

Nurturing International Ideas in Brookfield, Connecticut

“Is it Friday, yet?” That was the question teachers Bill Cassidy and Tony Corden heard for several weeks from their sixth grade students at Whisconier Middle School in Brookfield, CT. The question wasn’t being raised by students looking forward to the weekend, but rather from their anticipation of a new Junior Achievement (JA) pilot program sponsored by Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P.

Integrated into the school’s sixth grade social studies curriculum by Cassidy and Corden, JA’s *Global Marketplace* program introduced students to principal characteristics of economic systems and the role of business within those systems. The program, which helps students recognize how they are connected through trade to people and cultures of the world, covered six key aspects of global economy: international markets, law, cultural exchange, international flow of information, human resources and financial capital.

Community leaders from several companies located in the Greater Danbury area volunteer their time to teach the Junior Achievement of Western Connecticut programs.



Robert Nemergut, Plant Operations Manager with The Barden Corporation and Darlene Foshay, Office Coordinator at Danbury Hospital, both second time volunteers for JA, shared how eager the students were to participate and exchange ideas. “The children’s excitement for the material was contagious,” said Nemergut, “and volunteering to teach this program is a great stress reliever for me.” Foshay added that “the JA program is a hands-on lesson plan – the students really get involved with the materials.”

Learning which countries export what goods was one of the first

activities enjoyed by the class. The students also liked breaking into smaller groups to listen and share opinions about different problems companies face while running their businesses. “We always look forward to Friday, because that’s when we have our JA class. It’s fun to get together and see how we can solve problems and come up with one great idea,” said Shannon, age 11. Shea, also 11, added “The JA volunteers are good people and make the class lessons fun.”

Principal Deane Renda welcomed the opportunity to introduce the *Global Marketplace* program at Whisconier after meeting with Iroquois and JA representatives in September. Now that the program has concluded, Principal Renda said, “Tony (Corden) and Bill (Cassidy) thought the program was quite a success. They felt there were plenty of connections to our units of study, and the kids were always eager for the guest speakers.”

Iroquois is excited to sponsor this educational enrichment program for the students at Whisconier Middle School. Ruth Parkins, Iroquois Manager of Public Affairs said, “This
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Iroquois Completes NYMarc Open Season

On January 29, 2010, Iroquois concluded an open season for its NYMarc Project. As proposed, NYMarc is expected to connect rapidly expanding Rockies and Marcellus Shale supplies to New York and New England markets. The estimated \$500 million project would include construction of 66-miles of 36-inch

diameter natural gas pipeline in Southern New York and North-western New Jersey, as well as one compressor station in New York.

The open season offered potential shippers the opportunity to request service as early as Fall 2014.

Iroquois is currently conducting preliminary meetings with federal,

state and local officials, as well as various community stakeholders along the proposed route.

As Iroquois evaluates the various requests received from the open season, it will work toward negotiating signed Precedent Agreements with interested shippers.

Global Marketplace *(cont'd)*

is a great chance for students to learn about global economy and how trade affects each student's daily life. The JA program provides skills that will allow these students to become future business, educational and political leaders." As a member of Brookfield's business community, Iroquois is

pleased to be able to collaborate with Junior Achievement and Whisconier Middle School. "It has always been Iroquois' culture to maintain involvement in the communities in which it has facilities and we look forward to continuing our sponsorship of this program next year" added Parkins.

2009 Community Grant Recipients Announced

In 2007, Iroquois established the *Community Grant Program* which provides lasting benefits to communities where Iroquois' facilities are located. While the grant program remains focused on environmental and passive recreation initiatives, funding areas have been expanded to include historic preservation and targeted arts & culture.

Grant decisions are based on competitive ratings and proposals can be submitted at any time; however, funding awards are distributed twice a year. To determine eligibility or view guidelines for Iroquois' Community Grant Program, we encourage you to visit our website at www.iroquois.com/iroquois-grants.asp



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Community Grant Recipients:

Housatonic Valley Association - Cornwall Bridge, CT

Scientific health assessment of the Swamp River (Dover Plains, NY) through water quality monitoring

Town of Waddington, NY

Installation of a gazebo and associated landscaping at the four corners park

Trout Unlimited, Candlewood Valley Chapter - Danbury, CT

Creation of an educational film on water resources to illustrate how individuals and groups can achieve results

Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust - Watertown, NY

Replacement of interpretive signage along the Trenton Greenbelt trail system and production of a wildlife brochure to be used as a tool for local planners and communities in the Tug Hill/Northern Oneida County area

Village of Hermon, NY

Enhancement of a town park including installation of a portable skating rink

Newtown Forest Association - Newtown, CT

Installation of a beaver-deceiver piping system to allow the ecosystem at Cavanaugh Pond to sustain a healthy beaver population while preventing flooding

Aid to Haiti

In response to the devastation caused by the earthquake that struck Haiti in January, individuals and organizations around the world joined in the relief efforts by providing food, water, shelter and health services. This immediate response was critical to their survival, and yet so much more is needed to help the Haitian people overcome this disaster and rebuild their lives.

With this in mind, Iroquois has made a \$10,000 donation equally distributed to Oxfam America and Save the Children – two of the many humanitarian organizations we believe are well positioned to assist the Haitian people.

Open Invitation to All Pipeline Community Emergency Responders

Iroquois welcomes the opportunity to provide your organization with in-depth information concerning activities on our pipeline right-of-way and our emergency management response program.

Our close relationship with emergency responders and local officials in our pipeline communities helps prevent and prepare for emergencies. Iroquois provides emergency responders with industry standard and system-specific information through informational meetings and on-site training sessions.

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Industry Prevention Measures
Pipeline Security
Characteristics and Hazards of
Natural Gas
Right of Way Warning and
Information Markers
Excavator & Homeowner
Responsibilities
Pipeline Leak Recognition
Pipeline Emergency Response*