

UPDATE NEWSLETTER

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Welcome Our New Director of Marketing

We are excited to announce that League School for Autism has hired Sabrina Manno as the new Director of Marketing. In this new role, Sabrina will oversee marketing and brand management for school promotion, communications, and public relations to families, staff, key stakeholders, and the autism community.

Prior to joining League School, Sabrina held several marketing management roles in the



education and nonprofit/human services sectors. As the parent of a young man with autism and founder of a California-based nonprofit organization for neurodiverse individuals, she utilizes her personal and professional experience in building awareness for League School and the children and families it serves. Welcome Sabrina!

League School Hosts, Attends Educational Conferences



DISTRICT WORKSHOP: IMPLEMENTING THE NEW IEP FORM

The League School will once again be hosting special ed professionals from around the state at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center in Dedham for a district workshop on "Implementing the New IEP Form."



LEAGUE SCHOOL DAZZLES AT NAPSEC CONFERENCE

The League School's Director of Neurodiversity & Inclusion, Lindsay Wagner, and its Coordinator of Vocational & Career Services, Amy Faraone, recently presented at the NAPSEC Leadership Conference in Savannah, Georgia. They discussed

This workshop will take place on Friday, March 22, and promises to be a highly informative and collaborative event for those in attendance.

<u>Click HERE to register and learn more</u> about this IEP workshop and scheduled presenters.

League School's unique approach to supporting neurodiverse students in gaining the critical skills and confidence to help them transition from school-based to community-based employment. Their session was met with very positive feedback from conference attendees! Great job, Lindsay and Amy!

Save the Date: League School's 2024 Fundraisers

League School for Autism is excited to announce the dates for its 2024 fundraising events:

League Strong Bike-A-Thon April 5th-7th: Our Annual Bike-A-Thon will return to the Vanderbilt Club in Norwood this year with virtual options available once again. The 3-day event takes place between April 5-7 with many ways to participate, including in-person at Vanderbilt Club, in-person at Old Colony



YMCA Stoughton, virtual ride-on-your-own, virtual group Peloton, ride-on-your-own on the road, and a celebratory evening at Castle Island Brewing in Norwood. Get ready to pedal and raise funds for League School! <u>Click HERE to learn more.</u>

5K Walk/Run for Autism May 11th: The Annual Walk-Run event promises to be fun for the entire family again this year. This popular event happens at the League School campus located in Walpole on Saturday, May 11th. Participants of all ability levels are welcome to take part. Come walk (or run) to show your support for League School and enjoy a fun-filled day bringing together families, staff, supporters and the community.

"Fore" Autism Golf Classic June 10th League School returns to the beautiful Franklin Country Club for its Annual Golf Classic golf tournament. This highly anticipated day on the greens is scheduled for Monday, June 10th. Join as a single player or bring your team. Either way, you'll find a little friendly competition and perhaps an ace in the hole.

52nd Falmouth Road Race August 18th: The historic seven-mile Falmouth Road Race will once again include our very own League School for Autism team. This annual race down an iconic course along the sea will occur on Sunday, August 18th. It takes a great team to make a great League and your support for team members is essential!

Night of Champions September 19th: The League School's largest fundraiser of the year will take place at the amazing Four Points Sheraton Hotel in Norwood on Thursday, September 19th. It's an extraordinary night of auction treasures, hero tributes, and school triumphs. Mark this date on your calendar -- you won't want to miss it!

We hope you will join us for these fun and exciting events, and look out for more information on each fundraiser as the date approaches.

Got questions or want to get involved? Please contact League School Special Events Coordinator, Michelle Melanson, at mmelanson@leagueschool.com or call 508-850-3900 ext.



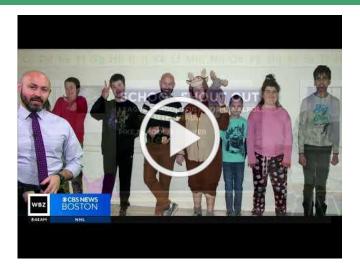








WBZ Meteorologist Visit



We look great on TV! The League School for Autism received a special Shout Out from WBZ Meteorologist Jacob Wycoff this past Saturday morning following his visit and presentations to students on Thursday, January 25. Students were able to ask questions about weather and what it's like to be a meteorologist. It turns out that we have some aspiring meteorologists in our midst, who were especially thrilled to get their photo taken with Jacob. Many thanks to Jacob and WBZ for the visit, and to Maureen Moseley on our Vocational team for arranging the event.

League Shout Out



Civics Comes to Life

Some of our League School students were lucky enough to take a field trip recently to the Massachusetts State House with their history class. It was a great way for our students to learn about local politics and history, and see first-hand how our government operates. The Massachusetts State House is the seat of government and state capitol for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and is located in the Beacon Hill neighborhood of Boston.

Community Award

Congratulations to League School's Chief Financial Officer, Ismael DaSilva and his wife Maria, who were recently awarded the *Visionary* and *Founders Awards*



by the new leadership of the Cape Verdean American Community Development of Rhode Island. The award presentation was made during the group's 30th Anniversary Gala.



Neurodiversity Employment Meeting

The next meeting of the Neurodiversity Employment Partnership will take place virtually on February 8th at 4 p.m. The partnership includes the League School, Old Colony YMCA - Stoughton, LifeWorks, Brockton ARC, Amego, and other organizations dedicated to improving employment options for neurodiverse individuals. League School continues to facilitate the development of a 2-hour workshop and networking event for potential employers regarding the benefits of hiring neurodiverse employees. The event is scheduled for April 4th from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Old Colony YMCA - Stoughton. For more information about the Neurodiversity Employment Partnership, contact CEO Larry Sauer via email at Isauer@leagueschool.com or call 508-850-3900 ext. 301.



Prom Returns June 7th

The League School's Second Annual Prom will be held on Friday, June 7th at the fabulous Four Points Sheraton Hotel located in Norwood. Last year's prom was a terrific night of fun and games, with activities suited for our students and their specific needs, and this year's event promises to be even better. Check out our social media channels for ways to donate to making this year's prom a huge success!



Legislative Breakfast March 22nd

Mark your calendars for another Legislative Breakfast at the League School for Autism. The event will take place on Friday, March 22nd from 10 a.m. until noon. Don't miss the chance to talk directly with our local legislators about their plans for supporting neurodiverse individuals. Parents, partners and supporters are welcome to join us. For more information or to participate, contact League School Special Events Coordinator, Michelle Melanson, via email at mmelanson@leagueschool.com or via phone at 508-850-3900 x312.









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