



# Schenectady Business & Professional Women's Club, Inc.



*Youth Leadership  
Kim Bellizzi, Chair*

*Volunteer Overview of event scheduled on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
8:30am to 3:30 pm,  
Schenectady High School*

"Life Unplugged<sup>SM</sup>", is an experience that will give students a glimpse into their futures! Students will see themselves 10 years into their futures. That is, they are now 25 years old and every decision they make in this program will assume they are 25 years old.

Students will be given a career with salary that will be entered in their checkbook register. Once taxes and student loans are deducted they will start their adventure through "Life Unplugged".

"Life Unplugged" will have them visit 15 booths covering everything from Family, Housing and Transportation to Travel, Taxes and *Reality Check* situations. The goal is to have enough money to cover their expenses for the month. If not they will need to rethink some of their choices, such as housing and transportation.

## **Objective**

To evaluate the impact Life Unplugged® has on students' attitudes, expectations, and goals. To reinforce the need to make good choices NOW (stay in school, take appropriate classes, stay off drugs, avoid pregnancy) in order to preserve the ability to choose from a wide variety of choices LATER when establishing a career, family and lifestyle.

Following the program teachers and students are free to set up discussions, assign writing, or have students discuss the program with adults to see how they made decisions on careers and educational planning (or how they "wish" they had planned)

***IMPORTANT -*** If you have agreed to be a volunteer, your attendance at a training meeting is required. Training sessions will be held on Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. Both meetings will be held at The First Reformed Church, 8 N Church St, Schenectady, NY 12305 (in the Stockade) from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. This training is crucial in order for the program to be executed effectively and efficiently.

If you cannot attend the actual event on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016, you might want to come to a Training meeting, just to get an idea of what the program is all about. Your participation and support is greatly appreciated.

Please RSVP to Kim by email to confirm your participation, or if you have any questions.  
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For more information, please visit our website at  
<http://www.schenectadybpw.org/events/youth-leadership>

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