On October 25th, The Step Forward classes took a walk to the Grove Street Cemetery in New Haven. We had a very knowledgeable tour guide, Patricia Illingworth. She showed us many tombstones of the people who were buried in the cemetery. Some of the ones we saw and discussed were famous people like Charles Goodyear, Eli Whitney, Glen Miller, Bartlett Giamatti, Roger Sherman, and Nathaniel Jocelyn.

The New Haven burial ground is the oldest cemetery in the United States. It was established in 1796 and was built to move the burials from the New Haven Green. It is surrounded by Yale University and has 14 previous Yale presidents buried there.

4 Facts of the Famous of Grove Street Cemetery:

• Charles Goodyear (1880-1860) was an inventor known for vulcanized rubber which we now call tires.
• Eli Whitney (1765-1825) was an inventor known for the cotton gin.
• Glenn Miller (1904-1944) was an American big band musician, and composer during the swing era. He was known for his plane went missing in the English Channel during WWII.
• Bart Giamatti (1938-1989) was a president of Yale University. He was known for being the 7th Commissioner of Major League Baseball.

Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.  
~Benjamin Franklin
Courthouse on Elm Street

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On Friday Nov. 8th, Step Forward students and staff, walked to the New Haven Courthouse located on Elm Street. Upon our arrival, we went through metal detector checks or pat downs by a courthouse marshal. Once everyone was cleared, we proceeded to take the elevator up to courtroom ‘E.’ Our classes had the honor of having Judge Spallone speak to us about how he became a judge. As well as meeting him, we also got to meet a Defense Attorney.

Everyone was so amazed by his discussion of studying and working in law. In fact, students in both classes asked very good questions. At the end of his presentation, the defensive lawyer encouraged the students to think about a possible career in the Criminal Justice field.

He also informed us that there are plenty of jobs to do in for those of us that decide to follow a path in that field. We all thought that was a very motivating and nice thing to say.

After discussions were done, we all were escorted down to courtroom ‘A’ where we got to see Judge Spallone and the attorneys in action. They were both generous enough to reserve the front seats for all of us in the courtroom. We got to watch some pretty shocking cases be presented to the Judge. Being able to observe cases in an actual courtroom is what students and staff of Step Forward looked forward to the most when visiting. We thank everyone at the courthouse for always being so kind. We look forward to doing this fun trip again next year!

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Step Forward is a yearlong program for young adults (18-21). Step Forward I focuses on skills for independent living, managing money, job searching and engaging in community outings. They’ve participated in several community outings such as bowling, art galleries, movie theaters, restaurants and on-campus activities too. Step Forward II is a yearlong program that focuses on the transition to taking college classes. Just like Step Forward I, Step Forward II has participated in similar community outings with the addition of touring local college campuses such as Southern, UNH, and Albertus Magnus. Both programs have a work experience component- which includes working on The Step Forward Times newsletter!