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Making a Difference! Marianne Albert



Marianne Albert Vice President of Operations Penn Commercial

Southwest Training is very pleased to congratulate our board member Marianne Albert, on being nominated and named to the **2021 Pennsylvania Business Central's Women Making a Difference List.** Marianne was featured in their recent Women in Business publication. Selection was based on nominees who have made a positive impact by constantly moving their business forward, adapting to major changes in their personal and professional life and giving back to the community through volunteering or mentoring.

Marianne has worked at Penn Commercial Business/Technical School for 43 years. She started out as a GED and Remedial Education Instructor. Over the years she has acted as teacher, advisor, & life counselor to her students & has impacted many lives. In her current role as Vice President of Operations, Marianne has participated in the growth of Penn Commercial and has been instrumental in the development of new programs, community affiliations, the College-in-High-School program & being a supervisor/worksite for our youth work experiences and Internships, to name a few.

Marianne is very active in the Greene and Washington Counties communities. She has supported and served on the Southwest Training Services, Inc. Board of Directors for over 20 years. She serves on the Advisory and Carl Perkins committees at our local Career & Technology Centers. Marianne also maintains a presence in the PA CareerLink® Washington County and PA CareerLink® Greene County as the partner representative for Penn Commercial.

CONGRATULATIONS Marianne!

2021 Best of the Best — "Person of the Year" — Leanna Spada

We are also pleased to announce that another SWTS, Inc. board member was honored recently! Leanna Spada, Executive Director of the Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce, was nominated and selected as the Observer Reporter's 2021 Best of the Best "Person of the Year"! In addition, the Mon Valley Regional Chamber was selected as the 2021 Best of the Best "Chamber of Commerce".

Leanna became the Chamber's Executive Director in 2018 and hit the ground running. Since becoming director, the Mon Valley Regional Chamber has grown to over 350+ members and, this year, celebrated it's 100th anniversary. The MVRCC comprises business members from Allegheny, Westmoreland, Fayette & Washington counties and ranked among the top 25 largest chambers in the Pittsburgh area.

As a lifelong resident of the Mon Valley, and a small business owner herself, Leanna is truly dedicated to supporting and promoting the Chamber's members/businesses and finding ways to bring economic growth to the area. **CONGRATULATIONS Leanna** and the **MVRCC!**



Leanna Spada Executive Director Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce

WHERE ARE THEY NOW? Former SWTS, Inc. Youth Program Participants



WALTER SLOAN — Walter Sloan is a 2015 high-honors graduate from Ringgold High School. Upon graduation, he attended the University of Pittsburgh with a career focus on dentistry. After finding out that this was not the path that he wanted to pursue, he changed his course of education, took prerequisites needed, and then began taking nursing classes at the Community College of Allegheny County. His first semester did not go that well; he didn't realize how much time and dedication was required. His mother, Paula, who is a nurse, explained to him that failing and quitting were not options. Instead of pursing the RN program, he decided to refocus and began taking the Licensed

Practical Nursing (LPN) program at Pennsylvania Institute of Health and Technology. This time, he was successful!

Upon graduation in January 2019, he received a job offer to work at Manor Care in Whitehall, PA. Once Walter gained some work experience, he applied & accepted a job offer to work at the Mon Valley

Hospital in October 2019 and has been employed there ever since.



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Currently, he is happily enrolled in the LPN-RN bridge program through the Community College of Beaver County and is scheduled to graduate in May 2022.

LINDSAY WIGNER - Lindsay Wigner is a 2011 Washington If you or anyone you may know is an "out-of-school" High School graduate. Upon graduation, she attended the youth, that is between the ages of 16-24, and they are Licensed Practical Nursing program at Western Area Career & Technology Center.

She is currently employed with Country Meadows as a LPN Training's youth program! Shift Lead supervisor. In addition, she joined an affiliate marketing company where she manages her own online *youth staff contact information*) boutique and is very successful. With her earnings she has been able to go on vacation to places that she only What do we mean by "Out-of-School" youth? dreamed about. She is also currently working on obtaining

her real estate license. Her goal is to invest in rental properties.

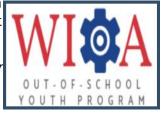
Lindsay is the proud owner of a house that she bought in 2016 where she resides with her daughter whom she adopted in 2020. She is very proud of this accomplishment as she is the first in her family to own a home. She also educates people on financial literacy by helping them understand the loan process, credit, buying a car, taxes and budgeting.



looking to go back to school, get a GED, go on to post-

secondary training or get a job, refer them to Southwest

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Being an "Out-of-School" Youth is (not attending any school), AND being 1 or more of the following...

- High School Dropout;
- Not attending school in the last calendar year;
- Individual subject to the juvenile justice system;
- Homeless;
- Runaway;
- In foster care or aged out of the foster care system;
- Out-of-home placement:
- Pregnant or parenting individual;
- Individual with a disability

OR

Being a High School Graduate that is Basic Skills Deficient and/or an English Language Learner, AND

- Requires assistance to enter or complete an educational program, OR...
- Requires assistance to secure or hold employment

We can help you with your career goals!

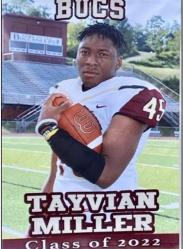
Senior Highlight: Tayvian Miller — Chartiers-Houston High School

"My name is **Tayvian Miller** and I am a senior at Chartiers-Houston High School. I have been on the football team for four years and have been selected to the All-Conference team for the past three years. In addition, I have also achieved letterman status for the past three years. My future plans include attending Coastal Carolina University while majoring in Business. My goal upon graduation from college is to gain

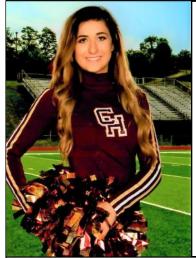


experience in the business world and eventually open up my own business."

"During the past summer, I was able to gain work experience with the Lemoyne Center's Feeding Program. Working side by side with Pastor Steven Thomas and Pastor Lance Whitlock taught me skills needed for success in the workforce."



Senior Highlight: Mya Maloy– Chartiers-Houston High School



Mya Maloy is an 18 yr. old senior at Chartiers-Houston High School. She is currently on the high school cheerleading squad and competes nationally on the competitive cheer team, ICE Pittsburgh, for the last 14 years. She is a member of the Yearbook Club, Student Government, and SADD.

When Mya is not in school, she loves to spend time with friends and family. Her grandmother, Donna Shriver, has played a major role in Mya's life. She has guided her to be the best that she can be and to never give up on her dreams.



Mya has also been employed as a childcare aide for the past three years at SmartKids Child Care & Learning Center. Upon graduation, she plans on attending California University of PA, while majoring in Criminology.

Senior Highlight: Cameron Moore — McGuffey High School

Cameron Moore is an 18 year old senior at McGuffey High School and has been a SWTS, Inc. youth participant for the past three years. Her extra-curricular activities include playing soccer for the past 15 years in several youth leagues. She also took time to volunteer, during the summer months, as a soccer coach for the younger youth.

Cameron was named captain of her high school soccer team this past season and was awarded the Most Improved Player by her peers. She is a member of the Yearbook



Club where she is responsible for editing and taking photographs.

She is currently employed at Ivy Green located in Washington, PA, as a floral assistant, and has been working there for the past 3 years.

Upon graduation, Cameron plans to attend California University of PA majoring in Psychiatric Social Work.



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Senior Highlight: Mackenzie Figolah – Charleroi Area High School

Mackenzie Figolah is a senior at Charleroi High School. Mackenzie began her journey with Southwest Training Services in 2019, when she worked in our summer program as a clerical aide, for Monongahela Area Chamber of Commerce.

Mackenzie's incredible work ethic shines in all aspects of her life. In school, she is an excellent student. She has been on the Honor Roll throughout high school and she is a member of the National Honor Society. She is also a member of the Charleroi Class of 2022 Executive Committee and the high school choir.





In her spare time, she can be found serving her community by volunteering at the Charleroi Fire Department. She has been volunteering at the Fire Department consistently since 2018 by assisting with events and helping in any way she can.

After graduation, she plans to pursue a degree in Psychology so that she can fulfill her dream career of becoming a psychologist. Southwest Training is proud to work with such a bright,

talented, and ambitious youth!

Senior Highlight: Madison Carder–Waynesburg Central High School



Madison Carder is a Senior at Waynesburg Central High School. She has been involved with Southwest Training Services and has worked in our summer work experience program for the past four years. Madison has also been involved in Future Farmers of America since she was a Freshman.

Recently, a Forestry and Wildlife Career Development Event was held at Ryerson Park. Out of 65 participants, Madison placed 12th at this event.



Upon graduation, her plans are to attend Penn State University and major in Early Childhood Education.

Senior Highlight: Taviaire Vereen — Washington High School

"My name is **Taviaire Vereen** and I am currently a senior at Washington High School. My future plans are to further my education at a four year college/university and major in engineering or pharmacy.

During my high school career, I have participated in many sports such as football, basketball and



baseball. The clubs I am involved in include Mock Jury and the Leadership Academy. In addition, I am a member of the National Honor Society.

I would like to thank my family, friends and Southwest Training Services, Inc. for their guidance and support throughout my high school journey."



Work Based Learning Opportunities

Another successful year of internships & work experiences to showcase in our newsletter! Not only are these work-based learning experiences a great opportunity to gain exposure to the world of work and/or gain experience in a student's career field of interest, but it's also a means of ensuring that industry retains a fresh and vibrant workforce. We THANK all of the employers that served as worksites and supervisors for these incredible youth!



Rebecca Caldwell Penn Commercial

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Bentworth High School



GREAT WORK-BASED LEARNING EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES...

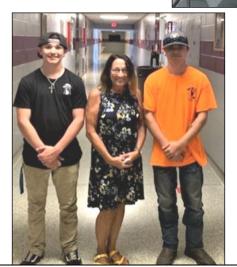


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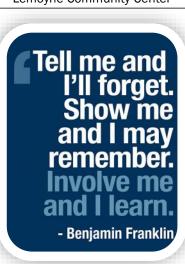




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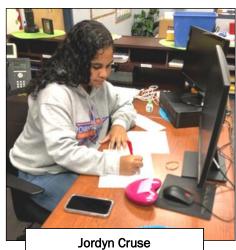


(above left) Brendan Little & (right) Joseph Kidwell with Mary Adams, WACTC Principal Western Area Career & Technology Center





Derek and David Timko Brownsville Borough



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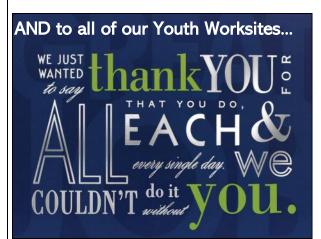


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Cheyenne Bissett Shekinah Ranch





Taggart Shea Greene County Department of

Planning & Community Development

Out-of-School Youth Highlight: Nicholas Seaman



Nicholas Seaman, 18, is a graduate of Trinity High School. He has been involved with Southwest Training since the 2021 summer work-experience program where he worked at Penn Commercial as a general laborer.

After graduation from high school, Nicholas took some time to research what career path he wanted to pursue. He decided to focus on a career in Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, & Refrigeration. Currently, he is attending Penn Commercial for their HVAC-R program. Nicholas will earn an associate degree, in Specialized Technology, in only 18 months!

He is a hard worker and a wonderful student. He has been excelling in all his classes and his instructors have given him glowing reviews for his work ethic and dedication to learning his craft. **Keep up the** great work, Nick!



TRAINING "On-The-Job" with employer—Budd Baer, Inc.

Javan Jones is a 24 year old resident of Washington, PA and is in our out-of-school youth program. Currently, he is completing an On-The-Job training program with his new employer, **Budd Baer, Inc.** Budd Baer is a family owned car dealership that has been in the Washington location since 1975.

Some of Javan's duties include detailing new and used vehicles, lot attendant and maintaining clean working areas for the dealership. Javan's supervisor, Justin Mitchell, has nothing but great things to say about his work ethic. Both Justin and Bryan Baer are very pleased with this placement.

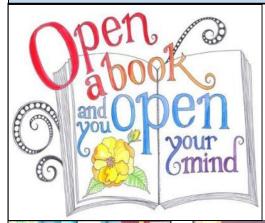
When it comes to Buick GMC dealerships, **Budd Baer Buick GMC** is known as "*The Honest Dealer*".

Serving Greater Morgantown WV, Waynesburg PA, Canonsburg PA, Wheeling WV and other surrounding areas, the dealership is located at: 71 Murtland Avenue, Washington, PA. Get in touch with Budd Baer Inc. at **724-825-4087** or you can visit <u>www.buddbaer.com</u> to learn more about this great community-minded

(L to R) Bryan Baer, General Manager; Justin Mitchell, Supervisor; & Javon Jones

dealership. THANK YOU to BUDD BAER for your SUPPORT!

LIBRARIES — A Great Resource for Learning!



According to the American Library Association, over 99% of public libraries provide internet access, which is a vital resource for job seekers. Among Americans who have looked for work in the last two years, 79% used online resources in their most recent job search & 34% say these online resources were the most important tool available to them.

Every library offers free wi-fi, as well as multiple computers with Microsoft Word and resume templates, printers and high speed Internet service. Southwest Training is very pleased to have our local libraries serve as worksites for our youth program! Two of our youth participants below

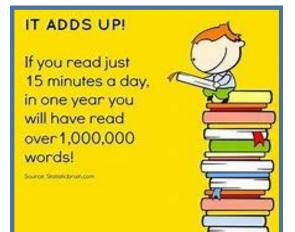


Jenna Martin Eva K. Bowlby Library



Lauren Martin Eva K. Bowlby Library

worked at the Eva K. Bowlby Library this summer!







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CAREERS IN HEALTHCARE

Southwest Training and the Washington Health Systems & Washington Physicians Group collaborated on a training project by assisting eligible WIOA individuals to attend a Medical Assistant program while earning a wage. Three of our out-of-school youth participants are currently participating in this OJT program. Upon successful completion of this program, they will be offered employment as well as an increase in wage. Youth Participants Cheyenne Rhoades,

Mallory Little and Olivia Plymire are very focused and are doing a great job!

WASHINGTON HEALTH SYSTEM Washington Physicians Group

Pictured are: *left* - Cheyenne Rhoades and *right* -Mallory Little (missing from the photo is Olivia Plymire)



MAKING STUDYING FUN & MEMORABLE! Alexis Rockwell, (student at Waynesburg Central High School) incorporates art into her notes to help her remember important details and make note-taking a little more fun. TRY IT OUT!!!



SUPPORT FROM SOUTHWEST...

Lisa L. Neil, President-Ineil@swtraining.org Cynthia A. Derrico, Vice President-cderrico@swtraining.org



For more information or to get involved, contact our Youth Staff:

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Joyce Leyda, Records & Retention Specialist jleyda@swtraining.org 724-229-1350 x 231

Eligible youth between the ages of 14 to 24 (inschool and out-of-school) can enroll with Southwest Training and work with our staff on the following:

- \Rightarrow Work one-on-one with a Youth Case Manager
- \Rightarrow Gain Skills To Get A Job
- \Rightarrow Achieve a Credential
- \Rightarrow Get help with Job Searching
- ⇒ Learn Effective Interview Techniques
- \Rightarrow Academic and Occupational Skills Testing
- \Rightarrow Supportive Services
- \Rightarrow Career Awareness Activities
- ⇒ Post-Secondary Training Opportunities
- ⇒ Paid Work Experiences
- \Rightarrow Job Shadowing Experiences
- ⇒ Post-Secondary School Visits
- ⇒ Employer/Industry Tours
- \Rightarrow Career, College and Job Fairs
- \Rightarrow On-The-Job Training
- ⇒ Mentoring
- ... AND MUCH MORE!

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Teacher Spotlight: Mr. Eric Armstrong – West Greene High School



Mr. Eric Armstrong has been teaching physics and engineering for 13 years at West Greene High School. His engineering students compete in the annual BotsIQ competition, which requires them to learn CAD (computer-aided drafting), lathe and mill work, along with fabrication and programming in order to

build a successful robot.

Mr. Armstrong is responsible for teaching seniors. During his time with them, he helps them to build their academic portfolios and conducts mock interviews. This process helps to prepare West Greene graduates success for college, scholarships and career interviews.



Mr. Eric Armstrong West Greene High School

(To learn more about BotsIQ and their various programs see pages 13 & 14)

Teacher Spotlight: Mrs. Patricia Steiner - Mapletown Jr/Sr High School

My name is Patricia Steiner. I attended Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania, where I earned my bachelor's and master's degrees in education. I am currently in my tenth year of teaching. My first six years teaching were in Virginia. This is my fourth year as a special education teacher at Mapletown JSHS in Southeastern Greene School District. This year, I co-teach ELA grades 9 to 11, Environmental Science 9, and Business Math. I greatly enjoy working at Mapletown & feel that I can make a greater



impact within the small community we serve. I currently co-sponsor the Mapletown Birthday Club, which is a chance to celebrate and recognize student birthdays monthly as a group. In addition, this school year I have become our building AP Coordinator. In my free time, I love to spend time with my family and to read. My family and I love to

go for drives in the mountains to look at and enjoy the beautiful scenery. When the weather is warmer, we enjoy evening walks.



Mrs. Patricia Steiner Mapletown Jr/Sr High School

SUPERINTENDENT SPOTLIGHT: Mr. Thomas Samosky



Mr. Thomas Samosky, Superintendent Fort Cherry School District **Mr. Thomas Samosky** is back to work in Washington County! Hired in August 2021 as **Fort Cherry School District's new Superintendent**! Mr. Samosky was previously at the Moniteau School District, in Butler County, where he served as Superintendent since January 2020. Before he accepted the Moniteau Superintendent position, he served as a High School Principal & Director of Secondary Curriculum at Trinity Area High School for 5 years. In addition, he spent 9 years at Chartiers Valley where he served as Assistant Principal and Principal and he also held a Special Education position at Bethel Park High School where he also served as the

Dean of Discipline and Assistant Principal before moving to Chartiers Valley High School.

We are happy to have him back in our area and look forward to working with Mr. Samosky again!



BOTS IQ - HANDS-ON STEM LEARNING

BotsIQ is a program of the Pittsburgh Chapter National Tooling & Machining Foundation (NTMA). Its mission is to provide exciting, hands-on STEM learning experiences through business and education partnerships that will build the current and future workforce needed by the manufacturing industry.

BotsIQ's overarching goals are to advance STEM education; provide resources to local schools to develop hands-on technical learning; and link students with industry mentors and promote an understanding of manufacturing and STEM career pathways. BotsIQ is working to spark student interest in manufacturing careers, address the manufacturing skills gap, and build the industry's future workforce.

BotsIQ began as a combat robotics program that served just six schools in 2005. That number grew to 60 schools by 2016, and the program has now impacted more than 10,000 students. BotsIQ has grown tremendously and expanded its scope to include an array of skill-building and career-focused programs for young people.



Greene County Homeschoolers toured the facility of their new industry partner, Yates Precision Manufacturing in Waynesburg - November 20, 2021

BotslQ in Washington and Greene Counties—BotslQ currently partners with 11 schools in Washington and Greene counties, including Carmichaels Area High School, Greene County Career & Technology Center, Greene County Homeschool, West Greene High School, Burgettstown High School, Canon-McMillan High School, Charleroi Area High School, Ringgold High School, Mon Valley Career & Technology Center, Trinity High School, and Washington High School.

EXPLORING A CAREER IN MANUFACTURING



(above) **Ringgold High School students** visited **Kurt J. Lesker Company** on October 28, 2021

James is a Burgettstown Area High School sophomore and is enrolled in the welding program at Western Area Career and Technology Center. He visited and toured Hörmann High Performance Doors, a global leader in door manufacturing and building components, last month with BotsIQ. Afterwards, James expressed an interest in returning to Hörmann in order to participate in a job shadow. BotsIQ arranged this experience

for him which also included an opportunity to see first hand the welding processes used by the Hörmann workers. James shared, *"I never considered that I could pursue a welding career in the manufacturing industry until the BotsIQ tour."*

James (center) on his job shadow at

Hörmann High Performance Doors, Burgettstown, PA

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BOTS IQ – PROGRAMS & More...

BotsIQ Combat Robotics Program—Through this exciting, hands-on STEM program, student teams partner with industry professionals to experience the entire process of engineering and manufacturing a 15-pound robot (Bot), including Computer-Aided Design, fabrication, machining, welding, & electrical engineering. Once the Bot is complete, students test out their creations in BotsIQ's gladiator style competitions. Last year, more than 90% of combat robotics program participants reported learning at least one technical skill & at least one 21st century skill through the program.

BotslQ Academy - BotslQ Academy offers access to online educational platforms such as Tooling U-SME, SolidProfessor, and Mastercam University to deliver high quality, industry-based curriculum. BotslQ Academy offers coursework to prepare for industry recognized credential exams such as SME's Certified Manufacturing Associate certification or NIMS Materials, Measurement, and Safety credential. To date, more than 550 students & teachers have collectively completed over 4100 classes in BotslQ Academy and 89% increased their scores from pretest to final exam.

BotslQ Robotics Technician Pre-Apprenticeship - The Robotic Technician Pre-Apprenticeship is a stateregistered program with a formal curriculum that consists of online instruction and related hands-on projects in the areas of safety, math & measurement, manufacturing, electronics, robotics, & career-ready skills. The Pre-Apprenticeship offers standardized, technical learning resources, advances competency development based on industry needs, and offers students the opportunity for advanced standing in 8 regional post-secondary training programs.

BotsIQ Close the Loop—The BotsIQ Close the Loop program provides academic, career development, and employment opportunities for students with barriers to employment.

BotsIQ Post-Secondary Internship - The internship program extends BotsIQ's reach to young adult high school graduates and provides paid, real-world work experience at local manufacturing companies.

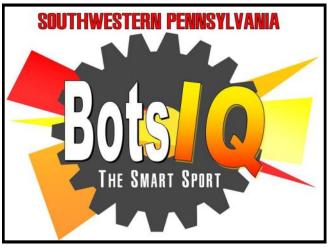
BotsIQ Cobot Challenge—The BotsIQ Cobot Challenge introduces middle school students to in-demand advanced manufacturing and robotics careers in an exciting, hands-on program that challenges them to work together to identify and solve a problem using a collaborative robot. Participating students gain skills in four key areas: mechanical engineering and computeraided design; electrical engineering and electronics; computer programming; and fabrication with machining and 3-D printing.

To get involved or learn more visit:

www.botsiqpa.org or contact:



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In memory.... Washington Co. District Attorney Gene Vittone

Southwest Training Services, Inc. would like to dedicate this newsletter to one of our youth program's strongest supporters, Washington County District Attorney Eugene A. Vittone II. Gene always found the time and made himself



available to the youth in Washington County and specifically to the youth that our program serves.

His office has been a work experience and an internship site for many years & has made a huge impact on the many students who were able to gain real-life working experiences with Gene & his dedicated staff.

Eugene A. "Gene" Vittone II

Eugene A. "Gene" Vittone

II, 61, died on August 21, 2021 following a brief illness. Until the end of his life, Gene worked for the people of Washington County. He wanted to make sure that important issues were resolved and the duties of his office were fulfilled. He knew that county residents expected it, & his work ethic would not let him ignore those responsibilities, despite his own health issues.

During the time he earned his law degree from Duquesne University's Law School, Gene managed the Washington Ambulance & Chair Service. He worked as a paramedic

and maintained his certification for the rest of his life.

In 1997, Gene earned his law degree with honors from Duquesne University & was a member of the Law Review & Manderino Honor Society in Advocacy.

Gene then became an Assistant District Attorney in Washington County. He initiated the Drug Treatment Court and oversaw white collar prosecutions within the county.

On January 3, 2012, Gene was sworn in for his first term as District Attorney. His priority was to address the opioid epidemic in the county through aggressive prosecution of dealers, rehabilitation of those with substance abuse disorders, and the implementation of a countywide Narcan distribution program. Gene was instrumental in creating an Opioid Task Force that comprised a multi-disciplinary team whose goal was to reduce opioid related deaths. He was recognized statewide and nationally for his efforts in combating this epidemic. Gene was named president of the PA District Attorneys Association and served on the executive board of the National District Attorneys Association. He was also a member of the Pennsylvania Narcotic Officers Association and the International Association of Financial Crimes Investigators.

Along with all of his professional affiliations, he was also involved with & supported many community organizations and associations. *He will always be remembered...*

EAGLE SCOUT RECOGNITION: JACOB MORGAN

Jacob Morgan is a 2021 graduate of Canon McMillan High School and has now earned the rank of Eagle Scout! Jacob is from Boy Scout Troop 1300 located in Eighty-Four, PA. He completed the refurbishment of the VFW Post



6664's Veteran's Memorial, located in South Park, PA, for his Eagle Scout project. The project included the removal of overgrown shrubs that blocked the memorial, replacing them with new shrubs, and mulching the surrounding flower beds. Additionally, he added a new Flag Retirement Box for the community to drop off weathered flags. A concrete slab was poured for the placement of the flag retirement box.

Jacob is the son of Steve and Lisa Morgan of Canonsburg; grandson of Robbie Campbell and the late Jim Campbell and the great-grandson of the late Inez Campbell, all of South Park.



CLASSROOM SHADOWING—Connect Before You Commit!

Ashley Morris is a senior at McGuffey High School. Recently, she went on a tour at Penn Commercial and was able to do a tour of the school and also do a "classroom shadow" for their welding class. She was even able to try out the welding equipment. Welding is one of the great non-traditional training & employment options for women!

Ashley has had prior welding experience from the FFA Club at McGuffey High School. She will be enrolled into our Out-of-School program once she graduates in June. If everything goes as planned, Ashley will be enrolled into the Welding Technology Program.

"Classroom Shadowing" experiences are a great way to

see if a particular training program is a good option for you! Find out if you are going to like it before you commit.

Good Luck ASHLEY!





MAKING CAREER CONNECTIONS

California University of PA held their annual College & Career Fair on October 19, 2021. Many of the High Schools within Greene and Washington counties were in

attendance to visit with all of the vendors, employers, and the post-secondary schools. Enjoying the event at Southwest Training's table are: (*left to right*) Emily Tuite, Ashley Tuite, and Preston Burgard



WHAT ARE NON-TRADITIONAL OCCUPATIONS?

The term of non-traditional careers refers to jobs that have been filled by one gender specifically.

The United States Department of Labor defines the nontraditional occupations for which most individuals from one gender will compromise around less than 20% of the people who are employed in such occupations.

Some examples of non-traditional occupations are:

Non-Traditional Occupations for WOMEN	Non-Traditional Occupations for MEN
Heavy Equipment Operator	Early Education Teachers
Automotive Technician	Dental Assistant
Electrician	Occupational Therapist
Firefighter	Registered Nurse
Welder	Human Resource Manager
Police Officer	Paralegal
Computer Technician	Massage therapist
Carpenter	Social Worker
Machinist	Receptionist
Architect	Librarian

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