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# *A Summer of Celebration*



**AVIDSUCCESS**  
ALUMNI NETWORK

Sometimes a summer is so full of celebration and positive momentum it is hard to lament how quickly the warm, sunny days are passing. From THE Party in June celebrating 10 years of GHS AVID graduates to the laughter and learning that took place during the Transition to College workshops in July, our community and network is growing - TOGETHER.

Before the crisp fall air rolls in, I hope y'all find inspiration in the stories of the past 3 months and feel energized by all that is to come. We are building something special and so glad you are part of it!

*Trish*

AVID SUCCESS Program Director

## 10 YEARS OF COLLEGE DREAMS 2013 - 2023



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## LAUNCHING THE AVID SUCCESS ALUMNI NETWORK

325+ AVID Alumni are now part of the newly formed AVID SUCCESS Alumni Network (ASAN). The Alliance is expanding resources and support for AVID students and families from high school graduation, through college and into their professional careers.

The ASAN is dedicated to fostering the personal and professional growth of all GHS AVID Alumni. We are a diverse and inclusive community providing a network of resources for members to engage, learn and connect. Through programs and initiatives, the ASAN empowers all members to reach their goals and achieve success.



Building Networks



## TRANSITION TO COLLEGE

AVID23 IS READY!

AVID23 alumni took time out of their busy summer schedules to participate in six workshops to prepare for the transition to college in the fall. We are grateful to the United Way of Greenwich and the Fairfield County's Community Foundation for their generous grants to fund programming and to the YMCA of Greenwich for providing a beautiful space for learning and laughter.

Trish Rohr, AVID SUCCESS Program Director and educator, provided insights on academic success on campus, organizing time, tasks & materials, the magic of a to-do list and the importance of utilizing campus resources. Students spent time familiarizing themselves with their specific college's information and services so they can hit the ground running! AVID Alumni shared experiences and stories from their time as college students, and Nancy Kail taught personal finance and paying for college strategies. The Greenwich Department of Health presented tips on staying safe on campus and gave guidelines for healthy nutritional habits. Community partner & Alliance supporter, Michael Chambers of the Heidenreich Foundation, entertained with his stories while inviting the students to put his contact in their phones as a future resource. The sessions culminated with Board Member and Coach Ivonne Zucco's conversation with AVID parents about family adjustments to having a college student. Her facilitated discussion in Spanish led to a vibrant session that addressed many questions and concerns. AVID23 teachers, Mary Beth Liu and Megan Ostruzka, wrapped up our time together with well wishes for a very successful semester (and ice cream sundaes).

The Alliance is committed to being a resource for AVID Alumni and parents and looks forward to building connections and networks of support.

## ALLIANCE SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

FALL SEMESTER 2023

**48 AWARDS**

**\$882,000**  
AWARDED TO DATE

**\$80,000**

"From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank you for your help in providing a scholarship for this upcoming year. This means the world to my family and me, and it has brought a sense of relief to us all."

"I just wanted to say thank you so much! I truly appreciate you and the work done at the Alliance, as well as supporting my academic and professional journey. This is a true honor, and I will forever remain motivated."

"Thank you all so much again for the scholarship money these past three to four years. It's been a huge weight off my shoulders to have any sort of financial aid to help lessen the need of private loans to pay off for school."



Kayaking Connects AVID Alumni  
at LL Bean in New Rochelle  
August 2023

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## UP NEXT | Fall 2023

### AVID23

Building upon the Transition to College workshops this summer, coaching sessions via Zoom will be offered bi-monthly to all AVID23 Alumni. The small group, student-centered sessions will be a safe space to talk about real-time experiences in college and collectively problem solve and celebrate successes.

### AVID SUCCESS Alumni Network

Workshops focused on career & professional topics such as Building a Personal Network, Jumpstarting the Job Search, Resume Building and Creating Your LinkedIn Profile are being planned for the Fall.

Leadership & internship opportunities including Alum to Alum Mentoring and Class Ambassadors.

A dedicated webpage to increase engagement with expanded resources, connections and information.

## STAY CONNECTED



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We are here for YOU – Reach out anytime!

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