



Vermont Career Connect

Wednesday, November 19th | 10:00am - 11:00am

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.

For more information on the event and panelists, visit
www.vsac.org/vermont-career-connect



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Meet the Panelists



Anthony Bambara
Head Boxing Coach & Owner
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Anthony is the head boxing coach and owner of Combat Fitness MMA in Winooski, and brings with him over 20 years of boxing and martial arts competition experience; including in-camp coaching and programming for professional boxers. Combined with his B.S. in Exercise Science and 10+ year-career as a professional strength and conditioning coach, he guides athletes in and out of the ring. Only a coach so dedicated to the sport could make it his full-time job!



David Saladino
Civil Engineer
VHB

Dave's love for building LEGO cities, making dams in streams, and studying maps led him to pursue a bachelor's degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of Delaware. While studying, Dave became fascinated with traffic engineering, as it combined technical engineering practices with topics like psychology and sociology – as people don't always drive the way an engineering formula would predict! Dave was also excited to help design improvements that help make communities better places to live. That thread of helping make communities better has been a constant theme throughout Dave's career, which has included working within a City's Department of Public Works, at a Regional Planning Commission, and, currently, at a professional consulting engineering company. Dave is a licensed Civil Engineer, currently serving as VHB's Northern New England Regional Operations Manager and oversees ~300 engineers, planners, and scientists across New England. Dave lives in Williston, where he enjoys life with his two kids and his gardens, contributing both professionally and personally to his community.



Ashlee Flanagan
Aquatic Animal Veterinarian
Mote Science Education Aquarium

Ashlee grew up in Western Massachusetts and from a young age she knew she wanted to work with animals. She received her Bachelor's of Science in Veterinary Technology from Mount Ida College (now part of UMass) in Newton, MA. While working as a Certified Veterinary Technician in Boston, Ashlee realized she wanted to continue her education to become a veterinarian. She was accepted to University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine and received her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) in 2016. Along with small animals, Ashlee has always had a passion for the ocean and its creatures. She took specialized courses during veterinary school to learn more about aquatic animal medicine and to network with veterinarians working in the field. Now she works as an aquatic animal veterinarian at Mote Science Education Aquarium in Sarasota, Florida. There she works with creatures as small as shrimp and as large as manatees. She also works in a small animal hospital with dogs and cats. In her free time, you can find Ashlee at the beach, boating, or attending sports games with her 3 sons.



Scott Pellegrini
Waitstaff
Several Restaurants in Northern Vermont

Scott grew up in Vermont, attending Mt. Abraham Union High School before heading to the University of Richmond where he earned a BA in Economics. Scott has worked as part or full time waitstaff for nearly 15 years and also brings a broad career perspective thanks to work in financial services, renewable energy, technology, hospitality, marketing, sales, higher education and the ski resort industry. No matter how deep he got into other pursuits, the lessons and work ethic he learned waiting tables went everywhere Scott went and consistently impacted his work. Scott has long enjoyed the lifestyle, culture and people of the restaurant industry and thrives on creating incredible guest experiences through engaging, but unfussy hospitality. Scott, along with his business partners, now plan to open a restaurant together in the coming months. Scott's excited to build a community meeting place in one of Vermont's incredible small towns and looks forward to a life of service and hospitality to his guests and staff alike. In his spare time, you'll find him snowboarding, gardening, boating and spending quality time with his wife and dogs.