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CELEBRATE ACCOMPLISHMENTS!

In this newsletter we are celebrating the successes of our enrolled youth, our programs, activities and the great people we collaborate with.

Most of us are good at celebrating significant milestones, especially those that mark successful beginnings and ends. Yet we often overlook our smaller victories that pave the way for our major successes. This is unfortunate! **Celebrating your accomplishments means celebrating yourself.** It's easy to celebrate those around you and fail to acknowledge your own wins.

Celebrating small victories boosts motivation, lifts self-esteem, encourages self-reflection and learning, and helps us visualize progress, even when the goal is still far away. These are only a few reasons to celebrate achievements.

Increases Adaptability - The process of self-reflection encourages a mindset of continuous improvement and adaptability. The more you reflect, the more attuned you'll be to what works and what doesn't.

Marks Progress - Long-term goals feel far away, and when you do not progress as quickly as you'd like, you miss out on all the growth happening in between. Create milestones that mark your journey by acknowledging and taking joy in small victories. This practice will help you to visually and mentally map out progress. In other words, it breaks down a large, overwhelming goal into manageable chunks, making the remaining journey feel less daunting.

Enhances Joy and Gratitude - Generally, when you enjoy something, you're naturally more driven to stick with it. Celebrating small victories helps you appreciate the journey, not just the big win at the end. It builds gratitude for every achievement, big or small.

Creates Positive Habits—Celebrating success motivates repeated behavior, leading to more success. Over time, these repeated behaviors become habits.

Encourages Others - Celebrating your achievements does more than just boost your spirits; it can also positively impact those around you. How?

By sharing your accomplishments you are inspiring others to celebrate their own accomplishments.

Source: <https://www.triple3v.org/why-its-important-to-celebrate-your-accomplishments/>



Enjoy reading about many celebrated individuals and accomplishments in this newsletter!

Make time to
celebrate your
accomplishments,

no matter how
big or small

**SOUTHWEST TRAINING SERVICES, INC.
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JUNIOR SPOTLIGHT:

Morgan Everly— Fort Cherry High School

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Morgan Everly is a junior at Fort Cherry High School and also attends Parkway West Career and Technology Center. She is enrolled in the Welding program where she is exceeding all expectations. Her achievements at Parkway West CTC include:

- ◆ 2023/24 – Historian Officer
- ◆ 2022/23 – Class Delegate
- ◆ 2022–2024 – She was chosen for leadership training at Seven Springs Skills USA competition
- ◆ 1st place in 2022/23 & 2023/24



Morgan Everly with her welding sculpture of a Venus Fly Trap



Where are they now? Ryan Scandale - former Summer Manager



Ryan Scandale is a former Summer Manager for SWTS, Inc. Youth Program and we are so proud of his accomplishments!!

Ryan is a 2020 graduate of Canon McMillan High School and a recent graduate of Temple University, earning his bachelor’s degree in actuarial science in May 2024.

During his time in college, Ryan served in various leadership positions including Gamma Iota Sigma, a business fraternity. He has received various awards including a Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) on the Rise Scholarship and also a Spencer Scholarship.

In addition, Ryan achieved Dean’s list each semester and graduated Summa Cum Laude. He spent his last semester studying abroad in Rome. Ryan will begin his career, this summer, working as an Actuarial Analyst at Cigna in Philadelphia.



Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education.

Martin Luther King Jr.

Be strong enough to stand alone,
smart enough to know when you need help,
and brave enough to ask for it.

Where are they now? Devonnir Brown - former SWTS in-school youth

"I am the mother of 2 children, a daughter, NaRyah and a son, Nehemiah. I grew up in Washington and graduated from Washington High School in 2008; I was also a member of SWTS, Inc.'s Youth Program. My journey upon graduation was not easy. I attended Howard University in Washington, DC but quickly found out that I could not afford it. I decided to enlist in the Navy but was medically discharged during basic training. I then applied to Penn Commercial and enrolled in their Practical Nursing program. Shortly after enrolling into the LPN program, I found out that I was pregnant with my first child – but I completed! After completing the program, I did some self-reflection and knew that I wanted my life to be better for my family.



After almost 10 years of being an LPN, I decided to enroll in the LPN to RN Bridge program through Community College of Beaver County. Not only did I complete that program, but I also enrolled in the RN to BSN program at Penn West University - California.

On Saturday, May 4th, 2024 I graduated with my Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. I became the first person in my family to graduate from college. All of this was done while raising my two children and being heavily involved in their academic work, sporting activities, and working full time. I have been employed at Washington Health System, in the GI department for the past five years, and love what I do. Who knows what the future may bring. Maybe another degree? What I do know is that no matter how many times life knocked me down, I always got back up. My hope is that my children see me as a strong woman that never gives up."

YOUTH SERVICES: Find out more!

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, resides in Greene or Washington counties and would be interested in finding out more about our programs and services, call or email our youth staff today.

SUPPORT FROM SOUTHWEST...

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EQT FOUNDATION — WASHINGTON COUNTY CDL-A PILOT PROGRAM

As reported in the last newsletter, Southwest Training Services had received a generous \$50,000 grant from the **EQT Foundation** to support an in-school pilot program, “*Driving Our Future Workforce—Washington County*”. This is the second grant received—our first was a CDL-A pilot program in Greene County. We are pleased to report that the students have successfully completed!



This grant opportunity has supported funding for eight Washington County in-school youth (seniors) to become certified CDL-A Drivers and also receive additional certifications prior to their high school graduation. The training program was conducted by Penn Commercial and upon completion of the training, a Career Fair, that included various companies in need of CDL-A drivers, was held for the students.

Since its inception, **EQT Foundation** has awarded more than \$74 million to nonprofits throughout the operational footprint of EQT Corporation and we are very proud to be one of those organizations! The Foundation is committed to supporting the education and training of children and adults; the development of diverse, livable communities; and preserving our natural environments. Their mission is to help communities to prosper through focused giving. They believe in meaningful engagement with communities and take great pride in being responsible, as well as responsive corporate citizens.

Congratulations to the following students who completed this training program and are now certified CDL-A Truck Drivers!

McGuffey High School	Trinity Area High School
* Evan Brookman	* Ethan Ashby
* Connor Crowe	* Camden Paul
* Nicholas Dearing	* Charles Schurly
* Logan Hatfield	* Owen Skariot



They are Career Ready!!



THANK YOU EQT FOUNDATION!

CDL-A GRADS are ALL LICENSED: *pictured with Mr. Bill Powers, Instructor*



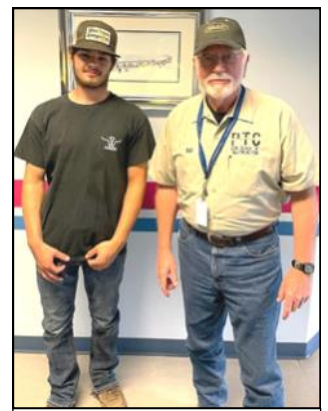
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Logan Hatfield



Charles (Bo) Schury



Ethan Ashby



Owen Skariot



Camden Paul

**CAREER
FAIR**



**NOW HIRING
TRUCK DRIVERS**



Dominique Barfield - Focused on Finding Her Purpose

My college experience was not as typical as I imagined it would be growing up. The plan was to pick a university, attend for 4 years and jump into the workforce. In 2011, I was a senior in high school unsure about my next steps in life. I considered the military, college, and some technical institutions, but I did not know what I wanted to major in. Ultimately, I decided to enroll in the Electronics Engineering Technology program at Pittsburgh Technical Institute. Those 2 years flew by, and I obtained an associate degree in 2013. After entering the workforce for a couple of years I found myself doing work that I did not enjoy.



In 2015, I decided to further my education by applying to California University of PA's Bachelor degree program for Electrical Engineering Technology. To my surprise my credits from my technical school did not transfer in, so what I originally thought would be a 2-year process turned into 4 years. Throughout my studies at CalU I still found it hard to be passionate about my work. After 2 years at CalU, I decided to transfer to Bloomsburg University, after hearing helpful reviews about their program. I hoped the program would be better suited to me, but I still found

myself unfulfilled. After one year there, I decided to not return and focus on finding my purpose.

After doing some research I realized pursuing a degree in Computer Information Systems would be the right fit for me. In 2018, I transferred into CalU's global online program. Attending online gave me the freedom to work and complete classes at my own pace. At times, life and struggles got in the way and I contemplated giving up, but I stuck with it and finished my degree in May of 2024.

My family was the driving force that kept me going during times I felt defeated. I knew the struggle was temporary and I am proud of myself for following through and accomplishing my goal. My testimony is proof that it is never too late to find your purpose and finish what you started.

"The only way to do great work is to love what you do. If you haven't found it, keep looking. Don't settle."

- Steve Jobs

XAVIER THOMAS - Dedication and Hard Work Pays Off

Xavier Thomas, a Charleroi High School Senior and member of Southwest Training's Youth program, has been awarded the **Jason S. Thyonas Memorial Award** from Charlie's Angel Pulling Team. (**Charlie's Angel is a 9500# International 1066 Hot Farm Pulling Tractor, and has been in competitions for two generations*). Each year, the Thyonas family honors their beloved Jason by generously celebrating a standout student in one of the Mon Valley Career and Technology Center's industrial classes, and this year, Xavier Thomas was chosen for his exceptional dedication and hard work in Welding under the guidance of Mr. Vinnie Destefano, MVCTC Welding Instructor.

Xavier's dedication and hard work are truly commendable, and it comes to no surprise that he's been chosen for this honor. He tirelessly perfected his welding skills both in and out of school and his passion for his craft shines through in everything he does. **Congratulations, Xavier! Your hard work and determination have paid off!**



CONGRATS TO OUR RECENT POST-SECONDARY SCHOOL GRADS



Name	Post-Secondary School	Major	Employment Status
Brady Blackhurst	Rosedale Technical College	Automotive Technology	Employed by Pep Boys
Luca Giancola	Pittsburgh Technical College	Electrical Technology	Employed by Swindell Dressler as an Industrial Panel Builder
Sadie Kinsey	Penn Commercial	Welding	Searching for Employment
Riley Olkowski	Rosedale Technical College	Welding	Searching for Employment
Giovanni Waters	Penn Commercial	Welding	Searching for Employment

WELCOME TO OUR 2024 SUMMER STAFF!

Each year Southwest Training Services, Inc. hires college students to assist in managing our Summer Youth Work Experience (WEX) component. Their jobs are to ensure Labor Law compliance at the worksites and to case manage all of the summer youth workers. **We welcome, Mackenzie, Jacob, Jenn and Cameron to our staff for the summer.**



Mackenzie Figolah

Mackenzie Figolah is our Summer Manager for the Mon Valley Area. She is a recent Community College of Allegheny County—*South Campus* graduate with an Associate of Arts Degree in Psychology. She will now be attending Penn West University—California to major in Clinical Psychology and obtain a Bachelor

Jacob North

Jacob North is our Summer Monitor for both Greene and Washington counties. He is a Junior at West Liberty University and is Majoring in Marketing. Jacob has worked for SWTS, Inc. for a few summers at PA CareerLink® Washington County.



Jenna Martin

Jenna Martin is returning for her 2nd year as our Summer Manager for Greene County.

Jenna is a Senior at Bowling Green State University and is working towards achieving a Bachelor of Arts Degree with a focus being in Ceramics.



Cameron Moore

Cameron Moore is our Summer Manager for Washington County. She is currently attending the Community College of Allegheny County and is majoring in Social Work.

Cameron has been in our youth program for several years and has been employed at The Ivy Green.

SENIOR HIGHLIGHT: Carolyn Proudfit — Trinity Area High School



Carolyn Proudfit has had a very active and successful high school career! We know that she will achieve her goals and have a rewarding future!



Future Plans: Wake Forest University

Major: Biology / Pre-Med

Valedictorian – Class of 2024

Advanced Curriculum—Honors World History; Honors Biology; Honors Algebra II; Honors English 10; Honors Debate I, II; Honors Chemistry; Honors Pre-Calculus; AP English 11, 12; AP Psychology; AP Physics I; AP Physics I Lab; AP Calculus AB; AP Computer Science Principles; AP Calculus BC; AP Spanish V; AP Biology; AP Statistics

Leadership and Activities—Trinity High School Book Club Founder; Trinity Cares Club Treasurer, STEAM Team; Varsity Girls’ Volleyball, Club Volleyball, Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science, Speech and Debate Team; Chick-Fil-A Leadership Academy; Future Business Leaders of America; National Honors Society President; Prom Committee,

Student Council, Student Advisory Panel with Superintendent; Spanish Club; Sunflowers for Ukraine Organization; Homecoming Court

Volunteer and Service—Book Drive and Read Around the County; Summer Volleyball Camp; Monthly Trip to the Washington Food Bank; Camp Counselor for the Washington Alliance Church; Shelf Stocking at the Food Bank

Honors and Awards—National Honors Society; National Business Honors Society; High Honor Roll; Varsity Letter in Volleyball; AP Scholar Award; Volleyball Team Captain; Student of the Month

SENIOR HIGHLIGHT: Lauren Martin — Waynesburg Central High School

Lauren Martin, of Waynesburg, is the daughter of John and Tonya Martin. She is a senior at Waynesburg Central High School and plans to attend **Chatham University** in the fall and **Major in Environmental Science with a Minor in Theater**.



Lauren was awarded the Rachel Carson Healthy Planet full-tuition scholarship to Chatham University for academic achievement, dedication to sustainability, and leadership in community and extracurricular activities.

While in high school, Lauren has participated and held leadership positions in many different clubs and activities including the Spanish Club, Student Council, Envirothon, Academic League, Creative Writing Club, National Honor Society, Scholastic Reading Competition, Encore: Music Appreciation Club, Leo Club, and Choir.

Outside of education, she is the President of the WCHS Drama Club and has performed in all six shows produced throughout her high school career. Lauren takes private voice lessons with Tomé Custe.



During the summer she likes to read, bike, hike, and garden. She has worked at the Eva K. Bowlby Public Library through Southwest Training for the past three summers and has genuinely enjoyed her experiences and is grateful for her opportunities. **Congratulations Lauren!**

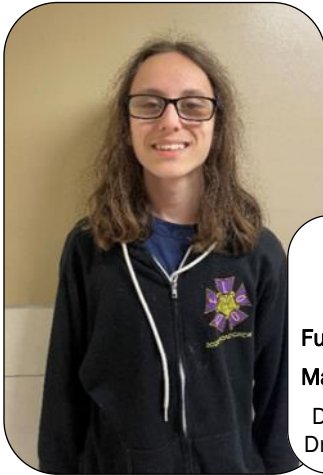
MEET THE SWTS, INC. SENIOR CLASS *** Students chose their photos and what they wanted to share.*



Kaprice Johnson
 Washington High School
Future Plans: University of Pittsburgh Greensburg
Major: Biology
 Kaprice was a member of the National Honor Society and was Vice President of Student Council. She was on Peer Jury, and Yearbook committee. She was selected as this year's Homecoming Queen. Kaprice was a member of the Basketball, Volleyball, Track, and Softball teams. She has also received a Community Service Award.



Sophia Navarro
 Chartiers-Houston High School
Future Plans: Washington and Jefferson College
Major: Nursing
 Sophia was a high honor roll student and was a member of The Future is Mine.



Daniel Hetrick
 Carmichaels Area High School
Future Plans: West Virginia University
Major: Computer Science
 Daniel was a member of the National Honor Society, Drama Club, Academic League, Lions Club, and Band.



Amanda Miller
 Fort Cherry High School
 Western Area Career & Technology Center
 ~ Health Occupations Program ~
Future Plans: Community College of Allegheny County—Allegheny Health Network
Major: Nursing
 Amanda has been a member of SWTS, Inc.'s youth program since she was a sophomore! She was a member of the National Technical School Honor Society, Basketball team, and Faith Fortifiers. She has conducted Community Service at the Salvation Army and the Hickory Apple Festival. She is currently employed at the McDonald Pharmacy.



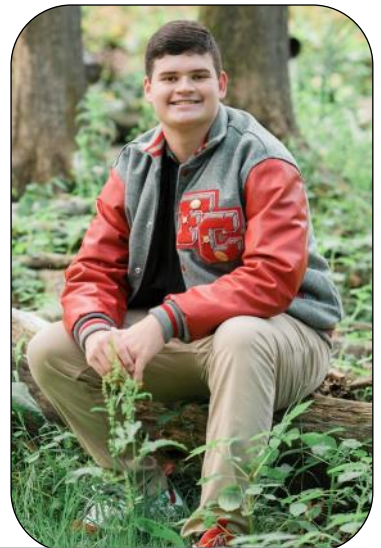
Christopher Byron
 Charleroi Area High School
Future Plans: Penn West University—California
Major: Psychology
 Chris was a member of the Gaming club.

Amaya Diamond
 Trinity Area High School
Future Plans: South College Pittsburgh
Major: Diagnostic Medical Sonography
 Amaya was a member of the Softball, Dance, and Cheer teams. Currently, she is also working as a Manager at Taco Bell.



Ella Boehmer
 Charleroi Area High School
Future Plans: Pace University
Major: Art History
Minor: International Studies

Ella is the Treasurer of the Art Club. She had received 2023 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards with a Gold Key in Sculpture and 2024 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards: 2 Gold Keys in Mixed Media, 1 Silver Key in Sculpture, and a Gold Key Portfolio.



Ian Mawhinney
 Fort Cherry High School
Future Plans: Geneva College
Major: Nursing

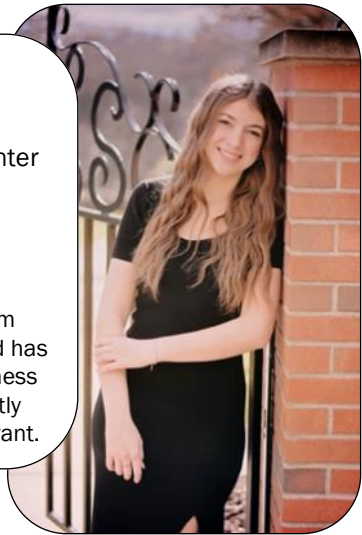
Ian was an Honor Roll Student and the Varsity Club President. He was also a member of Fort Friends and the Football, Basketball, Baseball teams.

★ **SENIORS** ★

Elizabeth Starr
 Trinity Area High School
 Western Area Career & Technology Center
 ~ Cosmetology ~

Future Plans: Waynesburg University
Major: Nursing

Elizabeth was on the Track and Field team (Hurdles). She participated in Skills USA and has conducted Community Service at the Wellness Center and the Food Bank. She is currently employed as a hostess at Angelo's Restaurant.



Regan Cribbins
 California High School

Future Plans: Employment—working with kids in the Christian environment.

Regan was a member of the Soccer team. She was also chosen as Rotary Student of the Month.



Dylan Knight
 Chartiers-Houston High School

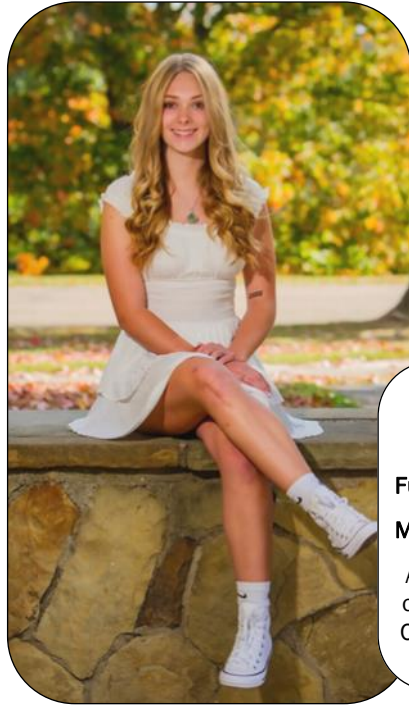
Future Plans: Employment

Dylan was on the Baseball and Wrestling teams. He has conducted Community Service with Chartiers Township

Camryn Musser
 Charleroi Area High School

Future Plans: Kent State University
Major: Psychology

Camryn was a member of the Executive Committee, and was on the Varsity Girl's Basketball, Soccer and Track & Field teams. She was also a member of the Homecoming Court and Prom Court.



Kammi Collins-Woolley

Carmichaels Area High School

Future Plans: Indiana University of PA

Major: Pre Med

Kammi was a member of the National Honors Society, Spanish Club, Senior Standing Committee, and the Debate Club. She is currently employed at Walmart in Waynesburg, Pa.



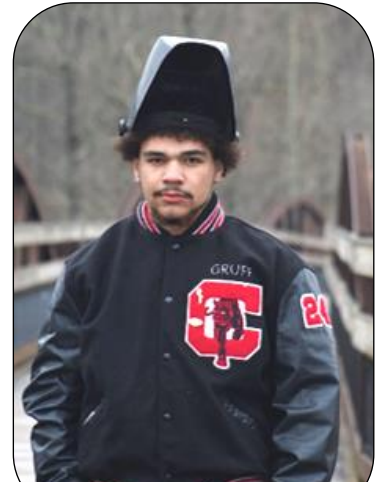
Ava Peters

Washington High School

Future Plans: Slippery Rock University

Major: Child Psychology

Ava was High Honor Roll student. She was a member of the Volleyball and Track teams. She has conducted Community Service with Dress for Success, and she is employed at Denny's and Scotty's Ice Cream



Madison Chabala

Chartiers-Houston High School

Future Plans: Allegheny Health Network

Major: Nursing

Madison was an Honor Roll student, and a member of The Future is Mine, Bucs 4 Bucs and Feeding the Flock. She is currently employed at Skyzone.



Xavier Thomas

Charleroi Area High School
Mon Valley Career & Technology Center
~ Welding ~

Future Plans: Employment

Employer: Camut Fabrication and Welding LLC

Xavier was in Art club and had also won the Scholastic Art and Writing Gold Key Award and the best title of American Visions Nominee Award. He was a member of the Football team and Track & Field team. He was the 2024 Section Champ for Track. Xavier was also involved in a project for the Carnegie Museum of Pittsburgh where he used his welding and fabrication skills.

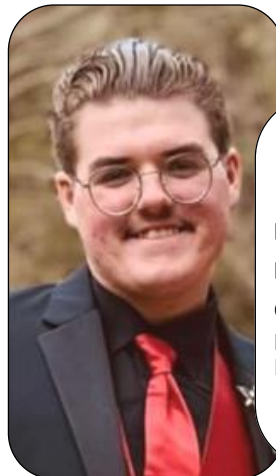


Behind you,
all your memories.

Before you,
all your dreams.

Around you,
all who love you.

Within you,
all you need.



Aiden Jackson

Charleroi Area High School

Future Plans: Indiana University of PA

Major: Criminology

Once Aiden enrolls in his last year of his Bachelors Degree program in Criminology, ehe will then enroll into the IUP Police Academy. His goal is to become a police officer. Aiden was a highest honor student and a member of the Drama Club, Art Club, and Bots IQ Club.

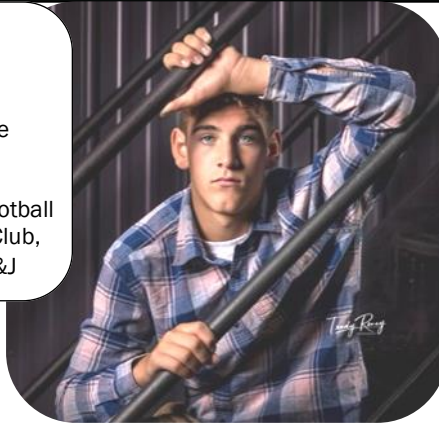
Zane Garner

Trinity Area High School

Future Plans: Washington & Jefferson College

Major: Early Childhood Education

Zane was a member of the Wrestling and Football teams. He was in the Child Development Club, and Chorus. Zane will be wrestling at W&J



Logan Koon

Charleroi Area High School

Future Plans: Employment

Employer: MGT Repair

Logan will be working at MGT Repair as a diesel technician. He did work release through his senior year working for MGT.

Justin Staley

California Area High School
Mon Valley Career & Technology Center
~Construction Technology ~

Future Plans: Army Corp of Engineers



Austin Coneway

California Area High School
Mon Valley Career & Technology Center
~ Construction Technology ~

Future Plans: Employment

Employer: American Construction

Austin was in a Co-Op at American Construction and will continue working there following graduation.



Dylan Barndollar

Charleroi Area High School

Future Plans: Penn West University of PA—California

Major: Business Management

Dylan was involved in the recreational basketball league.



Danika Hampton

Charleroi Area High School

Future Plans: Indiana University of PA

Major: Art Education

Danika was a member of the Marching Band, Drama club, BOTS club, Choir, and Show Choir.

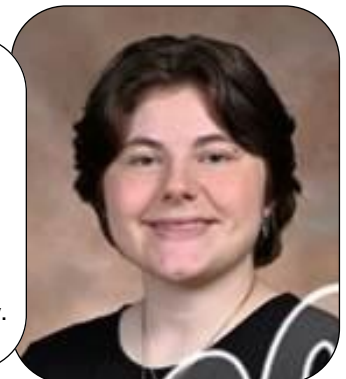
Amelia (Spencer) Downer

Charleroi Area High School
Mon Valley Career & Technology Center
~ Multimedia and Design ~

Future Plans: Penn West University—California

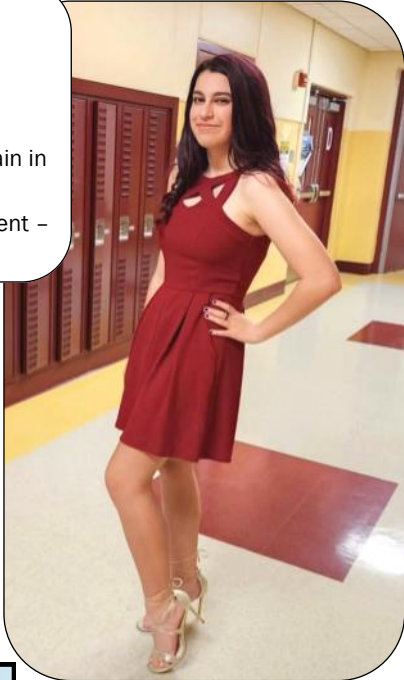
Major: Multimedia Technology

Amelia was a high honors student and was a member of the National Technical Honor Society. She was a member of the Art club.





James Cole
 Charleroi Area High School
Future Plans: Penn West University—California
Major: Mechatronics
 James was a member of the BOTS and Gaming clubs. He also was on the Football and Track & Field teams.



Abbigail Albright
 Charters-Houston High School
Future Plans: United States Air Force Academy
 Abbigail was a member of the Cross County team (Captain in senior year) and the Track & Field team. She was also a member of Bring Change to Mind (President - senior year), Theater, and Choir.

Laicee Chilzer
 Washington High School
Future Plans: Washington & Jefferson College
Major: Nursing
 Laicee was a high honors/perfect attendance student and a member of the National Honor Society. She was also selected as Student of the Month. Laicee was a Majorette, a member of the Volleyball team, and the Key Club



Brenden MacKay
 Peters Township High School
Future Plans: Penn West University—California
Major: Digital Media Technology
 Brenden was an Honors Student and was also a member of the Dungeons & Dragons Club, Chorus, Theatre and Media

Cheyenne Desmond
 Washington High School
Future Plans: Lehigh University
Major: Population Health
 Cheyenne also plans to go to Medical School with the end goal of becoming a Forensic Pathologist
 She was a high honor student and member of the National Honor Society. She was chosen as Student of the Month in October. She was a member of the Challenge Program, Presidents Prep and is #2 on the Girls Tennis team
 She was Drum Major for the Wash High Lil' Prexies Marching Band as well as the Bass Section Leader for the Steel Drum Band, and First Chair Trombone for Jazz Band and Symphonic Band.
 Cheyenne has received the Community Service Award, Challenge Program and STEM Award.



Kaylin Kelly

Bentworth High School

Future Plans: SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry
(The State University of New York)

Major: Environmental Biology

Kaylin was the president of the Environmental Club and a member of the Senior Council, National Honor Society, Yearbook, and Society of Women Engineer's Club.

She received a merit scholarship from SUNY College for \$36,000, the Giant Oaks Garden Club Scholarship for \$3,000 and she received 4 Alex's Extra Effort Awards and NMSI Stem Star Award.



Victoria Zippay

Charleroi Area High School

Future Plans: Penn West University

Major: Psychology

Her goal is to become an Art Therapist

Victoria was President of Art Club, Secretary of Drama Club, and a Drumline Section Leader.

She was a scholastic art and silver key awardee. She was chosen as the Old Trail Business and Professional Club Girl of the Month for November.



Rylee Shillinger

Beth Center High School
Mon Valley Career & Technology Center
~Computer Engineering Technology~

Future Plans: Post-secondary Training

Major: Coding

Her plan following PTC is to further her education in Game Development. She is in National Technical Honors Society and won the Senior Award at the CTC



Elijah Diedrich

Pittsburgh Christian Academy

Future Plans: One Life University

Elijah is the Valedictorian of the Senior Class. He was a member of the Soccer and Basketball teams.

He is also a volunteer with King's Camp, City Mission Washington, and Calvary Bible Church Youth Group

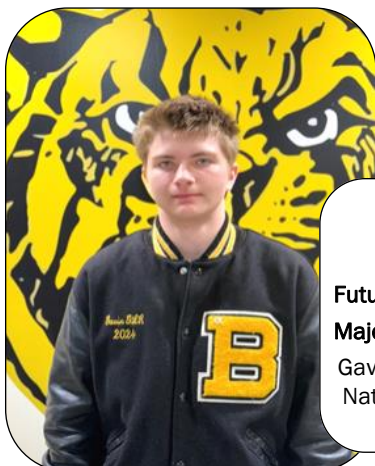


Ella Cooper

Charleroi Area High School

Future Plans: Penn West University

Major: Veterinary Technology



Gavin Linton-Rush

Bentworth High School

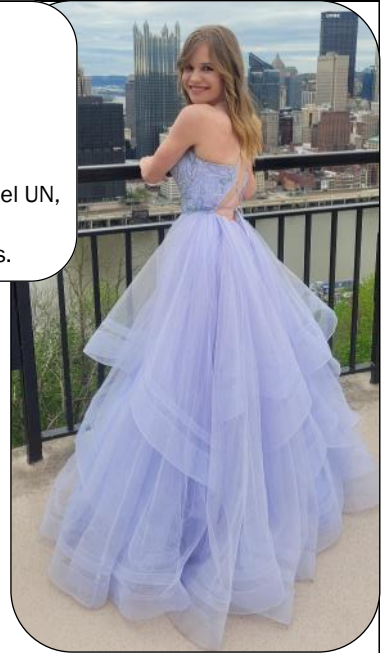
Future Plans: Washington & Jefferson College

Major: Computer Science

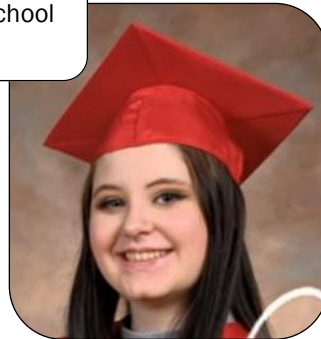
Gavin was an Honor Roll student and a member of the National Honor Society. He also was a member of the Baseball Team.



Athen Miller
 Canon McMillan High School
Future Plans: Employment
Employer: Precious Paws
 Athen was an Honor Student, and was involved in Model UN, and the Spanish Club
 She also owns and operates a pet sitting business.

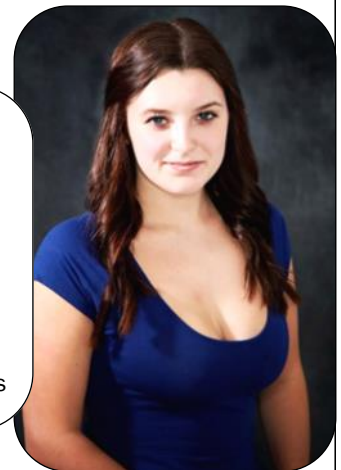


Amber Garber
 Charleroi Area High School
Future Plans: Employment



Jamine Amaya Diaz
 Avella Area High School
Future Plans: Duquesne University
Employer: Environmental Science
 Jamine was the Class President -(Junior & Senior Years), she was an Honor Student and was chosen as the Homecoming Queen.
 She was a member of the Tennis team and was a Cheerleader and a Winter Color Guard.
 She was a member of SADD, STEM Club (President), Art Club, and the Community Service Club. Jamine is employed at the Kitchen on Main.

Abigail Hughes
 Trinity Area High School
Future Plans: Penn West University—California
Major: Veterinary Technician
 Abigail was a member of the Vet Tech Club, HOSA – Future Health Professionals and received the NMSI Stem Star Award.
 She also owns and operates a pet sitting business

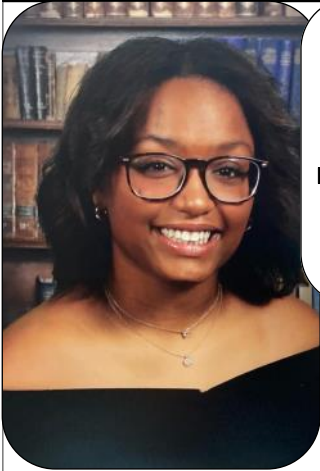


Alexa Jolly
 Ringgold High School
 Mon Valley Career & Technology Center
 ~ Health Occupations ~
Future Plans: Army National Guard
 Alexa was a member of the volleyball, basketball, and track and field. She was also the Honorary Speaker at the CTC graduation this year and was also selected as CTC student of the Year.



Taraysia Finley
 Washington High School
Future Plans: Moving to South Carolina and pursuing post-secondary education to become a Sonographer
 Taraysia was a high honor student and a Cheerleader and a member of the Peer Jury.
 She was on the Basketball (*captain 12*), Volleyball, Track & Field, and Softball teams





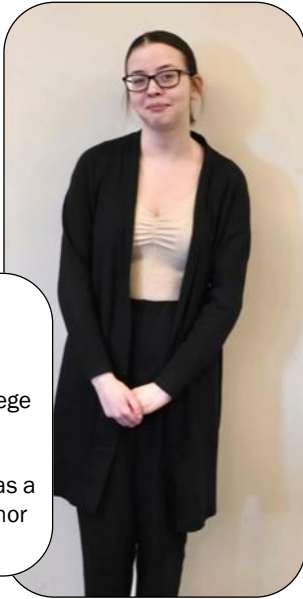
Jerah Brooks
 Washington High School
 Western Area Career & Technology Center
 ~ Cosmetology ~
Future Plans: Employment as a Cosmetologist
 Jerah was a Cheerleader, and she also received the Award for Academic Improvement. Jerah scored 100% on the NOCTI test!!



Corey Bouchelle
 Fort Cherry High School
Future Plans: Waynesburg University
Major: Athletic Training
 Corey was an honors student and a member of the Varsity Club, Fort Friends and Ski Club. He was also a member of the Football, Basketball, and Track & Field teams.



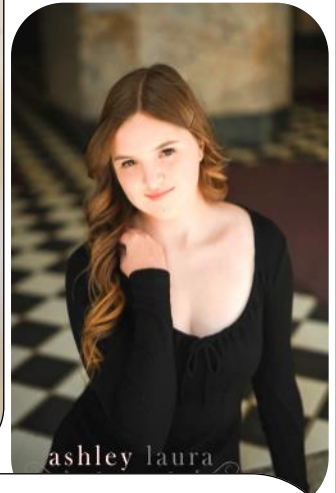
Madison Crawford
 Chartiers-Houston High School
 Western Area Career and Technology Center
 ~ Cosmetology ~
Future Plans: Employment
Employer: Hair Talk
 Madison obtained her cosmetology license! She participated in Skills USA. She is also a car enthusiast and loves shopping.



Kaylee McDonald
 Washington High School
Future Plans: Washington & Jefferson College
Major: Nursing
 Kaylee was a High Honors Student. She was a member of the Key Club and National Honor Society.



Caelin McGowan
 McGuffey High School
 Western Area Career & Technology Center
 ~ Cosmetology Program ~
Future Plans: Community College of Allegheny County
Major: Sonography
 Caelin has been enrolled for 3 years in the Cosmetology program at Western Area CTC, she completed the 1250 hours in order to take the State boards to receive her license. She participated in Skills USA – competed 2 years in the opening and closing, and participated on the Courtesy Corps team.



Laura Hermann
 Charleroi Area High School
Future Plans: College/University
Major: Double Major in Theatre Production and Business, with a focus in Nonprofit Management
Awards: College Board's National Recognition Program Rural and Small Town Award, - Charleroi Lions Club Scholarship; - Charthene Club Girl of the Month; - Penn State 4.0 Club; - Mon Valley Community Federal Credit Union Volunteer Memorial Scholarship
Clubs: Charleroi Marching Band (majorette); REACH gifted program; National Honors Society (historian); Peer Tutoring; Drafting/Engineering Club; Drama Club and the Spring Musical; Track and Field team; Girl Scouts; Westmoreland Performing Arts; PA Tourette Syndrome Alliance.

Isabella Mann

Trinity Area High School

Future Plans: Penn West University— California

Employer: Criminal Justice

Isabella was a member of FCCLA (Future Childcare Leaders of America). She has volunteered for Parents Night Out and the Princess Tea party.



Hailey Geary

Ringgold High School

Future Plans: Penn West University—California

Employer: Veterinary Technology

Hailey was in SADD and The Future Is Mine club.



Azariah White

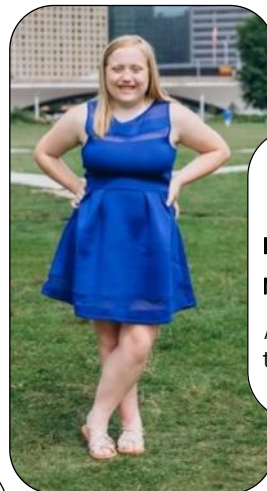
Ringgold High School

Mon Valley Career & Technology Center
~ Construction Technology ~

Future Plans: Employment

Employer: PJ Dick Trumbull Lindy Group

Azariah was on a Co-Op at PJ Dick Trumbull Lindy Group and is continuing her employment there!



Ally Brownfield

Ringgold High School

Future Plans: Seton Hill University

Major: Art Therapy

Ally was involved in SADD, the Interact club, the high school musical, and was chosen as the Snowball Queen.

Brooklyn Lane

Ringgold High School

Mon Valley Career & Technology Center
~ Culinary Arts ~

Future Plans: Indiana University of PA

Major: Forensic Science

Brooklyn has been an honor roll student throughout high school. She is a member of the National Technical Honor Society and won a NTHS award. She is currently employed at Wal-Mart.



Nasira Williamson

California Area High School

Future Plans: Penn West University—California

Major: Music

Nasira was a member of the Tri-M Honor Society, Students in Action, and the Future Ready Leaders. She was also a member of the Track & Field team, Marching Band, and Chorus.

Following her graduation from Penn West, she plans to enroll at West Virginia University to obtain a Bachelors in Music.



~ Seniors ~

(information not available at time of print)

- * **Ariadee Martin**—Bentworth High School
- * **Mark Gush**—California Area High School
- * **Sha'Diamond McCrea**—Washington High School
- * **Addyson Poziviak**—Charleroi Area High School
- * **Jett Shriver**—Charleroi Area High School



Jacqueline Hancher – Going on an Unforgettable Journey!



Jacqueline & children she met pose for a picture in Namibia

“My name is Jacqueline Hancher! This summer will mark two years that I have been able to get an amazing experience with two different internship opportunities (In 2023, Bridge Insurance Group, and this year, Washington Health System) thanks to Southwest Training Services!”

“I am excited to share an amazing opportunity I had this summer to go to Africa! Almost three weeks ago, thirteen of my peers from Southeastern University set off for Zambia, Africa on a Mission Trip. While my team and I were there we camped in tents around a fire for two weeks. Every day we would walk out to different houses in the village we were camping at and talk with so many different people. Seeing people's eyes light up and a smile



grow across their faces was such a beautiful thing as they saw many Americans coming towards them! I had the opportunity to pray for so many people and witness first-hand healings and people getting saved! It was humbling and made me

appreciate what we take for granted here in America like hot water!”



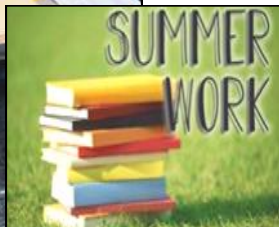
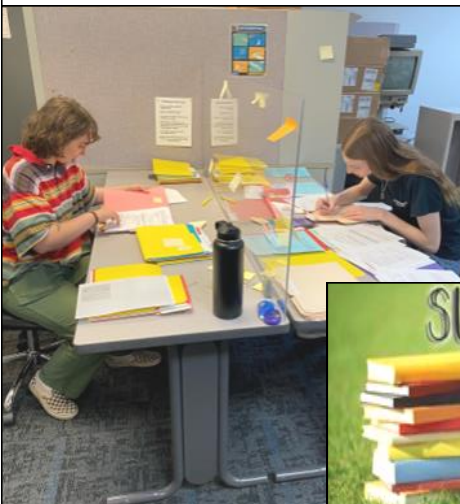
“Outside of the ministry part, I saw many different animals that would normally only be seen in a zoo. I saw so many elephants, zebras, water buffalo, ostriches, hippos, giraffes, and a variety of deer! My team also had the opportunity to see one of the seven natural wonders of the world, Victoria Falls.” This trip is a time I will never forget and I am so thankful for the opportunity to go overseas and see people's lives forever changed!”



Jacqueline's view of Victoria Falls

MANAGERS GETTING READY FOR WEX

Prior to starting our summer youth work experiences and internships, a lot of time is put in setting up worksites and meeting with worksite supervisors, conducting eligibility and intake meetings with youth and their parents, and creating participant folders and monitoring packets. Our summer managers and monitor have been working hard to get



everything prepared for this year's kickoff day – June 17th.

GOOD LUCK to all of our youth workers this summer!

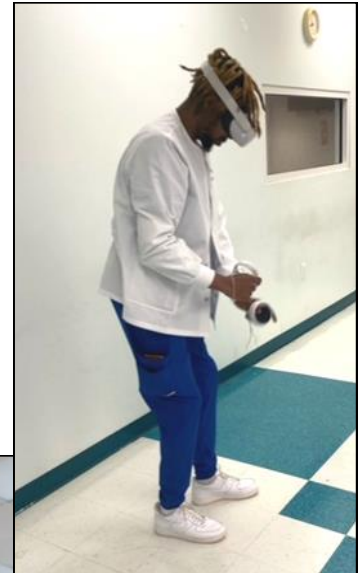


WHAT’S NEW IN VIRTUAL REALITY CAREER EXPLORATION?!

We are excited to announce a significant update to our **Oculus Career Exploration headsets**. This update focuses on expanding opportunities to explore a variety of additional in-demand career paths.

What's New? 11 New Simulations: Dive into exciting new career paths with the following new simulations:

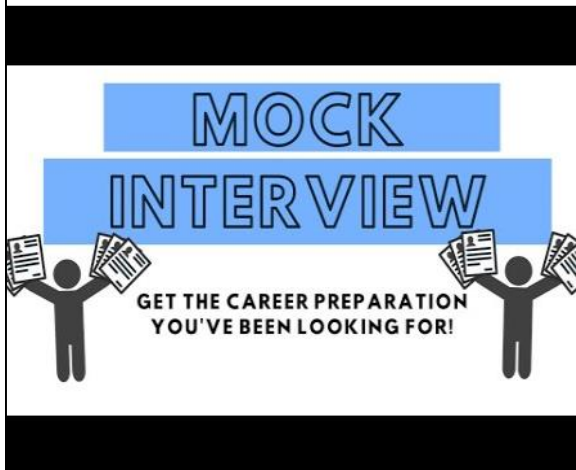
- ⇒ **A&P Technician:** Engine Inspection and Tire Replacement
- ⇒ **Automotive Services Technician:** Change the Oil in an Automobile
- ⇒ **Broadband Technician:** Repair Fiber Internet for a City Block
- ⇒ **Carpenter:** Rebuild a Historic Bakery Roof
- ⇒ **Construction Laborer:** Demolish an Overpass
- ⇒ **Electric Vehicle Service Technician:** Replace an EV Battery
- ⇒ **EV Battery Component Assembler:** Assemble Components of an EV Battery
- ⇒ **Industrial Maintenance Technician:** Repair an Industrial Cooker
- ⇒ **Medical Assistant:** Assist with an Electrocardiogram (EKG)
- ⇒ **Pharmacy Technician:** Prepare an Intravenous (IV) Infusion
- ⇒ **Pipefitter:** Prepare a Pipe for a Commercial Building



Try out these new simulations, plus the careers that are currently loaded! If your school is interested in having SWTS, Inc. schedule Virtual Reality Sessions, call **724-229-1350 x 241** to schedule!

Learning about careers & career paths is FUN!

PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE — MOCK INTERVIEWING



In April, forty-seven (47) Washington High School seniors in Mr. Campbell’s and Ms. Ola’s English classes, participated in the Mock Interview workshop. The workshop offered a “reality review” as each interviewer with Human Resource knowledge was able to have the students walk away with real-world skills that are not only tangible, but transferable.

Western Area Career and Technology Center also held their annual mock interviews in April. In preparation for this event, the students were taught how to form a resume, how to act and respond during an interview, and how to dress appropriately when interviewing. Evan Simpson, SWTS, Inc. Workforce Development Specialist, took

the role of one of the interviewers. He commented, ***“It is such an incredible thing to see when young people get to learn and then utilize these skills that they will need in the future.”*** Every student at Western Area CTC experiences this mock interview process twice so that they can be well prepared leading up to graduation. Following the interviews, many of the employers offered students an opportunity to have an official interview with their company once they graduate. So not only do the mock interviews benefit the students, but they also benefit the employers who get to have a first-hand look at the bright-minded individuals coming directly out of school.

TRANSITION COORDINATOR SPOTLIGHT: Ms. Sheri Garlick—West Greene H.S.



A graduate of Mapletown High School, **Ms. Sheri Garlick** has spent most of her life serving families in the West Greene School District, in a multitude of ways.

Sheri has been a learning support teacher at West Greene for more than 30 years. Her passion is preparing students for life after high school and transitioning into the post-secondary chapters of their lives. So, when Brian Jackson, Superintendent of Schools, asked her to take the title of Transition Coordinator this school year, she was ecstatic! Sheri takes pride in helping students realize their school and work preferences, connect with agencies, and begin their careers.

In addition to working with local agencies on transition activities for her students, Sheri is also the Graduation Coordinator, Prom Coordinator, Academic League and the Quiz Bowl Coordinator, Student Government Association Sponsor, SADD Sponsor, HOPE Squad Advisor and Class of 2027 Sponsor. She is a committed life-long learner who is quick to enroll in coursework and conferences to expand her knowledge and provide the most up-to-date information to her students.

Sheri is blessed to be the proud daughter of Jim and Joann Rumble, who have always modeled and taught a strong work ethic. Sheri enjoys spending time with her precious grandsons, Luka and Ledger, and doing chores around her home.

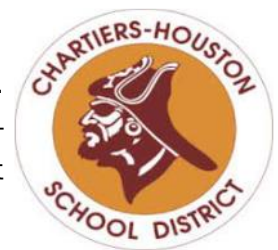


PRINCIPAL SPOTLIGHT: Dr. Christian Lesnett—Chartiers Houston Jr. Sr. High School



Dr. Christian Lesnett became the Principal of Chartiers-Houston Junior Senior High School in January 2024, bringing 15 years of experience in educational leadership across various school districts including Burgettstown Area, North Hills, and Peters Township. With a focus on creating opportunities for students and fostering a growth mindset, he is committed to student success.

Married for 20 years with two daughters and a son, Dr. Lesnett values family support and aims to lead Chartiers-Houston towards excellence in education, expecting great achievements from the students and faculty.



JUNE IS NATIONAL SAFETY MONTH



June is National Safety Month

PA Training for Health and Safety (PATHS) is offering more than 80 safety trainings in June to recognize National Safety Month. PATHS is a statewide service providing employers and employees access to cost-effective health and safety resources.

Training can be provided onsite by request, or you may register for virtual trainings on

various safety topics through the PATHS Training Calendar.

Visit their website: www.dli.pa.gov/Businesses/Compensation/WC/safety for other safety-related resources.



Mrs. Laura Walters: In a New Role - Continuing Support with West Greene

“My name is **Laura Walters**. Before retiring in 2021, I served as the Special Education Supervisor in the West Greene School District. Over my 37-year tenure, I dedicated myself to enhancing educational opportunities for all students.

With my appreciation and commitment to West Greene, I continue as a **P20 Liaison with the Clark Foundation**. This foundation provides funding to West Greene to aid students in their Dual Enrollment classes and other educational opportunities. This involves having close collaboration with the principal, academic director, and school counselor as a member of the career readiness team, all geared towards supporting students. I am fully involved in my role within the district, fueled by my desire to support students throughout their academic journey and beyond.



Additionally, I am dedicated to assisting teaching staff in pursuing advanced degrees. In addition to retirement, I am actively involved in various community organizations. I serve as a board member for the Community Foundation of Greene County, Greene County United Way, Greene Arc, and I also hold positions on the Deacon and Christian Education Committee at Greene Valley Presbyterian Church. Additionally, I have been involved with community members for the Greene County Toys for Tots Program for the past 43 years, aiming to bring joy to children during the holiday season. My involvement extends to music as well, as a member of the Psalm 150 Bell Choir, and I contribute to my church as a Sunday School teacher and van driver. I was also inducted into the West Greene Hall of Fame in 2021. My husband, John, and I call Carmichaels our home.”



**FINDING A JOB
WORD SEARCH PUZZLE**

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ROSS CALCEK – Successful On-The-Job



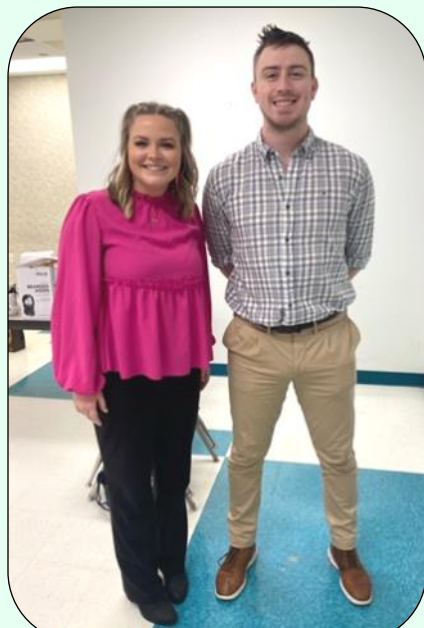
In the Spring of 2023, Ross Calcek attended the PA CareerLink® Mon Valley Job Fair which was held at the Mon Valley YMCA. While there, he had the opportunity to meet with several employers, one of them being Lee Supply, located in Charleroi, PA. (Lee Supply is a leading specialty distributor and fabricator of high-density polyethylene (HDPE) pipe and other related services, including HDPE fusion equipment rentals and custom fabrication capabilities.)

In June 2023, Ross made the decision that his current job was not what he really wanted to do, so he finally submitted the application that he received from Lee Supply while he was at the Job Fair.

Following an interview, an offer was made, and Ross was directed to Southwest Training Services, Inc. to check his eligibility for participating in the On-the-Job Training program. Ross was deemed eligible as an Out-of-School Youth and started his position later that month as a full-time Fusion Technician, making \$17.00 an hour.

Fast forward to September, Ross successfully completed his training with flying colors. He continues to work for Lee Supply today, but with a new position and higher wage. The Lee Supply administration saw his potential and has promoted him to a CNC Operator at \$20.00.

The company was recently acquired by Core & Main Inc, a leader in advancing reliable infrastructures with the HDPE industry nationwide. Ross thoroughly enjoys his work at Lee Supply and sees a long future with this business.



SWTS Youth Case Manager, **Morgan North** & Workforce Development Specialist, **Evan Simpson**
Ready to conduct Oculus Sessions!

SNAPSHOTS



SWTS, Inc. Board Chair **Marianne Albert**



PACL Site Administrator **Aimee Trunzo**;
BWPO Supervisor **Carl North** &
BWPO Assistant Regional Director **Jeff Dick**
at the Washington County Job Fair.

Shaping Futures in the Cosmetology Program at Western Area CTC

Although Cosmetology is not labeled a “High Priority Occupation” in Southwestern PA—The demand is arguably there and the career interest is truly amazing!

The Career and Technical Education (CTE) Cosmetology Program at Western Area CTC in Canonsburg, PA is a beacon of innovation and excellence in the beauty industry. The CTC’s program, led by a dedicated team, Allison Scaife and Jodie Cowden, embraces a dynamic curriculum that goes beyond the basics. From classic techniques to the latest trends, students are equipped with the skills needed to thrive in the ever-evolving world of cosmetology and prepared to become a licensed Cosmetologist in Pennsylvania .

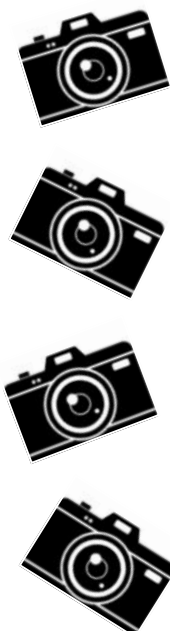
The school now has state-of-the-art facilities that provide students with hands-on experiences while using industry-standard equipment, and ensuring they graduate with confidence and competence to be successful in the Cosmetology industry.

Graduates have not only entered the workforce but have also made their mark by establishing themselves in top salons, launching entrepreneurial ventures, and earning accolades in competitions.

More than just an educational program, outreach events, workshops, and collaborations extend the program’s influence beyond the classroom, making a positive impact on the Canonsburg community and beyond. This year, the WACTC students had the opportunity to attend the International Beauty Show in New York, New York.



Kelsey Smithley, Program Manager, represents SWTS, Inc. at the Job Fair!



ANSWER KEY

WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

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The **Summer Youth Work Experience/Internship Program** will begin on June 17th this year. Once again, our enrolled youth will work up to 32.5 hours per week for 6-weeks. **We would like to THANK the EMPLOYERS** listed below for being worksites and providing our Greene & Washington Co. youth with real-world learning experiences.

We look forward to another great summer again this year!

THANK YOU EMPLOYERS!

Aquatech International	Mon Valley Alliance
Avella Daycare & Learning Center, Inc.	Mon Valley Career & Technology Center
Bradford House	Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce
Bradley Physical Therapy - Canonsburg	NAACP – Washington Chapter
Bradley Physical Therapy - Washington	PA CareerLink® Mon Valley
Brownson House	PA Trolley Museum
Budd Baer	Penn Commercial
Burgettstown Area School District	Personnel Staffers, Inc.
Burgettstown Borough	Peters Township Chamber of Commerce
Burgettstown Senior Center	Realty ONE Group Gold Standard
California Area Public Library	R.G. Johnson
California Area School District	River Point Technology
California Borough Recreational Authority	Shekinah Ranch Camp
Carmichaels Area School District	Smart Kids Childcare & Learning Center-Washington
Charleroi Borough	The Ivy Green
City of Washington – Washington Park	The Manicure
Computer Reach	Trinity Area School District
Crystals Children’s Center	United Way of Greene County
Deemston Borough	United Way of Washington County
L.A. Sweets	Washington & Jefferson College
DMI Companies, Inc.	Washington City Mission
Eva K. Bowlby Public Library	Washington County Clerk of Courts
Flat Rock Group	Washington County Department of Tax Revenue
Fort Cherry School District	Washington County District Attorney’s Office
Greene County Career & Technology Center	Washington Co. District Attorney’s-Victim Assistance Program
Greene County Controller’s Office	Washington County Finance Department
Greene County Department of Human Resources	Washington County Purchasing Department
Greene County Historical Society & Museum	Washington Health System
Greene County Public Defender’s Office	Washington Health System – Teen Outreach
Jefferson Morgan School District	Washington School District
Judge Traci McDonald - Washington Co. Courts	WashPA Outdoors Co.
Kulak - George Architects	West Brownsville Borough
Lemoyne Community Center	West Greene School District
Lemoyne Community Center Feeding Program	Western Area Career & Technology Center
Little Lake Theatre	Westmoreland Performing Arts
Megan Chicone State Farm Insurance Agency	Wonsettler Physical Therapy
Marianna Outdoorsmen Association	World Series Tournaments, Inc.
Mel Blount Youth Home	WWJD Christian Center

FINANCIAL LITERACY: The Best Investment is Knowledge!

Southwest Training has participated with various schools as they hosted **Financial Literacy** events during the month of April. April is the designated month for Financial Literacy for Youth and it is a perfect time to prepare youth for their work experiences and internships this summer!



(above) Amy Rozum, Branch Manager & Assistant Vice President at Northwest Bank, presented topics on credit, savings, checking and budgeting to the students at Avella, Beth Center, and West Greene High Schools.

(above) Southwest Training participated in a **Financial Reality Fair** hosted by Chrome Federal Credit Union for the juniors and seniors at Trinity High School under the direction of Jasmine Hughes. Students were taught the importance of real-world financial decisions and managing money responsibly.

2024-25 FAFSA® is Available!

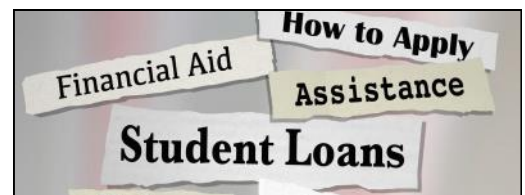
Students can now begin to apply for financial aid for 2024-25 by filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®). Go to: <https://www.pheaa.org/>

Students (and contributors) will need a [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) account ID to complete the form.

[YouCanDealWithIt.com](https://www.youcandealwithit.com) is a public service of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA). [YouCanDealWithIt.com](https://www.youcandealwithit.com) provides practical and easy-to-understand advice on how to deal with common financial situations facing today's college students and recent graduates, such as:

- ⇒ Tips on how to save
- ⇒ Get help establishing a budget
- ⇒ Being careful with credit cards
- ⇒ Learn the basics of financial aid, from receiving a loan to repayment.

And take advantage of free tips and resources for money management and budgeting.



INDUSTRY HIGHLIGHT—Transportation, Distribution & Logistics

A career in **Transportation, Distribution and Logistics** gives you the opportunity to plan and manage the movement of people, materials, and goods by road, air, water, and pipeline. Workers in this Career Cluster often maintain vehicles or work in distribution or logistical centers to organize the transporting of people and products.

Consider this Career Cluster if...

- ⇒ You are detail oriented
- ⇒ You are good with tools
- ⇒ You are organized
- ⇒ You are good at solving problems
- ⇒ You like working on vehicles
- ⇒ You would like to travel



Here are several Career Opportunities ...

Airline Pilot	Logistician
Air Traffic Controller	Packer / Packager
Ambulance Driver	Safety Technician
Automotive Mechanic	Sales Manager
Avionics Technician	Ship Engineer
Civil Engineer	Shipping Clerk
Dispatcher	Taxi Driver
Flight Attendant	Truck Driver
Inventory Manager	Warehouse Manager
Locomotive Engineer	Wellhead Pumper

Here are Related Education Majors...

Air Transportation	Logistics Management
Automotive Engineering	Marine Transportation
Automotive Mechanic	Mechanical Engineering
Business Operations	Pilot Training
City/Urban Planning	Supply Chain Management
Civil Engineering	Tractor Trailer Truck Driving
Diesel Mechanic	Traffic Engineering
Ground Transportation	Transportation Management

FAST FACTS

- ⇒ **Employment numbers:** More than 5 million workers are employed in occupations in this cluster, representing about 3.6% of total U.S. jobs.
- ⇒ **Large economic impact:** The U.S. spends more than \$1.64 trillion annually on transportation logistics.
- ⇒ **High wages:** Most careers in transportation and logistics pay wages that are higher than the national median.
- ⇒ **Truck driver jobs:** Experts estimate there are 50,000 truck driver jobs unfilled, and trucking-related jobs account for about one-third of job openings in the industry.



- ⇒ **Freight:** 70% of freight is transported by truck.
- ⇒ The **world's largest cargo ship** could carry the Eiffel Tower!
- ⇒ **Barcodes** were first used to label train cars on the railroad.

For more information on the duties, salaries, and education required for careers in this Career Cluster, visit :

www.bls.gov.ooh

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CREDENTIALS



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QuickBooks
IT & more



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The Governor's Office has supported the SkillUp™ PA initiative by allocating Pennsylvania state tax dollars to spearhead the implementation of this online learning portal. The Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry was competitively awarded federal tax dollars through the United States Department of Labor - Employment and Training Administration CAREER National Dislocated Worker Grant (NDWG) totaling \$3 million. The CAREER NDWG is entirely federally funded, and 100% of these funds will be utilized to purchase licenses and further implement the SkillUp™ PA initiative over a multi-year period.

Class of **2024**

FUN FACTS

You've never had to wait for dial up Internet



HYBRID AUTOMOBILES

Have always been mass-produced



The **FIRST iPhone** Was released when You were in preschool!



You've never had to lick a postage stamp



YOU HAVE ALWAYS HAD **Google**



You've never lived In a world with **MONTHLY** texting limits

HASHTAGS

Have always been hashtags And never pound signs to you



YOU STARTED HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MIDDLE OF A **GLOBAL PANDEMIC**

This High School Senior Class of 2024 is the 24th graduating class with Southwest Training!

2024



CONGRATS GRADUATES!

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- **Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) programs** are federally supported 100% by the U.S. Department of Labor, with \$0 (0%) state, local and/or non-governmental funds.
- **Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) programs** are federally supported 100% by the U.S. Department of Human Services with \$0 (0%) state, local, and/or non-governmental funds.

For detailed information see: [Stevens-Amendment-1.pdf \(southwestcornerwdb.com\)](#)

