Vermont Career Connect

Wednesday, November 18th | 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



Devon McGarry
Campus Recruiter & Talent Marketing Specialist
Husky Technologies

Devon leads outreach and workforce development initiatives at Husky Technologies in Milton, VT. He grew up in Massachusetts and moved to Vermont to attend Champlain College. There, he earned a Bachelor's degree in Communication and chose to make Vermont his home. After college, Devon worked in radio for 11 years, both on air and behind the scenes. He then returned to Champlain as an Adjunct Professor. Today, he helps students and job seekers find career paths that fit their goals. He also supports staff training and skill development in advanced manufacturing. Devon enjoys helping people explore careers in the trades, build new skills, and find work that fits their interests and strengths. Outside of work, he enjoys songwriting and performing with his rock band.



Maya Jerose
Developmental Educator & Service Coordinator
Early Intervention

Maya grew up in Fairfield, VT. In 2025, she graduated from the University of Maine, Orono with a B.A. in Communication Sciences & Disorders and minors in Education & Child Development and Family Relations. In college, Maya spent two years on a research team studying interventions that helped deaf and hard of hearing children with language learning. She also helped with hearing tests in an audiology clinic. In her free time, she enjoyed ultimate frisbee and time outdoors. After college, Maya joined Early Intervention as a Developmental Educator and Service Coordinator where she works with children ages 0-3 and their families. She helps assess children's needs, coordinates services, and provides activities to support their growth. This work helps children with delays in language, movement, and social-emotional skills. Maya is now applying to graduate school to earn a master's degree in Speech-Language Pathology.



Matt Peak
Master Electrician
VHV Company

As a child, Matt loved the automatic breakfast machines in movies like Back to the Future and Flubber. This sparked his interest in how electrical and mechanical systems can make machines run. He began his career as an electrical apprentice. Soon after, he worked at companies such as Ben & Jerrys and Perrigo Infint, which had fully automated production lines. More recently, Matt joined the automation team at VHV Company. He now focuses on the design and sales of automated HVAC systems.



Vanessa B. Kittell, Esq.
Lawyer
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Vanessa is a seventh-generation Vermonter who grew up in Fairfield, where she now lives with her husband. She graduated from Reed College in 1996 and worked as a speech writer for the U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary from 1999 to 2001. She later earned advanced degrees in Law and Bioethics from the University of Pennsylvania. From 2006 to 2008, she worked as a Vermont court law clerk, then joined Kissane Associates. In 2014, she opened her own law practice, VBK Law, where she leads a team of four in representing injured Vermonters. Vanessa has served in leadership roles on statewide and local boards related to law, healthcare, planning & zoning, and transportation. Outside work, she enjoys cross-country skiing in her sugar woods and summers on Lake Champlain.

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