



**UVM's 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ACADEMY & Alumni Services**

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### Abstract

Citizen Schools is an after school program that helps students get through middle school and high school in various ways. Students come to the program to learn and expand on what they have already been doing throughout their regular school day. This non-profit organization has an extended program called 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy that helps 8<sup>th</sup> graders prepare for high school and college. Citizen Schools had their 10<sup>th</sup> annual visit to the University of Vermont this past February. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders had an exciting day that consisted of high school and college prep discussions. Two of our professors created exhibits and interactive games that helped the 8<sup>th</sup> graders to be more interactive in the lesson plans for the day.

This organization is awesome because the program that is set up has helped a lot of students including myself when it came to connecting the essential pieces that help young people get through middle school, high school and even college. I'm excited to see how many more students Citizen Schools is going to help get through the complexities of earning a college degree. Citizen Schools has a great website that shows all the amazing things that student are doing all over the country. To learn more about Citizen Schools and the great things that they are doing, please visit the website at [CitizenSchools.org](http://CitizenSchools.org).