne Public Schools)*





*Chris Hyldburg, Founder and President of Alpha One Flight Services, left, and Dr. Frank Scarano, Chairperson, Department of Medical Laboratory Science, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, speak during the panel discussion. (Photo courtesy Bourne Public Schools)*



*A group of Bourne High School senior interns pose for a photo during the Innovation Pathways Open House on Tuesday, Nov. 29. (Photo courtesy Bourne Public Schools)*

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