

EXPLORING™

Extraordinary Explorers

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During these challenging times, one single connection and opportunity can make a positive difference in someone's day. Today's publication is about Findlay High School Graduate Claire Bishop and how the Exploring program influenced her future career choice.

Explorer looking to brighten her future in dental field



Claire Bishop the daughter of Steve and Shelley Bishop, is the product of the Doty Dental Exploring Post, where she was a member of while attending Findlay High School. Her time spent in the Doty Dental Exploring Post solidified her decision to pursue a career in dentistry and chose the university that she felt would best help her accomplish that goal.

The now Findlay High School grad just completed her first year of college at the University of Alabama, where she is a part of the Alpha Phi Omega sorority. Being in a sorority helped her find more friends on campus. Learning from her first year of college, Claire helps incoming high school students navigate their potential first year at the university. She is in club Beat Auburn Beat Hunger and joined Be Positive Moral Team, which raises money for childhood cancer. People that are helped by Be Positive Moral Team often cannot pay all their medical bills.

While at U of A, Claire joined the pre-dental society. The pre-dental society helps students branch out and gain knowledge through guest speakers and shadowing opportunities. The society is designed to help a pre-dental student's journey to dental school go smoothly. The society helps connect students to others who are going through the pre-dental program and gives guidance on what courses to take.

Claire shared how it was different to come home, especially in the middle of her first year, when COVID-19 swept the country. Having to transition from in-person classes to online so quickly, was an adjustment. With classes to resume this fall, both in-person and online, Claire is focused on continuing her studies even amidst a pandemic. A study abroad in Italy could be in the works, but whatever comes in the months ahead, this Explorer is sure to brighten all who she interacts with in the future.

If you have a story on a local Explorer, please contact Colin Earl at colin.earl@scouting.org. Exploring provides exciting activities and mentorships for youth looking to discover their future. Whether you're a local organization looking to strengthen the community or a young person wanting to uncover the possibilities of your future, Exploring is a great place to start.



Exploring Programs ready for 2020 Kickoff

We have some exciting career Exploring programs upcoming sponsored by Marathon Petroleum Company, Crown Corporation, Neil Armstrong Airport, and OSU Extension for students grades 9-12 and wanted to get on your radar to share with students. We believe it is important to continue and invest in our communities and encourage young adults to reach their full potential. Additional programs for Fall will be released and shared with you as we navigate during these challenging times.

Marathon Petroleum Computer Science and Information Technology Program: Tuesday, September 15 from 6-7p.m. The program will kick off in person on the Marathon Campus Greenspace outdoor setting. There students and families will meet the employees and volunteers heading up this year's program. The program will take a deep dive into careers within Information Technologies through hands on programming, coding, app development, STEM projects, and much more.

Marathon Petroleum Engineering Program: Thursday, September 17 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. The program will kick off in person on the Marathon Campus Greenspace outdoor setting. There students and families will meet the employees and volunteers heading up this year's program. Families can come out and learn about careers in the STEM fields. We will continue to have monthly events throughout the 2020-2021 school year.

Crown Corporation Engineering Program: Tuesday, September 22 6:30 p.m. the program will kick off. The Exploring Post program offers high school students the chance to learn life and career skills through immersive career experiences and mentorship, facilitated through the Engineering department at Crown. Meetings will occur once a month (September to May) during the 2020-21 school year. We would certainly like to meet in person as we have in prior year's but we will be holding our meetings virtually.

Aviation Careers – Neil Armstrong Airport: Through this program you will learn about careers in the aviation field including air traffic control, aviation maintenance, piloting and more! Tour an air traffic control tower, work with ground base operations, meet and ask questions to commercial pilots all while learning about careers in aviation.

Ohio State University Extension Agriculture Program: Tuesday, September 29, from 6-7 p.m. Through immersive hands-on experiences, students will gain knowledge of all opportunities that exist in this exciting

career field. The program will tour various agricultural businesses, local farms, and will help guide you to your future in the career field. The program will be held virtually through Zoom go to <https://go.osu.edu/Bv3u> password: Explore

Exploring is a unique career exploration program for young men and women ages 14 - 20. The program provides students with an opportunity to learn about a wide variety of career fields and network with professionals already working in those fields. You get hands-on experience to determine whether a career field is right for you. You develop valuable networking contacts with professionals working in your selected career fields, and you get to know other youth with your same interests and aspirations.

Attached are invitations for students and families to learn more and attend.

[Click here to learn more and see a full list of our Exploring programs](#)

Thank you for all you do, if you have any questions on programming do not hesitate to reach out to Colin Earl at the Findlay Service Center, via email at colin.earl@scouting.org or (419) 701-4911.