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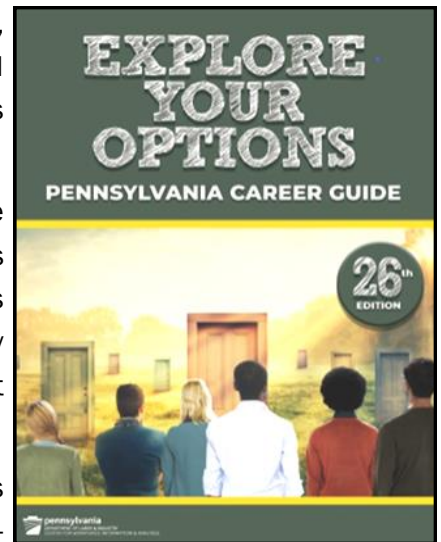
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## EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS WITH PA CAREER GUIDE

Whether you are a student, an educator, a first-time jobseeker, a parent or a person considering a career change, you will find that the **Pennsylvania Career Guide** is a valuable resource as you make those all-important career decisions.

The Career Guide is one of many products developed by the **Center for Workforce Information and Analysis (CWIA)**. CWIA is a bureau staffed by statisticians, analysts, and economists within the PA Department of Labor & Industry, designated by the Governor's Office, as the primary source of labor market information for the commonwealth.

The 26th edition of the Pennsylvania Career Guide provides information that can be used by all individuals who are preparing for continuing education and/or entrance into the workforce. Information that can be found in this guide include career outlook highlights, an interest assessment tool, tips for marketing yourself, sources of financial aid, and contact information for many Commonwealth services, including PA CareerLink® locations and select state agencies. An online version of the publication can be viewed by visiting: [www.workstats.dli.pa.gov/Products/CareerGuide](http://www.workstats.dli.pa.gov/Products/CareerGuide)



## 8 WAYS YOU CAN EXPLORE A CAREER PATH

Have you ever felt as though you needed to have your whole life figured out right now or before you even graduate high school. Guess what? You don't have to have it all figured out. Life is something we are all trying to figure out! There are some things we can do to help us start making progress toward the kind of life we want to live and the way we dream of spending our time. Here is a list of eight ways to explore your career path right now. It's just a start...

**1. Think of your career path as a stepping stone**—Did you know that the average person changes careers at least twice in their lifetime? When it comes to careers, nothing is permanent. If you think of your career as a stepping stone, you stay open to exploring new interests and talents throughout adulthood. Think of the ABC's of job search. To clarify, **ABC** means **A** job (entry-level/get your foot in the door), **Better job** (leveling up in your career. Better pay, better title, better benefits, etc.), **Career job** (full-time, permanent, benefits, and career growth).

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## MEET OUR NEW YOUTH CASE MANAGERS!!

### PROGRAM MANAGER — KELSEY DWYER: *Adding Youth to her Caseload*

For the past 3 years, **Kelsey Dwyer** has served as a Southwest Training Services, Inc. Case Manager for adults & dislocated workers in Washington County. She provides enrollment, oversight, career guidance, case management, as well as goal planning with adult and dislocated worker applicants. She also serves as the liaison with post-secondary schools and assists in the development of Individual Training Accounts (ITAs) for eligible individuals seeking post-secondary training.

Most recently, Kelsey has added to her role (*and caseload*) with Southwest Training. In addition to working with the Adult and Dislocated Worker populations, she now works with WIOA and TANF youth programs, in the Mon Valley area. Kelsey visits the Mon Valley area school districts and the Mon Valley Career & Technology Center to meet students and provide career guidance services. She also works with the area's out-of-school youth on career planning, goal setting and training opportunities.

Kelsey is a cum laude graduate of California University of PA with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education and a minor in Psychology. While at Cal U. she served as the

President of the Council for Exceptional Children, Treasurer of the Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority, and was also a Peer Mentor Coordinator.

These activities have proven to be great foundations for her new role and the added responsibilities she has accepted.

Kelsey serves on the PA CareerLink® Job Seeker Services team, and Penn Commercial Business & Technical School's Program Advisory Committee. She is also a recent graduate of Leadership Washington County.

SWTS, Inc. Youth Program Coordinator, Ester Barnes, added, *"I am so happy and excited to have Kelsey join our youth team. Her case management experience with Adult and Dislocated Workers and her educational background are great assets to our youth program."*



KELSEY DWYER

### NEW GREENE COUNTY YOUTH CASE MANAGER—MORGAN NORTH



MORGAN NORTH

We would also like to welcome our new Greene County Youth Case Manager, **Morgan North**, to our Southwest Training family! Morgan is a recent graduate from West Liberty University with a Regents Bachelor of Arts Degree with a concentration in Professional Studies and Business. While attending West Liberty, she was also the student manager for the University women's basketball team.

Morgan is not really 'new' to Southwest, she was a prior summer employee and made such a great impression that we asked her to join us fulltime! She has been in this capacity for a few months and she has hit the ground running! Morgan provides career guidance and exploration for students within the Greene County school districts and the Greene County Career & Technology Center.

She stated, *"I look forward to assisting & serving the students of Greene County & hope that I can impact students' lives by exploring new opportunities for their futures!"*

Ester Barnes included, *"With her positive attitude and personality, Morgan is already making an impact on the youth in our programs!"*



## SOUTHWEST TRAINING SERVICES, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2022-2023

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Western Area Career & Technology Center

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Southwestern PA Area Agency on Aging

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## SUPPORT FROM SOUTHWEST...

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## CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RETIREMENT! Dr. Dennis McCarthy



**Dr. Dennis McCarthy**

After nine years as the Executive Director of the Western Area Career and Technology Center, **Dr. Dennis McCarthy** has decided to retire at the end of this August. To say he will be missed, is a true understatement. We are keeping our fingers crossed that he remains as our Board Chair!

Dr. McCarthy began as the Executive Director in July of 2013. Prior to that he was the Assistant Director for Continuing Education at Steele Center Area Vocational Technical School for thirteen years.

When asked what he will do with all of his “spare time” he said, “I plan on working on my small 10 acre farm getting caught up with a lot of neglected outbuildings. I will also be spending time with Murphy, my coon hound dog, and 2 rescue cats, Jack and Orion.”

When asked about his time at WACTC, he said, “Western Area was very lucky to have excellent students. The students and their parents, in Washington County, were very supportive and easy to work with. If anything, I know that I will miss greeting the students when they get off the bus like I did over the 9 years I worked there.”

*Congratulations! Enjoy your well-deserved retirement!*





## 8 Ways You Can Explore Career Path Options

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**2. Make a career plan**—How are you going to get to where you want to be? Where will you start? Could you possibly achieve an entry-level position for the company you want to work for and then move your way up? Can you possibly volunteer to help give you the experience you need? There is more than one path to get to your destination.

**3. Consider your strengths and passion**—No matter what your strengths and passions are, it can be guaranteed there is a career connected to it. And, if you spend your day doing something you are naturally good at and love, you'll find it hard to be unhappy with your work.

**4. Informational interviews**—Ask other people about their career journey. If there is a career you are interested in exploring, interview someone working in that career now. If your school hosts a career day, that is a great opportunity to learn about careers and then make connections with people working in your areas of interests.

**5. Explore unconventional careers**—We all grow up hearing about the most common careers like doctors, teachers and firefighters. But what about the careers people don't talk about often? Consider exploring careers like artist, set designer, technical writer, or aviation mechanic. There are literally thousands of careers to choose from.

**6. Find a mentor**—A mentor is someone you trust who has experience in areas you might need guidance. Your mentor can help you make life decisions about academic majors and your career focus. A good mentor will give you advice when you need it, and encourage you to keep going when it gets challenging.

**7. Get an internship**—An internship is great because you can earn money while you gain experience in a certain area. You might find that you love the career path you want to pursue, or that it really isn't something that interests you much at all. Learn as much as you can to help you decide if this is the right path for you.

**8. Take a career assessment test**—Career assessment tests will help identify your strengths, personality traits, and interests to match you to possible careers you might excel at in the future.

**There you go!** These are 8 possible ways to explore your career path options and start setting goals for yourself.

**The opportunities are endless!!**

Source: <https://getschooled.com/>



### WHY IS GOAL SETTING CRITICAL?

Goals create focus & direction	Goals challenge you to grow	Goals drive you to take action	Goals offer inspiration

## MEET THE SOUTHWEST TRAINING SERVICES, INC. SENIOR CLASS OF 2022

Southwest Training has been privileged to work with **many outstanding students** over the years, between the ages of 14 to 24, and this year was no exception. On the following few pages, we pay a special tribute to this year's Class of 2022. Enrollment in our in-school programs vary from school to school each year, and not every district has a Senior in our youth program. (These students pick their own newsletter picture and information that is being shared.) **CONGRATULATIONS** to this Great Group of Graduates that we have highlighted on **pages 5 through 9.**



## Senior Highlight: Breann Jackson – West Greene High School

**BreAnn Jackson** is a senior at West Greene High School and is the daughter of Brian and Crystal Jackson. BreAnn is an honor-roll student and Secretary of the Class of 2022. She has participated on the varsity volleyball team for four years. She is also a member of the 2-time WPIAL Champion and the PIAA State Runner-Up varsity softball team, and is a four year letterman for the girls varsity basketball team.



BreAnn is the secretary of the National Honor Society, and an active member and president of the Calculus Club, Peer Mentoring Program and West Greene Ag Department Floral Design Club. She was selected as a Lion's Club Outstanding student.

She attends the Willow Grove Baptist Church where she also volunteers as a nursery teacher and is a volunteer at Crystal's Children Center.

Her future plans are to attend Messiah University & major in Early Childhood Education, with a minor in Business.



*"Believe you can and you're half way there!"* Theodore Roosevelt

## Senior Highlight: McKenna Hewitt – California Area High School

**McKenna Hewitt** is a senior at California Area High School.

**Future Plans:** "I plan to attend Marietta College in Marietta, Ohio. I will major in Land and Energy Management with a minor in Communications. I will also obtain a certificate in Leadership from the McDonough Program at MC. While studying at Marietta I will participate on the Track and Field team."

**Activities:** Track and Field, Dance, Basketball, Volleyball, Softball, and Cheerleading

**Extracurricular:** "I was the team captain for this past year's Softball, Basketball, and Cheerleading team. I was also the Student Representative for the Frosty Frolic during the 2020-2021 period, and I was involved in my school's Yearbook Committee. I am currently employed and I have also participated in Relay For Life and plan to this year as well."



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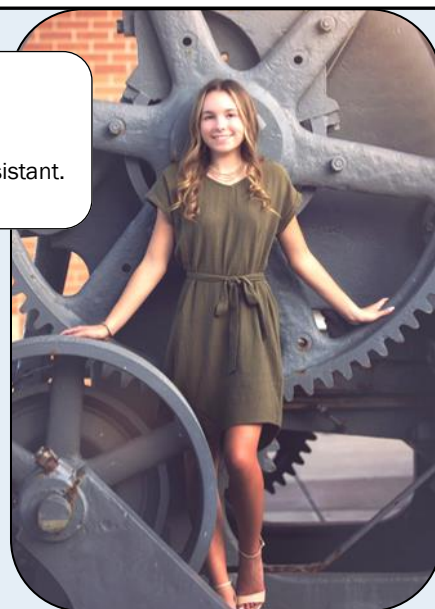
**Hobbies:** "In my free time I like to adventure and spend time with my friends and family. I enjoy being outdoors as much as possible, along with fishing with my friends. During my time downtown I enjoy going to local sporting events and supporting my friends and their interests."



## SWTS Inc. SENIOR CLASS OF 2022

**HUNTER KOSSAR**

Charleroi Area High School

**Future Plans:** Carlow University**Major:** Health Sciences/ Pre-Physician's Assistant.  
Hunter is a High Honor Roll Student**TAVIAIRE VEREEN**

Washington High School

**Future Plans:** Duquesne University**Major:** Pre-Pharmacy

While in high school, Taviaire was a member of the Prexie football, basketball &amp; baseball teams. He was named "All-Conference" in football.

He was active in the Leadership Academy and Peer Jury and was named to the All-Academic Team and National Honor Society.

**TAYVIAN MILLER**

Chartiers-Houston High School

**Future Plans:** West Liberty University**Major:** Currently undecided but leaning toward PsychologyTayvian was a member of the Football, Soccer, Wrestling and Baseball teams at CHHS! In football, he was 2<sup>nd</sup> team All-Conference for 3 yrs. & named to the PA Backyard Super 17. He also is a 3-yr. letterman. He was a member of the Leo club and Char Hou Zoo.

Tayvian will be playing football when he goes to West Liberty University in the Fall!

**SAMANTHA COMBS**

Avella Area High School

**Future Plans:** Pittsburgh Technical College**Major:** Graphic Design

Samantha was a member of the Science Club and Drawing and Painting Club

**JAYME DAWES**

McGuffey High School

**Future Plans:** Penn Commercial

Toni &amp; Guy Hairdressing Academy

**Major:** Cosmetology

While at McGuffey, Jayme was a member of the National Honor Society and the National Jr. Honor Society and the Choir; Friends club and Teen Action.

**WYATT WEBECK**

Bethlehem Center High School

**Future Plans:** California University of PA  
(Penn West University)**Major:** Special Education with a minor in History

Wyatt is a High Honors student. He played Football in his junior and senior years; lettering his senior year.



## SWTS Inc. CLASS OF 2022

**DANIEL BRADMON**

Hedgewood House Home Education – Homeschooled  
Greene County Career & Technology Center – Culinary Arts

**Future Plans:** Westmoreland County Community College

**Major:** Culinary Arts, AAS

**Scholarships** – National Restaurant Association; Hilton Hotel New Century Fund; PA Association of School Retirees; Community Foundation of Greene County (William H. Davis, Jr. and Jesse Benson Finnegan); HJ Heinz Foundation; PA Restaurant and Lodging Association

Daniel has been involved with Make A Wish; the Rices Landing Volunteer Fire Department Fish Fry – Fry Chef; Ronald McDonald House Charities of Pittsburgh; Church of Christ at Rices Landing – volunteer. He is an Honor Roll student.

**Extracurricular Activities** – Skills USA – Member 2021–2022; FCCLA – 2019–2022, Member (President – 12th grade); National Restaurant Association – 2021–2022, Junior Member; Greene County Career & Technology Center Occupational Advisory Committee member—Culinary Arts

**Awards**—President's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence 11th grade  
1st place in PA FCCLA's knife skills competition 11th grade  
3rd place in PA FCCLA's culinary math competition 12th grade

**Certifications**—ServeSafe10,11,12; NOCTI 12th grade; 10 hrs OSHA 11th grade

**MARIO GRIFFIN**

Washington High School

**Future Plans:** North Carolina Central University  
**Major:** Business Administration

Mario was a member of the Football, Basketball & Baseball teams  
He is an Honor Roll student and was named "Defensive Player of the Year" (football)

**GRACIE MAYHLE**

West Greene High School

**Future Plans:** Point Park University

**Major:** Dance

**Scholarship:** 2022 recipient Goodwin Memorial Scholarship in Motion Dance

Gracie was involved in the pre-engineering club and the Aquaponics club and very active in Dance.

**CAMERON MOORE**

McGuffey High School

**Future Plans:** California University of PA  
(Penn West University)

**Major:** Social Work

Cameron is a high honor student and was a member & captain of the soccer team. She is also a Youth Soccer Coach and was a member of the Yearbook Club.

Cameron has been employed at the Ivy Green, as a floral assistant, for the past 3 years.



## SWTS Inc. CLASS OF 2022

**JONATHAN VESTER**

Canon McMillan High School

**Future Plans:** Community College of Allegheny County**Major:** Information Technology/Cybersecurity

Jonathan is an Honor Student & completed college courses at CCAC. He was a member of the Track, Cross Country, & Soccer teams. He is a volunteer at Bible Chapel's Youth Group and is employed at Wendy's (where he was awarded "Employee of the Month" twice)

**AARON PLANTS**

Chartiers-Houston High School &  
Western Area Career & Technology Center  
Networking Program

**Future Plans:** Employment—repairing  
computers and servers

Aaron received OSHA certification through  
CareerSafe. He is employed at Sam's Club

**MADISON CARDER**

Central Greene High School

**Future Plans:** Greene County Career & Technology Center**Major:** Licensed Practical Nursing

Madison is Involved in her Youth Group, the Future  
Farmers of America, & was a member of the National  
Honor Society

**RYAN LIN**

Central Greene High School

**Future Plans:** West Virginia University**Major:** Mathematics

Ryan received West Virginia University's Diversity  
Scholarship. He has been a member of the Marching/  
Concert Band, Pep Band, Spanish Club, Student  
Council, Academic League, Physics Club (treasurer),  
Class Treasurer, National Honor Society.

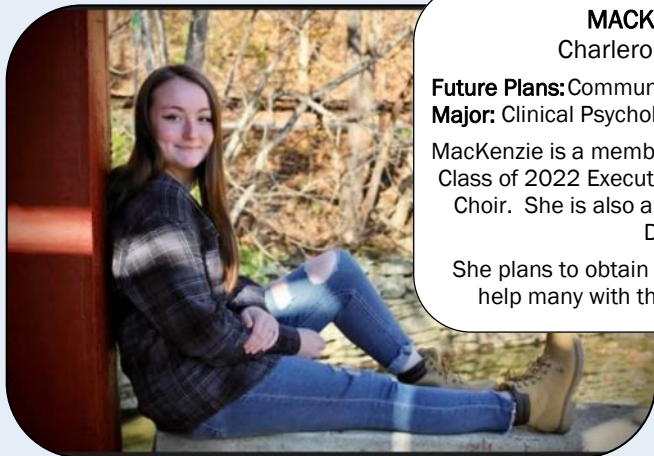
**MACKENZIE FIGOLAH**

Charleroi Area High School

**Future Plans:** Community College of Allegheny County**Major:** Clinical Psychology

Mackenzie is a member of the National Honor Society,  
Class of 2022 Executive Committee, and High School  
Choir. She is also a volunteer at the Charleroi Fire  
Department.

She plans to obtain a PhD and become a doctor to  
help many with their psychological problems.

**NASHAIA MCELVY**

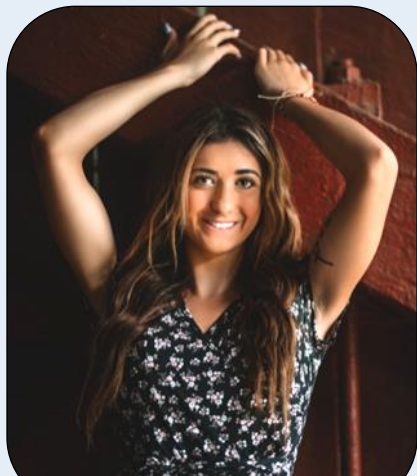
Washington High School

**Future Plans:** United States Air Force

Nashaia was named Student of the  
Month for April at Wash High.



## SWTS Inc. CLASS OF 2022

**MADISON KOZARES**

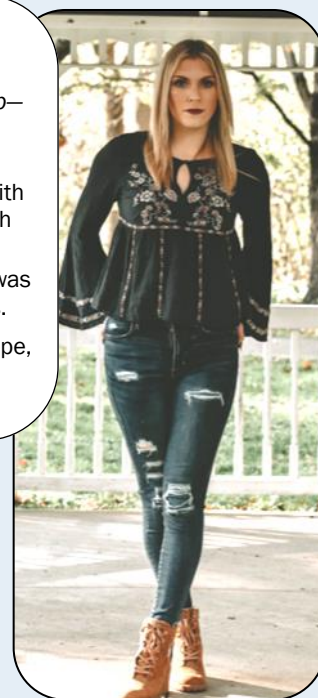
Burgettstown Area High School

**Future Plans:** Franciscan University (*Full tuition Scholarship—and will play Volleyball*)**Major:** Nursing

While in High School, Madison has been dually enrolled with Community College of Beaver County through their Health Academy—She has achieved 28 college credits!

She is a High Honor Student and has lettered for 4 yrs. & was Captain of the Basketball, Volleyball and Softball teams.

Madison was active in the National Honor Society, Club Hope, and Girls Powderpuff. This summer, she is working at Cook Goose Express & is Pet Sitting.

**MYA MALOY**

Chartiers-Houston High School

**Future Plans:** California University of PA (Penn West University)**Major:** Criminal Justice

Mya has been a Varsity Cheerleader for 4 yrs. and a Youth Cheer Coach. She participates in ICE Pittsburgh (*an all-star cheer program*)

She was a member of the Yearbook committee, Student Government, SADD & the Char Hou Zoo

**SAUNDRAH CHILZER**

Avella Area High School

**Future Plans:** Washington & Jefferson College**Major:** Biology

(*Her goal is to become a cardio thoracic surgeon*)

Saundrah is an Honor Student and was the Vice President of the Art Club. She played Basketball & Softball, and was a member of the Color guard

**NATALYA FORTNA**

Canon McMillan High School

**Future Plans:** Employment in Childcare at Southpointe Health Club**BRENNA BENKE**

Central Greene High School

**Future Plans:** Johnson University (Soccer scholarship)**Major:** Business—with a minor in Theology

Brenna was a member of the Basketball, Soccer, Track and Field teams.

She also participated in the Art club, Leo club, Alpha Beta club, Spanish club, Student Council, SADD, and the Varsity club.

**TAYLOR WASSON**

Central Greene High School

**Future Plans:** Waynesburg University**Major:** Education

Taylor was a member of the Rifle team—lettered in Rifle  
In his spare time he enjoys hunting and fishing



## Counselor Spotlight: Dr. Jamie Brownfield – Ringgold High School

My name is Dr. Jamie N. Brownfield. After earning a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from California University of Pennsylvania in 2001, I worked as a Therapeutic Staff Support for children and adolescents with dual diagnoses including Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder, Autism Spectrum Disorder, and Mental Retardation.

Following graduation, I pursued a Masters degree in Elementary and Secondary School Counseling at California University of PA. In 2004, I was hired by the Ringgold School District, as an elementary school counselor for two years, and then transferred to the middle school in 2006 where I had worked as a middle school counselor until January 2022 which is when I started as the Transition Counselor at Ringgold High School.

While working as a school counselor in the Ringgold School District, I earned my Doctoral Degree in Counselor Education & Supervision from Duquesne University in May 2012. During my time at Duquesne University, I also became a Licensed Professional Counselor. I currently work part time as a therapist, helping children, adolescents, and their families live up to their full potential by overcoming life obstacles. With sincere interest and a varied approach, I have helped people by focusing not only on the individual, but also the family dynamics that influence their well-being. I help individuals access their inner strengths and resources to guide and encourage them to be the best they can be. Oftentimes, this requires helping the person see how the thoughts they have about their situation is contributing to the problems they are in counseling to resolve.

Over the course of my career, I have worked as an adjunct professor at California University of Pennsylvania's Psychology department to teach Psychopathology of Adult Disorders and a course on the Diagnostic and also taught Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, in the Counseling Department. I am also a member of the Pennsylvania Counseling Association (PCA) and American School Counseling Association (ASCA). I have had the opportunity to present at both PCA and ACA on topics that included school crisis, post-traumatic stress disorder, and the supervision of counselors.



**Dr. Jamie Brownfield**  
Ringgold High School



## Our Youth Programs – What Things Can We Help With?

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

- ⇒ Work one-on-one with a Youth Case Manager
- ⇒ Gain Skills To Get A Job
- ⇒ Achieve a Credential
- ⇒ Get help with Job Searching
- ⇒ Learn Effective Interview Techniques
- ⇒ Academic and Occupational Skills Testing
- ⇒ Supportive Services
- ⇒ Career Awareness Activities

- ⇒ Post-Secondary Training Opportunities
- ⇒ Paid Work Experiences
- ⇒ Job Shadowing Experiences
- ⇒ Post-Secondary School Visits
- ⇒ Employer/Industry Tours
- ⇒ Career, College and Job Fairs
- ⇒ On-The-Job Training
- ⇒ Mentoring
- ... AND MUCH MORE!

If you, or a youth that you know, would be interested in finding out more, call our youth staff today (**see page 3**)



**SWTS, Inc. SUMMER 2022 YOUTH WORKSITES ARE AMAZING!**

Avella Area School District  
 Avella Daycare Center  
 B.O.A.R. Physical Therapy  
 Bradley Physical Therapy  
 Brownson House  
 Budd Baer, Inc.  
 Burgettstown Area School District  
 Burgettstown Community Library  
 California Area School District  
 Carmichaels Area School District  
 Central Greene School District  
 Charleroi Area High School  
 Chicco Bacello  
 County of Greene – Fairgrounds  
 Crystal's Children's Center  
 Daisytown Community Center  
 DMI Companies, Inc.  
 EDUCO Advisor Group – Jacob W. Cuthbert  
 Eva K. Bowlby Public Library  
 First Federal Savings and Loan of Greene County  
 Fort Cherry School District  
 Greater Waynesburg Christian Outreach  
 Greene County Career & Technology Center  
 Greene County Historical Society & Museum  
 Heritage Public Library  
 Kidz Biz – Maiden Street  
 Kiln To Table  
 Lemoyne Community Center  
 Lemoyne Community Center Feeding Program



Marianna Borough  
 Marianna Outdoorsmen Association  
 McGuffey School District  
 Megan Chicone State Farm Insurance Agency  
 North Bethlehem Township  
 PA CareerLink® Greene County  
 PA CareerLink® Mon Valley  
 Penn Commercial Business & Technical School  
 Smart Kids Childcare & Learning Center-Meadowlands  
 Smart Kids Childcare & Learning Center-Washington  
 Solomon's Seafood Restaurant  
 Strive for a Better Tomorrow  
 The Ivy Green  
 Trinity Area School District  
 United Way of Greene County  
 United Way of Washington County  
 Washington County Adult Probation  
 Washington County Crime Victims Unit  
 Washington County District Attorney's Office  
 Washington High School  
 Washington Park School  
 Washington Youth Baseball  
 West Brownsville Borough  
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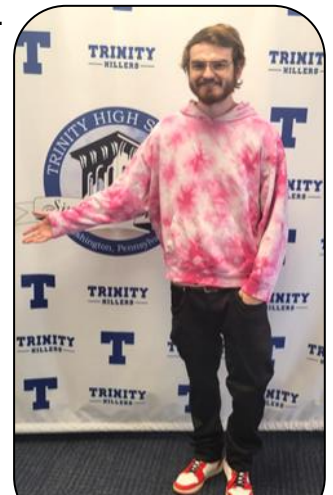
**THANK YOU** to all of our worksites that provide the supervision and the valuable hands-on learning experiences for our youth! **THANK YOU** for giving your time and dedication to help our youth with work place skills! We are so proud to share photos of **our youth at their worksites** on pages 11 through 17.



**Kevin Lee & Principal Mark Bonus**  
 McGuffey High School



(L to R) **Michaela Cochran**, Principal **Chet Henderson**,  
 & **Teyler Barnes**  
 Washington High School



**Dakota Walker**  
 Trinity Middle School



**Kimari Behrens & Nevaeh King**  
Washington Park School



**Ryan Lin**  
Greene County Fairgrounds



**Travis Hayes**  
Waynesburg Central High School



(L) Beth Lammay and  
(R) **Olivia Herrnberger**  
Bradley Physical Therapy



**BreAnn Jackson**  
Crystal's Children Center



**Alice Sanney**  
Solomons Seafood & Grille



**Taylor Wasson**  
West Greene High School



**David Lambert**  
North Bethlehem Township



**Isabella Mann**  
Kid Biz



**Jaymes Forgen**  
WWJD Center



**Jenna Martin**  
Eva K. Bowlby Public Library



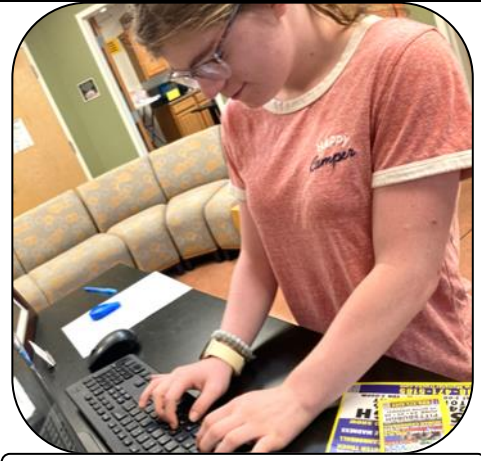
## 2022 SWTS, Inc. Work Experiences...



**Jacob Walsh**  
Washington County  
Adult Probation Office



**Emily Devenney**  
Avella Daycare



**Haley Hannigan**  
SmartKids Childcare and Learning Center



**Triston Schaffer**  
EDUCO Advisor Group -  
Jacob W. Cuthbert



**Darius Clark, John Celani—Worksite Supervisor,  
and Trey Thomas**  
Brownson House



(L) **Jaiden Tabor** & (R) **Megan Chicone**  
Megan Chicone State Farm  
Insurance Agency



**Shelby Loar**  
Burgettstown Community Library



(left) **Justin Manning** (right) **Daniel Hetrick**  
Carmichaels Area High School



**Ashlyn Jaap**  
Washington County  
District Attorney's Office





**Amanda Petito**  
Heritage Public Library



**Aiden Spangler**  
Marianna Borough



**Maci Fuller**  
Trinity Middle School

(below L to R) **Joy Patterson, Mario Griffin, Lynzi Smith, Landi Smith**, with  
Trish Robinson, worksite supervisor  
Lemoyne Community Center Feeding Program



**Noah Devenney**  
Avella Area High School



**Tearsa Smith.**  
Penn Commercial  
Business and Technical School

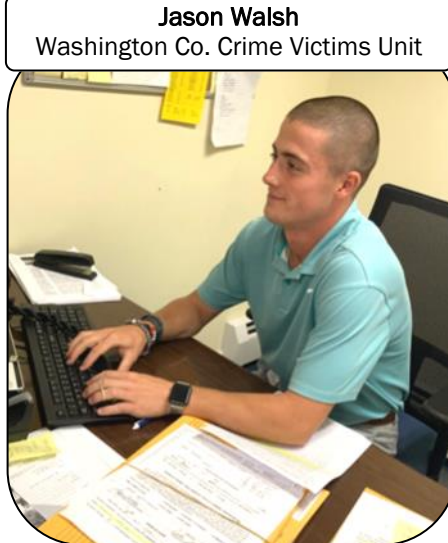


(left) **Aaron Barbacow**  
(above) **Brock Ivicic**  
Marianna Outdoorsmen Association





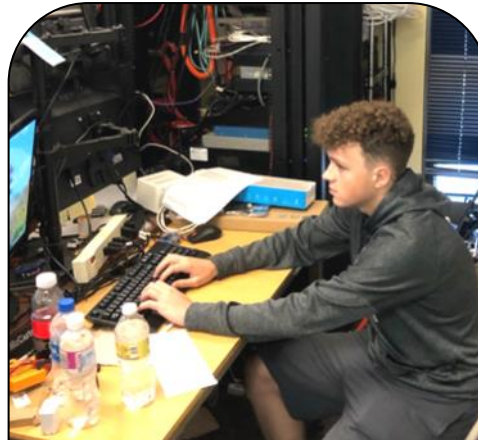
**Maya Kilgore and Courtney Price**  
WashPA Outdoors



**Jason Walsh**  
Washington Co. Crime Victims Unit



**Devin Hanshaw**  
Burgettstown School District



**Brayden Kelley**  
Greene Co. Career & Technology Center



**Grace Wallace**  
California Area School District



**Brenna Benke**  
First Federal Savings and  
Loan of Greene County



**Rylee Schillinger**  
Mon Valley Career & Technology Center



(left) **Kevin Mathers** and  
(above) **Andrew Siwiak**  
Charleroi Area School District





**Kylie Temple**  
WWJD Center



**Ethan Maxwell**  
United Way of Greene County



(L to R) **Melissa Mega**, Owner,  
**Brianna Palfreyman**, **Eryn Levers**,  
**Kylie Moore**, and **Susan Reed**  
The Ivy Green



**Carrie Proudfit**  
Chicco Bacello



(center) **Izabelle Garrety** with worksite supervisors  
**Megan Brucker** & **Nicole Naumoff** & young students  
Smartkids Childcare and Learning Center



**Alina Mayton**  
United Way of Washington County



**Grace Rohanna**  
Greene County Historical Society



**Lauren Martin**  
Eva K. Bowlby Public Library



(L to R) **Khameelah Young**, **Marena Malone**, (with  
4 summer camp attendees), **Teresa Burroughs** –  
worksite supervisor, & **Kaprice Johnson**  
Lemoyne Community Center



**Alexis Rockwell**  
PA CareerLink® Greene County





**Cody Sisler**  
West Brownsville Borough



**Amber Terry**  
Daisytown Community Center

**Mackenzie Whipkey**  
West Greene High School



**Daniel Bradmon**  
Kiln To Table



(L to R) **Marissa Adams; Asalynn Colditz**  
California Area School District



(L to R) **Trinity Payne & Alexa Jolly**  
Strive For A Better Tomorrow



**Kaitlin Wagner**  
B.O.A.R. Physical Therapy



**Justin Scandale**  
Penn Commercial Business & Technical School



**Ava Makel**  
Greene County Fairgrounds



(L to R) **Noah Clutter and Justin Mitchell**  
Worksite Supervisor, Budd Baer, Inc.



**PENNSYLVANIA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION  
2022 GOVERNOR'S ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR EMPLOYERS**

**~ WASHINGTON HEALTH SYSTEM ~**

Washington Health System (WHS) is the largest employer in Washington County and ranks 11<sup>th</sup> in Greene County as well. Because of their support for workforce development, as well as their support of youth programming, Southwest Training nominated WHS for the PA Workforce Development Association's 2022 Governor's Achievement Award for Employers. We are happy to say that they deservingly WON and we were honored to have them accept their award at the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Workforce Development Conference, in Hershey, on May 5, 2022.

Terry Wilttrout, President, Washington Health System Greene and VP of Operations at WHS, is also the Chair of our Southwest Corner Workforce Development Board. He has been very instrumental in connecting business with education in the Southwest Corner. Guidance Counselor and Education Administrator events, which connect local employers with educators, have been supported by Mr. Wilttrout. In his role as WDB chair, he encourages all industries to be involved with our area's youth. He was recently appointed to Pennsylvania's State Workforce Development Board!

**CONGRATULATIONS to WHS on a well-deserved award!**



(pictured left to right) Kim Lonich, Senior HR Partner WHS; Teresa Babyak, Director of Operations–Washington Physicians Group; Judy Devenney, Director of Operations- Washington Physicians Group; Terry Wilttrout, WHS Greene President



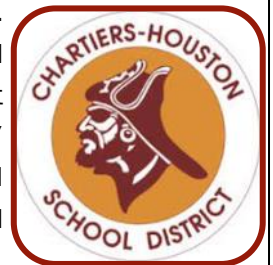
**JUNIOR HIGHLIGHT: Amber Habe — Chartiers-Houston High School**

**Amber Habe**, just completed her junior year at Chartiers-Houston High School. She is an honor student and enjoys art and technology. She is member of the Crossroads 4-H Club, County Council, 4-Team Leader, and is the Junior Director of the Silver Saddles Family Horse Club. Her 4-H projects include market and horses. Her passion is horses and she has been riding for over 8 years. Amber started her career of showing horses, with a miniature horse. She then moved to Western PA where she finally found her true love of barrel racing and rodeo events. These events include running barrels, goat tying and pole bending. Upon graduation in 2023, she would like to attend a training



program focused on welding. She recently was able to spend the day with welding students at Penn Commercial Business/Technical School observing and getting hands-on experience and welding different objects.

**Good Luck in your Senior Year, Amber!**



**Career Exploration**





## CONGRATULATIONS KELSEY!



L to R: Katie Unger-Chipps, Executive Director, Leadership Washington Co. & Kelsey Dwyer

Congratulations to Southwest Training's program manager, Kelsey Dwyer, for graduating with the **2022 Class of Leadership Washington County**.

The LWC Leadership program, lead by Executive Director Katie Unger-Chipps, provides programming that leverages classroom and experiential learning, and exposure to government, academic, nonprofit and corporate institutions.

LWC is a 10-month program with monthly, day-long sessions which run from September through May. The program offers access to a large network of business and community leaders, and professional networks that helps participants to gain a better understanding of our economy and community while promoting personal growth.

After graduation, LWC provides participants with opportunities for board membership, in order to stay involved in the community.

Congratulations Kelsey on your completion/graduation and on

your commitment to the program! We were proud to sponsor you!

To learn more about **Leadership Washington County** please visit [www.palwc.org](http://www.palwc.org).



## FINDING HERSELF THROUGH ART – Alexis Rockwell



Southwest Training is so proud to, once again, share the artistic talent of Alexis "Lexi" Rockwell, a student at Waynesburg Central High School.

Lexi is part of a teen art co-op at the Mattress Factory Museum in Pittsburgh. The Mattress Factory Museum hosted an Art Show titled 'Mirrors of the Mind' and it was open to co-op students and art students from the Pittsburgh area. The artists could use any media they wanted in order to demonstrate what goes on in a person's mind. The co-op students actually designed the space and hung all of the art so they were given artist credit and they were also listed as the curators of the show!



(above left) is a picture of Lexi which she used to create her drawing (below left). The piece is a self portrait of Lexi. Instead of just drawing a picture, she created her art with words that she used to tell her own personal story and her journey to find herself. She entitled her artwork after the song by P!nk, "All I Know So Far".

*Lexi, you are a true talent!*  
*Congratulations!*



Lexi posing with her art exhibit, "All I Know So Far" at the Mattress Factory Museum Art Show

## Meet our 2022 SWTS, Inc. Summer Managers & Monitor



(above L to R) Bella Skobel, Jacob Paez, Taggart Shea, Madison Walsh

**ALONE WE CAN DO SO LITTLE;  
TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH.**  
- HELEN KELLER

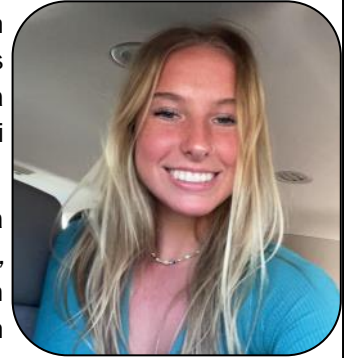
**Taggart Shea** is a Junior at West Virginia University, with a major in Management Information Systems, and a minor in Business Data Analytics. He is also a former graduate of Carmichaels High School.



Taggart is our Greene County Summer Manager, overseeing worksites and all of the Greene County youth who are employed in the work experience program.

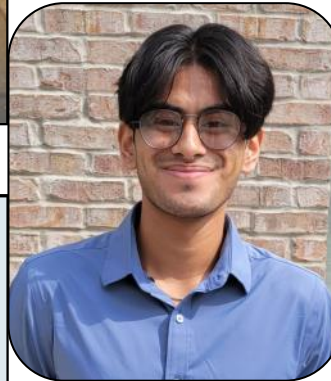
**Bella Skobel** is a Junior at Bethany College, majoring in Accounting and is on the Girls Basketball team. She is also a former graduate of Charleroi Area High School.

This is Bella's 2<sup>nd</sup> year as a Summer Manager with SWTS, Inc. and she oversees our Mon Valley area worksites & youth enrolled in work experiences.



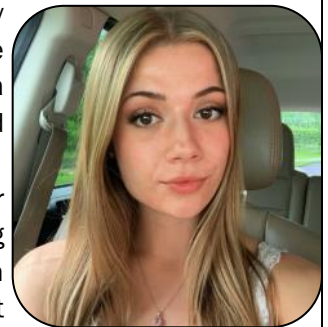
**Jacob Paez** is a Sophomore at Tabor College, in Kansas, majoring in Biomedical Science and he is also on the College's soccer team. He is a former graduate of Trinity High School.

Jacob is a Summer Manager and is responsible for managing the employed youth and their worksites throughout Washington County.



**Madison Walsh** is a Senior at Thiel College majoring in Political Science and Sociology and she is a member of the Girls' Soccer team. She is a former graduate of Ringgold High School.

Madison is our Summer Monitor and is responsible for ensuring Labor Law compliance at each of the worksites throughout Greene & Washington counties.



'Create the highest,  
grandest vision  
possible for your life  
because you  
become what you believe.'

Oprah Winfrey

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