



Severna Park High School

Business, Innovation & Leadership

Business, Innovation, & Leadership Explorations

SPHS Signature Program hosts Virtual Entrepreneurial Fair!



Virtual learning posed an opportunity for the Business, Innovation, & Leadership Signature Program to pivot to a new platform. Students were able to participate in this year's event by using an interactive notebook that allowed students to choose from recorded guest entrepreneurs. Students in the BIL Explorations 1, Accounting, Leadership, AVID, Computer Science, Music, and various clubs attended the annual event virtually. They engaged in a passport style tour embedded with videos and guided questions focusing on the journeys of local entrepreneurs, their accomplishments, as well as their failures. This platform gave an opportunity to our local businesses featuring graphic designers, cake pop makers, physical therapists, fashion, clothing designers, and more. Student entrepreneur and previous Celebrated Signature Student Ellie Heath of Three Blue Bunnies showcased her recycled art clothing business as well. We are grateful for all the community members who came out to support this event! We appreciate the time and effort shared with our Falcons.

HOBY Leadership Seminar 2021!

Congratulations to Leadership 1 students, Zachary McGrath and Paige Davis, for being selected winner, and runner-up for their Leadership 1 essays. Students wrote essays about the benefits and drawbacks of being a leader in their community. Zachary McGrath will represent SPHS at the Hugh O' Brian Youth Leadership Conference taking place June 10-13, 2021 at Towson University.



The seminar focuses on providing outstanding high school students with an amazing opportunity to learn how to lead and make a difference. Representatives benefit from a vast network of innovative thinkers, organizations, institutions, and corporations that all work together to make the HOBY experience both life-changing and unforgettable.

<https://www.hoby.org/>



Jimmy Miller – Miller Custom Flags

CELEBRATED SIGNATURE STUDENT

Throughout this video series, we recognize students who own their own business or demonstrate skills in Leadership & Innovation. Jimmy Miller was chosen by his peers to highlight and promote his business to the SPHS student body. Jimmy has a successful custom palette flag business where he uses discarded palettes and other materials to create one-of-a-kind flags and signs. He works primarily out of his shed and markets his products in his neighborhood. Jimmy has been a member of business clubs since freshman year such as DECA and SkillsUSA. These skills will certainly carry over into his future career. Contact Jimmy via his Instagram @millercustomflags

SPHS Signature begins partnership with AACC offering the Business Transfer Pathway

Signature students are excited to start the first inaugural class of the Business Transfer Pathway this Spring. The pathway is a joint partnership with Anne Arundel Community College and SPHS's Business, Innovation & Leadership Signature Program that offers Students a steppingstone to a business or entrepreneurship degree. Beginning junior year, students may enroll in the program and earn 6 college credits. These include: "Introduction to Entrepreneurship" (ESI-103) & "Introduction to Business" (BPA-111) – taught on-location at SPHS. During senior year, Pathway to Business students may take 12 credits (four courses) at Anne Arundel Community College at the Arnold campus during the school day. After high school graduation, students can either attend AACC and complete an associate degree in business or entrepreneurship in approximately three full-time terms or request to transfer these courses to a four-year university. Many of these courses are required by Maryland public universities for a bachelor's degree in business. The 50% reduction in tuition (ECAP) rate is available to all students taking college classes while still enrolled in high school. Additional funding may be available through the Early College Access Grant (ECAG) program.

For more information about the program email jbrack@aacps.org



Upcoming Signature Events:

Business Advisory Board - March 9th, April 13th, May 11th
Travis Manion Character Matters Presentation – March 11th
ICST Meeting – March 23rd, May 25th
Leadership Institute Presenter - Rob Levit – March 18th
Financial Literacy Week- March 22nd – 29th
Financial Literacy Family Night- March 24th
Mock Interviews and Career Conversations - May 17th – 21st

Learn more by following us on Twitter [@SPHSisBILSig](https://twitter.com/SPHSisBILSig)

Chick-fil-A Leader Academy's "Do Good December Project" Supports the Community's Most Basic Needs



The Chick-fil-A Leader Academy Do Good December Food and Clothing Drive really piled up! The students collected over 300 pounds of canned goods and bags of clothing. The food was donated to the Anne Arundel County Food Bank and the clothing was donated to area charities. Being a proactive and forward-thinking student, Aidan Darling 10th Grader, submitted a grant request to the Chick-fil-A Foundation and was awarded \$2,000 for the upcoming IMPACT Project. This is the largest grant the club has received to date. Aidan detailed in the grant how the group will create Housewarming Kits for the Lighthouse Shelter of Annapolis. This project will help families as they transition out of the shelter and into their own homes. The students will be organizing a collection and fundraising drive to support these efforts.



Entrepreneurship Club Students Enter the 2021 Diamond Challenge Competition!

A team of four, Warren Anderson, Taylor Jarvis, Delanie Robertson, and Patrick Steel, from Business and Leadership classes, entered the youth international feasibility competition hosted by the University of Delaware. The team created a five-page business plan and a slide deck about their business, Secure Delivery Solutions. Solving the problem of delivery theft is not a small task but with a product like the PackageSafe the student team is a step closer to the goal. Diamond Challenge provides a great opportunity to take the world's stage and put their ideas to the test!