



Vermont Career Connect

Thursday, November 16th | 10:00am - 11:15am

Virtual Career Panel *for* 7th & 8th Graders

7th and 8th grade classes are invited to join us for a facilitated career exploration Q&A that will help students think about the future, explore new possibilities, and hear directly from speakers about their work.

Presenter **Mat Barewicz** of the *Vermont Department of Labor* will kick off the event by highlighting Vermont's high-pay, high-demand jobs. Panel Moderator **Kathi Terami** of *Careers CLiC* will close by facilitating student reflections and sharing career exploration resources.

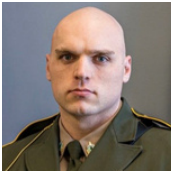
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Meet the Panelists



Stephane Katende
Software Engineer
Control Technologies

Stephane grew up in Congo, Africa and moved to Vermont when he was 11 years old. He picked up a love for computers at Colchester MS and graduated early from Colchester HS in 2019. He earned his BS in Software Engineering at VTC. He currently works as an HVAC engineer in Williston, Vermont for Control Technologies, a private HVAC contractor. He has been interning with the company since he was a junior and was offered a full-time role upon graduating. Stephane is ready to take on the corporate world and put his knowledge to use and make people's life easier with technology. Outside of work he likes to relax with friends, bike, play video games, listen to music, and code to pass time.



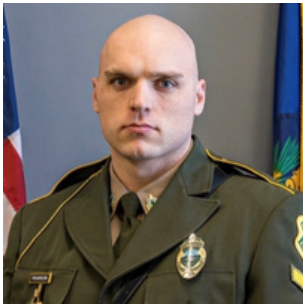
Sara Wilmot, M.Ed
School Counselor
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Sara grew up in Strafford, VT. She attended Washington College in Maryland for two years, studied abroad in South Africa and graduated from Johnson State College with a BA in Psychology. Upon graduation, Sara worked in community mental health for six years. While she loved her work, Sara was drawn toward the school environment. She graduated from Plymouth State University with an M.Ed in School Counseling in 2009. Sara was the school counselor at Newbury Elementary School for four years and then at Plainfield School for three years. Sara currently works at Hanover High School and received the New Hampshire School Counselor of the Year award in 2021. Sara is grateful to work in the same district as her own kids (ages 14, 11 & 7) and enjoys spending time with her family!



Halley Riley-Elliott
Vehicle Maintenance Manager
Killington Resort

Halley hails from Mt Holly and attended Black River High School. She thought she would specialize in nursing, and earned her LNA certification through Stafford Tech Center in high school. However, during her junior year, she bought a Jeep Wrangler that needed work, and fell in love with working on cars. Helping some friends out as they repaired an excavator solidified her interest in heavy equipment. Halley graduated from VTC's Diesel Power Technology program in 2021 and is now the Vehicle Maintenance Manager for the snowcat fleet at Killington Resort. When not turning wrenches, Halley has been participating in the pageant circuit for the past three years, aiming to inspire other young women to follow their dreams and promoting women in male-dominated trades. Outside of work she also enjoys snowboarding, hiking, fishing and other outdoor activities.



Trooper Griffin Pearson
Vermont State Trooper
Vermont State Police – St. Johnsbury Barracks

Trooper Pearson is originally from Michigan but currently resides in Vermont with his wife (Lauren), son (Thatcher), and dog (Harley). He studied Government at Liberty University and subsequently served as a police officer in Maryland and Virginia upon graduation. He later went on to complete his Master of Divinity while concurrently working in vocational ministry, with an emphasis on international and domestic engagement & partnerships. He has since transitioned to his current role as a Vermont State Trooper with the Vermont State Police (VSP). He has served out of the St. Johnsbury Barracks for the past two years, but works around the state on VSP's Critical Action Team (CAT).