



## **Annual Report FY 2017**

### **All Cape Cod In-Service Day –**

Every year the Youth Council has the opportunity to lead a professional development workshop for guidance counselors, school adjustment counselors, social workers and teachers as part of the All Cape In-Service Day. On November 7th Deb Martin in conjunction with Brandy Brooks of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health presented “S” Word, the role of schools in preventing suicide”. The well attended workshop attracted over 50 educators and guidance professionals.

### **All Cape Cod Day of Service/MLK Day –**

CIWIB Youth Council partnered with the Barnstable County AmeriCorps and the Cape Cod High Schools to participate in the Martin Luther King Day of Service. The event took place on Monday January 17<sup>th</sup>, at Dennis-Yarmouth High School. This event challenges students to make it a “day on, not a day off”. Each year the theme of the event is different, this year, the event focused on homelessness. Toiletries and new clothing items were collected prior to the event at multiple sites throughout Cape Cod. On the day of the event, the students made bags with messages of hope and filled them with the previously collected items. AmeriCorps handled the distribution of the bags to various organizations across Cape Cod. The Youth Council students participated in this event and were instrumental in gaining support from their high schools. The following schools participated in this event: Barnstable High School, Bourne High School, Dennis-Yarmouth High School, Mashpee High School, Monomoy High School.

### **Residential Construction Career Day –**

On Thursday October 13, 2017 the second annual Residential Construction Career Day was held at the Cape Cod Fair Grounds. This event is a collaboration between the Cape & Islands Workforce Investment Board and The Home Builders and Remodelers Association of Cape Cod. Upwards of 350 Cape Cod 9-12 grade students attended this event. The purpose of this event is to bring awareness to high school students, career & guidance counselors, educators and administrators about the opportunities for careers on Cape Cod within the construction fields. Students were provided with hands-on learning opportunities, as well as the opportunity to speak with industry professionals regarding future employment, job shadow as well as internships possibilities. Students were exposed to the complete process of building, buying, owning and maintaining a home. Students received information on related careers available to them such as: architecture, engineering, sales, marketing, financial services, carpentry, green building, smart technology, building and remodeling, landscaping, energy management, utilities and business management. RCCD assists students with creating career pathways within an industry so prominent on Cape Cod. In addition to the exhibits students also took part in a panel discussion regarding careers and industry specifics within the construction field. Opening the event to 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders was one the changes that was incorporated into the event this year. As with inaugural event, several of our partner schools provided instrumental support. Cape Cod Tech once again, provided lunch for our students and chaperones and Mashpee High School provided all of the printed materials for the event along with the local television coverage, which was provided by Shane Kinsman of MashpeeTV.

### **Youth Council Interns –**

This year we had six Youth Council interns representing three different high schools: Barnstable, Mashpee and Monomoy. These six interns were highly engaged in various activities throughout the school year including bringing our Leadership Academy speaker to the March Youth Council meeting. The students were an important part of our youth council, not only did they participate in meetings they suggested and implemented activities that the council participated in. At our March meeting, our student interns were tasked with creating a presentation on a topic that is important to Cape Cod teens, this year the topics our teens chose were: healthy teen dating relationships and teen stress. Our students participated in activities with the Independence House, the YMCA, the Cape Cod Boys & Girls Club, Cape Cod Mini Maker Faire, AmeriCorps, Bourne HS and Mashpee HS. We are graduating five seniors, they will be attending following colleges: Brown University, Boston University, Eastern Connecticut State College, University of Rhode Island and Westfield State University. Our rising senior, Ilya Boyd will take on a leadership role within the youth council, which will prove beneficial to our new students.

### **Scholarship Committee –**

The scholarship committee received 35 scholarship applications this year, which is a slight increase from last year. As we have done in the past, we launched an aggressive social media campaign as well as communication via our weekly newsletter along with strong communication to our high school partners to bring awareness to this opportunity. We awarded four \$500 scholarships the awardees represented: a technical school, a state school and two private universities. We received scholarship applications from the following schools: Barnstable High School, Cape Cod Tech High School, Dennis-Yarmouth High School, Falmouth High School, Mashpee High School, Monomoy High School, and Upper Cape Tech High School.

### **Credit for Life –**

The Director of Youth Services participated in the Credit for Life reality fair at most of the Cape Cod High Schools this year, including Martha's Vineyard who participated in their first event. In most Cape Cod high schools Credit for Life is an activity for seniors, which provides them with a taste of financial reality. Students learn how to make well informed financial decisions about saving, spending, and budgeting. Students select a career, which has corresponding salary, and must manage their projected month income. Students visit a series of booths, which are often staffed by business and community partners. Cape Cod Five Bank sponsors this very worthy activity for our Cape Cod high school students. Currently, all of our School to Career partners participate in this event.

### **ArtWorks –**

ArtWorks celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year, with a restructuring of the program. After successfully having the program based at the Heritage Museum & Gardens, we opted to run program in-house, as it was initially done twenty years ago. We held three successful exhibits, two at Cape Cod Media Center and our larger celebratory event at the Higgins Gallery located onsite at Cape Cod Community College. We welcomed seven new mentors into the program this year, all of whom bring an array of talent and creativity, as without our mentors this program would not exist. We also opened enrollment to 10<sup>th</sup> grade students, who are vitally important in assisting us with the creation of a creative pipeline, that will help support the arts on Cape Cod. Our students took part in internship experiences within the areas of fashion design, drawing, painting, photography, jewelry making and design. Within each of these internship experiences students completed at minimum 40 hours of one-on-one artistic mentoring, which also included in-depth exposure to the creative economy on Cape Cod.

In January, Emma Fahle, a 2016 Dennis-Yarmouth High School graduate was honored at the State House, through Mass Mentoring for her participation in the ArtWorks program. Emma participated in a panel discussion regarding the importance of mentoring. Emma recently completed her freshman year at Wheaton College where she is studying music and is also part of the acappella musical group the Wheaton Whims.

### **Leadership Academy –**

Each year we sponsor two Leadership Academy events, one in the fall and another in the spring. On Friday November 4 a group of 50 students in grades 9-10 convened at Dennis-Yarmouth High School to participate in a day of activities centered around leadership. The students took part in workshops facilitated by the Cape & Islands District Attorney's Office, the Independence House and Career Opportunities.

On June 5, 45 students in grades 6-10 participated in our second event of the year, which took place at Camp Lyndon. The staff at Camp Lyndon provided our students with a number of activities involving leadership, sportsmanship and team building. Our students also had the opportunity to hear from Maddie Walter, a student from Westwood who suffered a traumatic brain injury two years ago. Maddie delivered a strong message to our students regarding perseverance, strength and goal setting. Our Youth Council teens were instrumental in coordinating Maddie's visit. The following schools have participated in Leadership Academy this year: Barnstable High School, Bourne High School, Dennis-Yarmouth High School, Mashpee High School, and Sturgis Charter School.

### **Amp it Up Grant –**

The CIWIB was awarded an Amp it Up grant in the amount of 10K from the Mass Development. The Amp it Up grant is to bring awareness to students, parents, guidance counselors and educators on how advanced manufacturing careers can put students on the path to success. Advanced manufacturing creates some of the world's most sought-after products: video games, green-energy technology, sophisticated robots, high powered lasers, cutting edge software and pioneering medical devices just to name a few. With our grant we opted to take a two-tiered approach. First linking with the Cape Cod Mini Maker Faire and their robotics competition and the second linking with our employer partner, Onset Computer to educate students on careers within engineering and manufacturing.

Each of our school partners who participated in the robotics competition were awarded \$625.00, this money was to be utilized to purchase robot kits and items for their robotics team. Onset generously made a donation to the Cape Cod Mini Maker Faire, and also participated in the event. The following schools participated in the CCMMF's robotics competition: Barnstable High School, Bourne High School, Cape Cod Tech High School, Dennis-Yarmouth High School, Mashpee High School, Monomoy High School, Nantucket High School, and Upper Cape Cod Tech.

### **DESE STEM Grant –**

In February of 2017 CIWIB was awarded a 12K grant from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). The grant was designed to support underrepresented high school populations in STEM fields by offering career exploration and immersion experiences. The CIWIB partnered with Mashpee Middle High School with this grant, creating a STEM Fellowship Pipeline. The target populations were: females, economically disadvantaged students and minorities. The STEM Fellowship Pipeline will generate interest in STEM Career fields through Career Exploration and Immersion activities using innovation technologies. The STEM Fellows participated in a number of activities including attending the Girls STEM Summit at Regis College on April 2 and the Cape Cod Maker Faire, where students displayed projects. Through this grant, MMHS also implemented a National Technical Honor Society in the Spring of 2017.

### **Wellness Summit –**

On May 18<sup>th</sup>, the "Youth Summit: My Choice Matters", this inaugural event took place at Cape Cod Community College. The event drew students from several Cape Cod middle and high schools; including several of our partner schools: Cape Cod Tech High School, Dennis-Yarmouth High School, Mashpee Middle/High School and Monomoy High School. The event was to educate students on positive choices and healthy behaviors. Students took part in small group activities and discussions regarding substance abuse and also had the opportunity to hear a panel discussion from students in recovery.

### **Connecting Activities FY16 Annual Report Highlights –**

During FY16, over half of the state's 398 high schools were partners in the Connecting Activities initiative. Over 10,258 students were placed in internships at 3,679 employer sites. Over 7,200 students utilized the Massachusetts Work Based Learning Plan (WBLP). The WBLP assists with both learning and productivity at the jobsite, as well as connecting classroom learning to the work-based learning experiences. Recent Barnstable High School graduate, Chris Gardner was featured in the Connecting Activities FY16 Report. Through the internship program at Barnstable High School, Chris was offered an internship at Hyannis Fire Department. Interns at this station are provided with an authentic hands-on experience. Throughout the year, Chris participated in calls, rides in both the ambulance and on the fire truck. Chris also enrolled in the EMT course at Cape Cod Community College in the fall of his senior year. Chris is currently studying Fire Science at Cape Cod Community College and working fulltime for Cape Cod Ambulance as an EMT.

### **School to Career Partners –**

- Bourne High School
- Barnstable High School
- Cape Cod Regional Technical High School
- Dennis Yarmouth Regional High School
- Falmouth High School
- Martha's Vineyard Regional High School
- Mashpee Middle High School
- Nantucket High School
- Southeast Alternative High School
- Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical High School