

# 2009 Programs & Activities

## Energy Awareness & Career Exploration Program



AABE-CT hosted its 3rd Annual Energy Awareness and Career Exploration Program for approximately 135 students and chaperones. Students from New Haven, and Waterbury middle and high schools participated in the event. "Green Energy" was the focus of the scheduled activities.

Rodney Powell, President and Chief Operating Officer, Yankee Gas provided opening remarks to the attendees. He spoke earnestly about his personal experiences and encouraged the young people to set goals and work diligently.

Interactive exhibits on energy conservation, and climate change were set-up by the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund. These displays provided valuable learning opportunities for those attending. A special activity on renewable energy was lead by Rebecca Meyer, Northeast Utilities (NU), Sr. Program Administrator. Students were treated to presentations on Smart Grid Technology and Electric Cars given by Camilo Serna, and Watson Collins of Northeast Utilities. High School students were provided a tour of NU's Emergency Operations Center by its Director, Mark Fanelli. To round out the evening NU Human Resources Sr. Consultant, Diane Popko provided information on careers associated with the energy industry with special emphasis on the upcoming wave of "green" jobs. AABE-CT chapter members were on hand to talk with students one on one and shared information about their career paths. The event was held on Thursday, November 19, 2009 at Northeast Utilities (NU) Headquarters in Berlin, CT.

Some of the careers represented included:  
Engineers/Technicians; Communications/Public Affairs/Community Relations; Line Workers; Governmental Affairs; Regulatory Affairs; Customer Service; Human Resources, Finance; Information & Technology; and Marketing

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CT Energy Efficiency Fund exhibits



Students participating in the tour of NU's Emergency Operations Center.



Camilo Serna, NU Director of Strategic Planning Energy Productivity giving presentation on Smart Grid Technology



Left to Right: Joyce Lewis, NU Customer Service Rep.; Kammy Spence, NU Customer Service Supervisor; Lukanya Wilborn, NU, Customer Service Supervisor, AABE-CT Chapter members.

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## AABE-CT Partners with Granville Academy

Pictured Joyce Lewis, speaking with the students of Granville Academy.



AABE-CT continues to work closely with Waterbury's Granville Academy to ensure students are prepared for the shift toward green energy careers. In October AABE-CT conducted two workshops to middle school and high school students concerning new opportunities associated with green energy technology. Granville Academy is a national organization focused on preparing African American students to excel in the business world.

## Annual Golf & Bowling Fund-raisers

In an effort to continue building the Connecticut Chapter's scholarship program, Bowling for Scholars and a Golf Tournament were held in September and October. Both events had record attendance and support. Special thanks to Connecticut Light & Power and the United Illuminating Company for their continued support.



Pictured **The winners and still champions!!**  
**Highest team average . . . "The Untouchables"**



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## AABE-CT Scholarship Awards Reception



Pictured left  
Lee Olivier, NU Exec.  
V.P & COO and  
scholarship recipient  
Feizhen Dang



Pictured Right:  
Tony Vallillo, UI Presi-  
dent & COO with Mrs.  
Mitchell (mother of  
scholarship recipient  
Amy Mitchell)

Five students were awarded a total of \$8,500 in scholarship funds at the AABE-CT Chapter Annual Scholarship reception. Three students received \$2,500 scholarships, while two earned special scholarship awards of \$500 each. The event was held on July 15 at the Northeast Utilities Corporate office and featured award presentations by business leaders from Northeast Utilities, and United Illuminating. The evening's keynote speaker was Maurice Mosley, President & Chief Executive Officer of Granville Academy of Waterbury, a former state legislator.

Scholarship were awarded to: Feizhen Dang, Amy Mitchell, Miguel Mora (awarded \$2,500) and Deborah Silva, and Ashley Gil (awarded \$500)

To date the Connecticut Chapter has awarded over thirty scholarships totaling \$78,500.

## AABE-CT Awards Special Certificate to Retiring CL&P Executive

A certificate of appreciation was presented to Raymond Necci at his retirement celebration. Ray has been a long standing supporter of the AABE CT Chapter and has been particularly helpful with the Scholarship program. Lorenzo Marshall, AABE-CT President presented the certificate to officially acknowledge Ray's assistance.

Pictured left to right Margo Jackson, NU Public Affairs Specialist, Lorenzo Marshall, (AABE-CT President) and Ray Necci, Retired President & COO of CL&P

