



# Severna Park High School

## Business, Innovation & Leadership

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### SPHS Team Jottle Wins Top Prize During Reginal Round at AACC & Competes as Semi-Finalists in University of Delaware's Diamond Challenge Business Concept Competition.

Teagan Schumann (10<sup>th</sup>), Amanda Vu (12<sup>th</sup>), Yasmeen Hembree (12<sup>th</sup>), and Ali Rohrs (12<sup>th</sup>) took the stage on February 26<sup>th</sup> and pitched Jottle; An idea for a web-based platform that aids students in taking easy, interactive, and memorable notes. Their pitch looked effortless and their concept was clear. Judges awarded them the top prize; \$1000 toward furthering their business idea. The semi-finalists worked on refining their concept for the international competition held at the University of Delaware. Unfortunately, The University of Delaware had to cancel the live summit but created a virtual competition complete with online mentors and speakers. The team will even attend a virtual gala awards ceremony. Good luck to team Jottle!



U.S. Small Business Administration



Congratulations to Edward Knox of the US Small Business Administration Baltimore District

SPHS is proud to announce our Partner of the Year, Deputy District Director of the U.S. SBA, Edward Knox! Mr. Knox has been an integral part of the Business, Innovation, and Leadership Integrated Community Stakeholders Team (ICST). Passionate about helping small businesses grow, he has spent countless hours meeting with the team to provide feedback, contacts and resources. Being a parent of a student is enough for some but not for Ed. He has been a willing volunteer and his advice has helped to position our budding entrepreneurs for success. We also support his help as an interviewer for our annual mock interviews. SPHS is very thankful for his years of service and dedication to our vision.



### Healthy Teen Wellness Fair

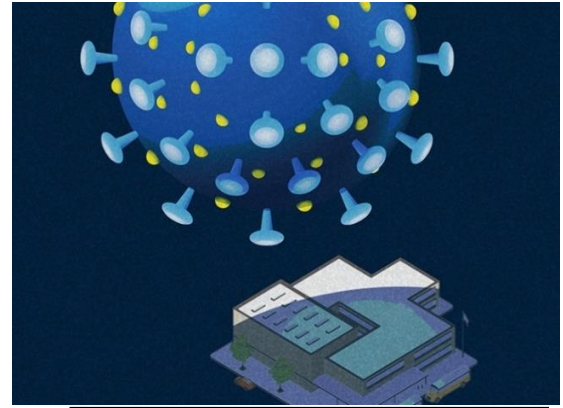
Over 500 SPHS students welcomed 22 different volunteer groups on February 6<sup>th</sup> to the annual Healthy Teen Wellness Fair. Students engaged in activities and information sessions pertaining to healthy life styles such as diet choices, stress/anxiety reduction, and online presence.



## E-Learning & Building Business Skills

Who would have thought that school buildings would be closed due to an unforeseen pandemic? Everyone from teachers, students and parents have had to embrace e-learning on a large scale. There are some positives that come with this experience. While not an ideal situation, facing the challenge head on can help to build persistence.

Communications skills, key in business, are front and center with E-Learning. Students can utilize the time to improve reading and writing skills; Practicing clear writing and responding to emails and personal comments from teachers in a professional tone. Students learn to read directions carefully and create a product that fits the specific requirements necessary to receive a positive outcome. There are many basic technical skills that E-Learning can improve like troubleshooting both computer and multi-media communication platforms. Self-motivation and independence naturally grow as students become more engaged. We all want to be in school and we acknowledge that the struggle is real. However, there is a silver lining. Lessons in flexibility, being dynamic and building open-mindedness are being learned. This class of students will have an advantage over others because of the real-world skills they are developing for college and future careers. They will be known for their level of adaptability and that is good for business!



### 7 Tips for Online Learning!

1. Be positive
2. Get organized—and stay organized
3. Establish a routine
4. Set personal goals
5. Make the most of your resources
6. Start on track and stay on track
7. Limit your time **online**

**Global Community Citizenship Class Create Board Games about Severna Park!** Freshman students developed games based on Severna Park history employing essential skills learned during their GCC class.



## Chick-fil-A Leader Academy Impact Project Receives Grant for \$750



Service to the community is what this club is all about! The 5<sup>th</sup> year of this club was full of activities including assembling care packages for Operation Gratitude and book collections for the local Orphan Grain Train. The club also was awarded a \$750 grant that will be donated to the organization. For more information about what you can do volunteer or donate to this great cause please visit <https://www.ogt.org/branches/maryland/>.

