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The Importance of Youth Workforce Development Programming

Youth workforce development programs play such an important role in shaping the future of young people by equipping them with the skills, experience, and confidence necessary to succeed in today's competitive job market. By providing the following resources and opportunities that bridge the gap between education and employment we are ensuring a stronger and a more prepared workforce for the future.

- **1.** <u>Skill Development:</u> Workforce development programs offer training in technical and soft skills, including communication, problem-solving, and teamwork. These skills are essential for securing and maintaining employment in any industry.
- 2. <u>Career Exploration & Readiness</u>: Many young people are unaware of career pathways available to them. Workforce programs introduce youth to various industries, helping them explore and learn more about potential careers through job shadowing, industry tours, internships, and mentorship.
- **3.** <u>Job Placement & Work Experience</u>: Many employers require prior experience, which we all know can be a challenge for young job seekers. These programs connect youth with internships, work experience opportunities, apprenticeships, and on-the-job training experiences, allowing them to gain real-world exposure while earning wages.
- **4.** Education & Credentialing Support: WIOA funding supports training programs that teach in-demand skills, along with industry recognized credentials, which help youth prepare for specific careers in industries such as healthcare, technology, construction, manufacturing, and more. WIOA also supports youth who need to complete high school or earn a GED.
- **5.** <u>Support for Underserved Youth</u>: Youth that are facing barriers such as poverty, homelessness, or disabilities benefit from individualized support services that help them overcome challenges and enter the workforce with confidence.
- **6.** <u>Economic Growth & Community Impact</u>: By investing in youth workforce programs, communities cultivate a skilled labor pool that strengthens our local economy and reduces unemployment rates.

By investing in young people through workforce development programs, we are helping to build a skilled, confident, and self-sufficient workforce, benefiting both individuals and the economy as a whole.

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
WIOA Youth Program

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, <u>or a youth that you know</u>, reside in Greene County or Washington County and would be interested in finding out more about our programs and services, call or email our youth staff today.

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Southwest Training Services is proud to celebrate **25 YEARS** of being in operation and offering quality workforce development services to youth, adults, dislocated workers and employers! Thank you to all that partner with our agency and have supported us over the years!







PRINCIPAL HIGHLIGHT: Dr. Eric Lauver-Fort Cherry High School

Dr. Eric Lauver was appointed Principal at Fort Cherry High School in January 2025. Previously, Dr. Lauver served as the District's Director of Pupil Services from 2022–2024, supervising special education, federal programs, nursing, guidance, English as a Second Language, and technology.

Prior to his arrival at Fort Cherry, Dr. Lauver served as an Elementary Principal, High School Assistant Principal, and Middle School Assistant Principal at Trinity Area School District. During his tenure at Trinity, Dr. Lauver's schools were recognized for outstanding performance, including a Niche.com "Stand Out School" designation for outperforming expectations based on demographics; a CS Is Elementary First Mover School; top 10 designation in Pennsylvania math score growth as measured by the Pennsylvania Value Added Assessment System; and a stop on Governor Wolf's "Schools to Watch" tour.



Dr. Lauver has been successful in obtaining grant monies totaling near \$1 million to date for STEAM and career readiness initiatives. Further, he has spoken, locally, statewide, and nationally on career development, teacher in the workplace programs, flipped learning, music composition, and electronic portfolios for students.



As a teacher, Dr. Lauver started his career at Boonsboro High School in Washington County (Maryland) Public Schools. During his tenure, the marching band was the Tournament of Bands Chapter XIII Group 4 Champion, and both the concert and symphonic bands received Superior ratings at adjudications. After Boonsboro, Dr. Lauver taught at numerous schools in the Bethel Park School District, teaching 4th and 5th grade band and 6th grade music. Dr. Lauver's marching band résumé also includes time as the band director at Trinity High School, focused on improving performance, recruitment, and retention. During his tenure, the Trinity

band achieved numerous first place distinctions. Additionally, Dr. Lauver served as an assistant band director in the Moon Area, Baldwin-Whitehall, and West Allegheny School Districts. Dr. Lauver still serves as an adjudicator for the Pennsylvania Federation of Contest Judges, and he can be found in the field or press box during marching competitions on a number of fall weekends.

Dr. Lauver holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Music Education from Duquesne University, a Master of Music in Performance degree from Duquesne University, a Master of Education with K-12 Principal emphasis from Pennsylvania Western University—California, and a Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership and Administration from Point Park University. Dr. Lauver lives in Southeastern Allegheny County with his wife, Rie, a math teacher in the McKeesport Area School District and his two school-aged sons, Alex and Aaron.

THANK YOU to all the schools, organizations, and employers who have partnered with us in advancing workforce development. Your dedication, collaboration, and continued support play a vital role in preparing our area's youth

Thank you for your partnership for meaningful careers and strengthening our community's workforce. Together, we've created valuable opportunities for students *and* out-of-school youth, aligning education with industry needs and fostering real-world skills. These partnerships are the foundation of impactful change, and we're proud to work alongside all of you. Thank you for being essential partners in this important work. We look forward to building an even stronger future—together.

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Career Clusters: Find Your Interests, Build Your Future!

































Did you know that there are **16 Career Clusters**? The **16 career clusters** are groups of related jobs and industries that help people explore different career paths. Think of them like categories that organize jobs based on similar skills, interests, and work environments. Here's a quick breakdown of each and a few examples of careers:

- **1. Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources** Jobs related to farming, animals, plants, and the environment (e.g., farmer, environmental engineer, veterinarian, veterinary technician).
- **2. Architecture & Construction** Designing and building homes, roads, and other structures (e.g., architect, carpenter, electrician, cement mason, painter, project manager, iron worker).
- **3.** Arts, A/V Technology & Communications Creative careers in music, media, design, and performance (e.g., editor, graphic designer, journalist, videographer).
- **4. Business Management & Administration** Running businesses and managing operations (e.g., human resources, office manager, entrepreneur, auditor).
- 5. Education & Training Teaching and helping others learn (e.g., teacher, coach, school counselor).
- 6. Finance Working with money, investments, and financial planning (e.g., banker, accountant, financial advisor).
- **7. Government & Public Administration** Working in public service, law, and government agencies (e.g., city planner, politician, military personnel).
- 8. Health Science Careers in healthcare and medicine (e.g., doctor, nurse, physical therapist).
- 9. Hospitality & Tourism Jobs in travel, hotels, restaurants, and event planning (e.g., chef, hotel manager, tour guide).
- 10. Human Services Helping people with social services and counseling (e.g., therapist, social worker, hairstylist).
- **11.** Information Technology (IT) Tech jobs in coding, cybersecurity, and networking (e.g., software developer, data analyst, IT support,).
- 12. Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security Protecting and serving the public (e.g., police officer, firefighter, lawyer),
- **13. Manufacturing** Making products using machines and tools (e.g., welder, machinist, factory worker).
- **14.** Marketing, Sales & Service Selling products/ promoting brands (e.g., salesperson, advertiser, market researcher).
- **15. Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM)**–Careers in scientific research, engineering, and innovation (e.g., engineer, biologist, mathematician).
- **16. Transportation, Distribution & Logistics** Moving people and products efficiently (e.g., truck driver, pilot, logistics manager).
 - ***Each cluster includes tons of different jobs, so if you're interested in one, there are many paths to explore!

 Do any of these sound interesting to you?

INDUSTRY HIGHLIGHT: Robotics and Automation Careers

Are you fascinated by robots, artificial intelligence, and the future of technology? If so, a career in robotics and automation could be the perfect fit for you!

These fields are growing rapidly, and are offering exciting opportunities for innovation, creativity, and problem-solving. Let's dive into what makes these careers so exciting and how you can start to prepare for them now.



Why Choose a Career in Robotics and Automation? Robotics and automation are revolutionizing industries, from healthcare and manufacturing to space exploration and entertainment. Engineers and programmers in these fields create robots that assist in surgeries, automate factory production, explore distant planets, and even entertain us in video games and movies. Here are a few exciting career paths to explore:

- ✓ Robotics Engineer: Designs and builds robots for different industries.
- ✓ **Automation Engineer**: Develops systems that use machines to perform tasks with minimal human intervention.
- ✓ **Drone Operator and Engineer**: Drones are used for everything from delivering packages, to filming movies and monitoring wildfires. As a drone engineer, you'll design better drones, and as a drone operator, you can fly them for exciting jobs in photography, security, and more.
- Mechatronics Engineer: Works at the intersection of mechanical, electrical, and computer engineering to develop robotic systems.
- Biomedical Robotics Engineer: Creates robotic devices that assist in healthcare and surgery.

You don't have to wait until college to begin your journey in these fields. Here are some steps you can take right now:

- 1. Learn to Code: Programming is a fundamental skill in robotics. Start with languages like Python, C+++, or Java.
- 2. **Join a Robotics Club**: Some schools offer robotics clubs where you can build and program robots.
- 3. Participate in Competitions: Events like BOTS IQ competitions are great ways to gain hands-on experience.
- 4. Take STEM Courses:: Focus on subjects like, math, physics, and computer science.
- 5. **Experiment with DIY Projects**: Build simple robots or automation projects using kits like Arduino or Raspberry Pi (Look them up on-line for more information)
- 6. The Future of Robotics and Automation: As technology advances, the possibilities in these fields are endless. From self-driving cars to robotic assistants in homes, the future will rely on skilled individuals to develop and maintain these innovations. If you have a passion for technology and a drive to create, then this field offers limitless opportunities. You can learn about electronics and robotics for free—online with the Raspberry Pi

Foundation. Build exciting projects and control them with our computer.



Visit: https://www.raspberrypi.org/courses/electronics-and-robotics

Another website to take a look at: https://www.roboticscareer.org/

Grow PA Scholarship Grant Program

The Pennsylvania General Assembly established the **Grow PA Scholarship Grant Program** in 2024 to help build the workforce in PA. The Grow PA Grant Program provides grants (max. award of up to \$5,000 per year) to students who meet the qualifying criteria and are enrolled in an eligible program of study. This program helps in-state students pay for school and

builds the workforce in PA for indemand occupations. A student can receive a Grow PA Grant for a maximum of 4 academic years.

Grant recipients will be required to complete their program of study requirements, work and live in PA for 12 months for each year they receive the grant. Failure to



meet either of these requirements will result in the grant converting to a loan that must be repaid.

There are over 460 eligible programs of study or majors that lead to in-demand occupations in fields, such as agriculture, business, education, computer science, STEM, nursing, allied health, and criminal justice.

To be eligible, all students will need to submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®).

To find out more about the grant guidelines and/or to apply, visit:

https://www.pheaa.org/funding-opportunities/grow-pascholarship-grant-program

New Paths - New Futures

GOOD LUCK to the following Out-of-School Youth program participants that have recently started their post- secondary training programs.

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PARTICIPANT	SCH00L	PROGRAM		
Nicholas Reha	All State Career School	Class A Preparatory CDL		
Shyanne Hutchins	Cornerstone Dental Assistant Academy	Dental Assistant		
Brianna Weinbrenner	Cornerstone Dental Assistant Academy	Dental Assistant		
Brianna Trump	Cornerstone Dental Assistant Academy	Dental Assistant		
Sherhan Smith	Western Area Career & Technology Center	CDL-A		
Kaleb Behanna	Penn Commercial	CDL-A		
Hannah White	Penn Commercial	Practical Nursing		
Jada Davis	Penn Commercial	Phlebotomy		
Hailey Grennell	Penn Commercial	Phlebotomy		





We would like to **CONGRATULATE** Jefferson Morgan School District Superintendent, **Dr. Brandon W. Robinson,** for earning his doctorate from Point Park University.

This milestone is a true testament to your unwavering dedication to education, lifelong learning, and leadership.





A Day In The Office - 2025 BRING YOUR CHILD TO WORK DAY

Southwest Training Services, the PA CareerLink® Washington County, and the PA CareerLink® Greene County had a few extra helpers on Thursday, April 25th. Austin Trunzo, son of PA CareerLink® Washington Co. Site Administrator, Aimee Trunzo, came back this year and once again was our shredder master! He also helped out with various "office assignments". We were so happy to have him back again.

We also had two grandchildren of Southwest Training's president, Lisa Neil. Parker Burt and Conner Neil were on hand to help with our flyers, tour our office, eat snacks and visit with staff throughout the afternoon.

At our PA CareerLink® Greene County, our Resource Assistant, Lenora Marchiando, had her daughter, Corey Weckerly, help out in the office for the day!



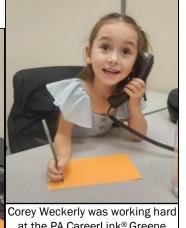
(above) Austin Trunzo was back at the shredder at PA CareerLink® Washington County.



(above L to R) Parker Burt & Conner Neil help to promote SWTS and also (below) point out PA CareerLink®

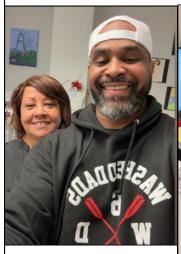






at the PA CareerLink® Greene County office





Ester Barnes, SWTS Youth Program Coordinator, with Mark Clark



We would be remiss if we did not include our staff's "most senior child", for the day, Mark Clark, son of Ester Barnes.

As a former SWTS Summer Staff employee, Mark made sure to visit on "Bring Your Child To Work Day" so he could show off his skills too! (Even though he stated that his mother



TAKE YOUR CHILD



thursday, april 25th

did not invite him to participate...)

COUNSELOR SPOTLIGHT: Ms. Jacelyn Alberts and Ms. Erin Wilson

Ms. Jacelyn Alberts is new in her role as a School Counselor at Fort Cherry Jr/Sr High School as she became a Fort Cherry Ranger in April of 2024. Her previous experience was limited to a long-term substitute role within the Armstrong School District. Ms. Alberts has enjoyed being the Counselor for grades 7-12, (last names L-Z), over the course of this past school year. As she is new to the School Counseling field, everyday is a new experience full of surprises and challenges with her students. Ms. Alberts' favorite part of the school year has been developing relationships with the students and getting to know their interests and future plans.



(L to R) Fort Cherry Counselors:

Ms. Alberts is a graduate of Allegheny College with a degree in Neuroscience and Psychology. She attended Duquesne University for her Master's degree in School Counseling. Outside of her counseling role, Ms. Alberts enjoys running, biking, traveling, and spending time with her kitten, Nelly. She is excited to continue in her role at Fort Cherry and develop relationships with students and families within the community.

Mrs. Erin Wilson has been a School Counselor at the Fort Cherry since 2006. Beginning in the 24-25 school year, Mrs. Wilson's role has changed from the junior high counselor for grades 7-9 to a counselor for grades 7-12, last names A-K. Fort Cherry Jr/Sr High School is a 7-12th grade building with small class sizes.

The shift in caseload allows each counselor to continue working with their Ms. Jacelyn Alberts and Mrs. Erin Wilson | students until graduation and provides more time to build connections with

the families. Mrs. Wilson most enjoys assisting students as they develop career plans. It has been rewarding to see her students taking the first steps on their career path after high school.

Mrs. Wilson grew up in Southwestern PA, attended Belle Vernon Area High School, earned a Sociology degree at Washington & Jefferson College and then a master's degree in School Counseling, at Duquesne University. She is a mother to three children that span high school, middle school, and elementary grade levels. So, she feels a first-hand connection to her students and their parents' current experiences.

From the Classroom to a Career in HVAC

Congratulation to Sean Craft for recently graduating from Penn Commercial's Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration program with an Associate Degree in Specialized Technology, in only 18 months!

Sean was a fantastic student throughout his schooling at Penn Commercial and it was obvious that he had a goal in mind of where he wanted to be. He is a hard-working young Heating *Cooling *Plumbing *Electrical

man who strives for perfection in everything he does.



Now that Sean has gained his certification, he has been offered a position with at Beverly Services, in Bethel Park, PA. Good Luck in your new career, Sean!



Financial Reality Fair — Money Skills for Real Life

Juniors and Seniors at **Bethlehem Center School District** explored real-life budgeting, saving, lending, and spending at the recent Financial Reality Fair, hosted by **CHROME FCU** and Beth-Center School District. Southwest Training was involved in this event which was part of a series Beth-Center put together for their seniors to prepare for areas

in adulthood not always covered in traditional school curriculum, including etiquette, changing a tire, replacing a car battery, plus building a budget, and planning for their future first loan, and/or other financial topics.

At the Financial Reality Fair, the students visited with the various booths that represented essential life expenses (housing, transportation, groceries, etc.) where they made decisions that could impact their

financial health. To wrap up the activity, students met with the financial counselors who then reviewed their budget results and advised them of changes if they were over budget.







A CERTIFIED SUCCESS! Hailey Grennell

Hailey Grennell is a 2024 Chartiers-Houston High School graduate and is now enrolled in Southwest Training's



out-of-school youth program. Hailey took part in last year's summer youth work experience where she was employed at Penn Commercial Business and Technical School, in their Financial Aid department. She assisted with various office tasks in the department and was supervised by the school's Financial Aid Director, Jayme Tuite.

This employment opportunity was a great learning experience and provided Hailey with important skills including teamwork and collaboration, effective communication, time management, and professionalism.

Recently, Hailey received a credential by studying and passing the National Retail Federation Customer Service Certification exam. She decided to also go

back to Penn Commercial, but as a student!

So, she enrolled and was accepted into the Phlebotomy program and started in March 2025. We are confident she will achieve her next goals!

(Pictured left: SWTS Workforce Development Specialist, Evan Simpson with Hailey Grennell holding her NRF certification)



Get Career-Ready with SkillUp^(M) PA

Are you thinking about what comes after high school? Whether you're planning to go to college, jump into the workforce, or just exploring your options, it's never too early to start building real-world skills. That's where **SkillUp™ PA** comes in. **SkillUp™ PA** was launched to provide access to **free, online job skills training** to PA residents.

⇒ Students, Teachers, and Administrators – Actually EVERYONE is able to access this for FREE!

The Southwest Corner Workforce Development Area has its own portal! Please visit:

<u>https://swpa.skillupamerica.org</u> for more information on **SkillUp**^{$^{\text{M}}$} **PA**, including how to register. Some of the free online trainings that are available through **SkillUp**^{$^{\text{M}}$} **PA** include:

- Accounting/Finance
- Clerical
- Customer Service
- Human Resources
- Information Technology (IT); Cybersecurity
- Marketing
- Microsoft Office
- Project Management
- Soft skills: Communication, Time Management & Professionalism

Courses are available on the Metrix Learning Portal and can be accessed by registering for a <u>free account</u> on the PA CareerLink[®] at: <u>www.pacareerlink.pa.gov</u>. Start exploring and learning at your own pace!



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Five Steps to Register & Get Started:

Register as a new user or log into PA CareerLink* at www.pacareerlink.pa.gov

Click on the green banner on your home page

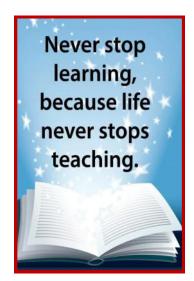
Follow the prompts

Create a password specific to your SkillUp™ PA portal

Complete an assessment or search courses to complete and expand your job skills









MASCOT MASH UP

Can you match the Greene County and Washington County high schools up with their mascots???

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A)	Avella	Indians
B)	Beth-Center	Raiders
C)	Bentworth	Buccaneers
D)	Burgettstown	Pioneers
E)	Canon-McMillan	Hillers
F)	California	Rockets
G)	Carmichaels	Rams
H)	Charleroi	Blue Devils
I)	Chartiers-Houston	Prexies
J)	Jefferson-Morgan	Big Macs
K)	Mapletown	Trojans
L)	McGuffey	Maples
M)	Peters Township	Highlanders
N)	Ringgold	Eagles
O)	Trinity	Bearcats
P)	Washington	Cougars
Q)	Waynesburg Central	Bulldogs
R)	West Greene	Mighty Mikes

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SUCCESS THRU DIVERSITY

Daniel Bradmon is a member of Southwest Training's Youth Program. His case manager, Morgan North, was given the opportunity to share his story by his parents, Ben and Lynn Bradmon, of Rice's Landing, PA. Daniel's story proves that hardships don't define a person—how they respond to them does. With perseverance, every setback can become a stepping stone to success.

Daniel's first major health issue occurred when he was only a year old; with bruising, trouble walking, a fever and rash that wouldn't go away, his parents took him to the pediatrician. He was admitted to a local hospital, but then transferred to Ruby Hospital in Morgantown, WV, where he was diagnosed with leukemia. He went through 2 1/2 years of treatment at WVU and an additional year at Children's Hospital, battling many infections and hospitalizations.

Daniel then had three cancer -free years, until his parents noticed that he was bruising again & lethargic. It was discovered that he had a 2nd type of leukemia cancer. This time, the only treatment was a bone marrow transplant. Thankfully, two of his siblings were a match. His brother, A young Daniel Bradmon in the hospital



Caleb, was the bone marrow donor, but Daniel's body rejected the cells, making the transplant unsuccessful, and it gave him his first trip to the ICU. A few months later, he developed Legionella pneumonia, which made his second trip to the ICU-along with other health related issues. Due to all of the medications, he couldn't walk and began using a wheelchair and went to physical therapy.

Daniel's body took awhile to get stronger, until the doctor's determined that he could undergo the second bone marrow transplant. This time, his sister, Grace, who was 11 years old and rather reluctant, was his bone marrow donor. This time, the transplant worked. In two months, he was up and moving around, even playing hockey in the hospital hallways.

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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: K'Nisha Brown — Washington High School



K'Nisha Brown is a member of Southwest Training's in-school youth program and is a senior at Washington High School. She is enrolled in the Health Occupations program at Western Area Career & Technology Center. She was inducted into the National Technical Honor Society and the National Honor Society and has achieved high honor status since 9th grade. She belongs to the Key Club, History Club, and was selected as Western Area Career & Technology Center's Student of the Month.

K'Nisha is the recipient of the Penn State 4.0 Club Award, Future Physicians of America Award, and the BASH (Black Association of South Hills for Women) Scholarship. K'Nisha states that she is grateful for the BASH Scholarship award and added "It has a deeper meaning to me being an African American young woman who has

worked very hard to be awarded this scholarship. This also benefits me by having the opportunity to continue my education at W&J. I could not be more grateful for the support and opportunity."

K'Nisha is furthering her education at Washington & Jefferson College

this fall and is majoring in the **Bachelor of Science in Nursing program**.

Congratulations!



As you graduate from high school, remember that no matter where life takes you next, you have all the tools you need to be a total success.

Congratulations!

GRAD FACT: The High School Classes of 2025 are part of the largest high school graduating class in U.S. history. with nearly 3.9 million students graduating this year. Talk about making history!



Note: The Seniors have all chosen their photos and what they wanted to share about themselves.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: Darius Clark — Trinity Area High School

Trinity High School senior and member of Southwest Training's In-School Youth program, Darius Clark, officially

committed to Washington & Jefferson College, where he will continue his academic and athletic career as an outside hitter on the men's volleyball team. Clark, a multi-sport athlete, also competed in soccer and basketball during his time at Trinity.

A multi-year letter winner in all three sports, Darius brings a diverse athletic background and strong competitive edge to the collegiate level. He will major in Business and Engineering while competing in the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) under head coach Daniel



Follett. With a GPA of 3.25, and a proven commitment to both teamwork and leadership, Darius looks forward to making an impact both on the court and in the classroom at W&J.

CONGRATULATIONS DARIUS!



MEET the SWTS, Inc. Senior Class of 2025



Logan Tharp

Ringgold High School Mon Valley Career & Technology Center ~Automotive Technology ~

Future Plans: Douglas Education Center Major: Heavy Equipment & CDL-A Training

Logan is a firefighter for Carroll Township Volunteer Fire Department. He also works as a mechanic at Big G Tire in McMurray.



Zakaiya Ramos

Washington High School

Future Plans: Indiana University of PA **Major:** Fashion Merchandising

Zakaiya is a member of the Photography, Sign Language, and Hacky Sack clubs.

She is also a member of the Softball team.

She is employed at the Union Grill and The Brewery.



Trinity Area High School

Future Plans: West Virginia Wesleyan College **Major:** Nursing

Faith recently competed for the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) and her team placed 5th in the Creative Problem Solving competition. She is currently employed at UPMC Washington.



Madden Spicer

Canon McMillan High School

Future Plans: Indiana University of PA

Major: Marketing

Madden is an honor roll student and a member of the Drama Club and Yearbook.

He is a volunteer for Vacation Bible School, and is also a volunteer for the local election.



Rian Johnson

McGuffey High School Western Area Career & Technology Center ~ Welding Program ~

Future Plans: Apprenticeship Program Occupation: Welder

Rian is a member of the Football, Baseball and Track & Field teams. He has earned Advanced level on the NOCTI exam. Rian is employed at Staub Automotive in Triadelphia, WV as a car detailer.



Molly McClay

McGuffey High School

Future Plans: Bella Capelli

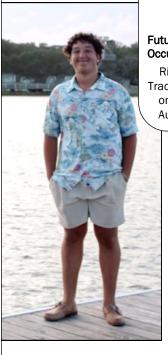
Academy

Major: Cosmetology

Molly is a Cheerleader and also babysits in her spare time.







THE YOUTH CONNECTION

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Angela Mathers

Charleroi Area High School

Future Plans: Seton Hill University Major: Bio/Chem Pre-Med

> Angela is a Highest Honor student with a 4.0 GPA and is graduating 3rd in her Senior class.

She is a member of the National Honor Society, Executive Committee, Student Council, Robotics Club, Show Choir, and is also a Varsity Cheerleader.

Angela has received the Women in Sciences and Mathematics Award in 2023, the Planting Sciences Award in 2024, and was selected for the Penn State 4.0 Club.



K'Nya Brown

Washington High School

Future Plans: Community College of Allegheny County

Major: Early Childhood Education

K'Nya is a member of the Softball, Lacrosse, Volleyball, and Basketball teams. She is a member of the History Club She is currently employed at the Outback Steakhouse as a server.



McKenzie Hill

Chartiers-Houston High School Western Area Career & Technology Center ~ Sports Medicine ~

Future Plans: Waynesburg University

Major: Physical Therapy

McKenzie is a member of the National Society of High School Student Scholars and has received the WACTC Signing Day Scholarship and an academic scholarship to Waynesburg University. She is employed at Bradley Physical Therapy in

Southpointe.





Jodi Gorby

Bentworth High School Mon Valley Career & Technology Center ~Health Occupations Program~

Future Plans: Penn Commercial Major: Licensed Practical Nursing

Jodi is an honor student Jodi works very hard in school as well as working at Duke's Diner in the pizza department. Jodi received 100% on her final exams at the CTC. She loves spending time with family and friends and shopping in her free time.



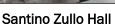




Aryanna Davis

California Area High School

Future Plans: PennWest University—California Major: Undecided between Criminal Justice or Early Childhood Education



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

Future Plans: Community College of Allegheny County

Major: Music Production

Santino is a member of the football, basketball, track, and baseball teams. He is a member of the band (percussion). He is employed at Wendy's.

Eli Wright

Beth Center High School Mon Valley Career & Technology Center ~ Electrical Program ~

Future Plans: IBEW Local #5 (International Brotherhood of

Electrical Workers)

Occupation: Electrician

Eli is a member of the Beth Center baseball team and goes to Florida every year with the team for Spring Training. He attends Mon Valley CTC for electrical and is also taking a Mechatronics class.



Darius Clark Trinity Area High School

Future Plans: Washington & Jefferson College Major: Business and Engineering

Darius actively volunteers for youth sports and was a member of the high school volleyball, soccer and basketball teams. He is employed as a sales associate at Under Armor.





Maleigha Furmanek

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

Future Plans: To become a Game Commissioner

Maleigha is a member of the track team is also a Volunteer Firefighter at Chartiers Township Fire Department.



Semaj Fuse

Trinity Area High School

Future Plans: Robert Morris University

Major: Sports Management

Semaj is a member of the Football, Wrestling, and Track and Field teams. He is also in the Besties Club, and the Ad99solutions Club.

He will continue to play football for Robert Morris University.

Lynzi Smith

Washington High School

Future Plans: Robert Morris University

Major: Criminal Justice

Lynzi is a member of the Student Council and the Prom Committee. She has received the Lemoyne Community Center Scholarship.



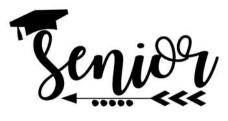
Landi Smith

Washington High School

Future Plans: Robert Morris University

Major: Criminal Justice

Landi is a member of the Student Council and the Prom Committee. She has received the Lemoyne Community Center Scholarship.





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Willow Hammell

Mapletown High School Greene County Career & Technology Center ~Culinary Program~

Future Plans: Westmoreland County Community College

Major: Pastry Chef

Willow is involved in Skills USA and FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) She has received her OSHA-10 and Fire Extinguisher certification and ServSafe certification.

Morgan Everly

Fort Cherry High School Parkway West Career & Technology Center ~ Welding ~

Future Plans: To become a Certified Nursing Assistant Morgan is a member of Fort Cherry Trap Shooting, the Sportsman's Club, Chorus, Advanced NOCTI, and Skills USA She is currently employed at Gianna's Pizza.



Bo McCartney

Washington High School

Future Plans: Washington & Jefferson College

Major: Business Administration

Bo was selected as a 2025 Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame Scholar/Athlete.

He is an honor roll student and a member of the Peer Jury and History Club. Bo is on the Teen Outreach Advisory Board. He was the Wash High Student of the Month for October 2024.

Bo is a member of the Track and Field, Football, and Wrestling teams and is a member of the Cam Heyward Foundation. He has also received the Washington and & Greene County Hall of Fame Scholarship.



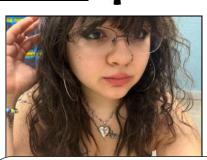


Michaela Cochran

PA Cyber Charter School

Future Plans: Vet Tech Institute of Pittsburgh Major: Veterinary Technician

Michaela has been Involved with the Girls Scouts for 12 years.



Samarra Charles

Trinity Area High School

Future Plans: Robert Morris University

Major: Accounting

Samarra is a member of the National Art Honor Society and the Bible Club. She has received a Merit Scholarship and GPA Award She is employed at Fusion as a server.

Sydney Huber

Canon McMillan High School

Future Plans: Carlow University Major: Communications

Sydney is a member of the Marching Band, and Drama Club. She is also an Officer in the Thespian Society.



Kathryn Boidock

Bentworth High School

Future Plans: Allegheny College

Major: Computer Science Minor: Business

Kathryn is a graduate of the Young Ambassadors of Pennsylvania. She is in the Penn State 4.0 Club, the National Honor Society, Senior Council and is a Student Council Member. She volunteers at her church, Christian Assembly of God, in Bentleyville, teaching children's church, and is a member of the worship team, and helps to host church events.

Kathryn volunteers at food drives and helps with Bocce Ball, a new sport at her school for kids with special needs. In school, she has made the honor roll every semester, has Advanced Placement (AP) classes, and is dually enrolled in college classes.



Jerrod Catlin

Trinity Area High School

Future Plans: Employment Continuing employment at Sam's Club

Jerrod is a member of the baseball and football teams. He is employed at Sam's Club.



Cody Sisler

Brownsville Area High School Mon Valley Career & Technology Center ~Welding Program~

Future Plans: Employment

Heartland Fabrication, LLC

Occupation: Welder

Cody enjoys hunting in his free time.









Emily Tuite

Trinity Area High School

Future Plans: University of Maryland

Major: Psychology Minor: Criminology and Statistics

Emily is the Senior Class Vice President, and is a member of the National Honor Society. She is a member of SHO (Students Helping Others), German Club, and Trinity Leadership Committee.

Emily is employed at Chicco Baccello.



Madison Leddy McGuffey High School

Future Plans: Washington & Jefferson College Major: Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program

Madison is a member of the National Honor Society, the Varsity Soccer team, Yearbook Club, McFriends, Teen Action, and McGuffey FFA. She is a Wrestling Statistics Keeper.

She scored an Advanced Level on the NOCTI exam in General Agriculture. Madison has been awarded a Washington Lions Club Scholarship - \$1,000.



Emily Roscoe

Carmichaels Area High School Greene County Career & Technology Center ~Health Assistant Program~

Future Plans: *Currently exploring post-secondary school options

Major: Nursing

Emily is a member of HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America), and is CPR Certified and OSHA-10 certified. She is involved in the Drama Club, Art Club, and National Honor Society.

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Abigale Roscoe

Carmichaels Area High School Greene County Career & Technology Center ~ Culinary Program ~

Future Plans: *Currently exploring schooling options

Major: Pastry Chef

Abigale is involved in FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America), Skills USA, and the National Restaurant Association. She has her OSHA-10 and ServSafe certification. Abigale is involved in the Drama Club and is a member of the National Honor Society.

Abigail Garber

Bentworth High School

Future Plans: PennWest University—California

Major: Special Education

Abigail is in the Student Council, Senior Council, Peer Jury, and is the Color Guard co-captain. Abigail completed dual enrollment courses at PennWest University while in high school and was at the top of her class - joining the National Society of Leadership and Success based on her academic achievements.







Aszha Denny

Canon McMillan High School

Future Plans: CCAC / PennWest California

Major: Undecided

Aszha is a member of the Ski Club, Buddies Club, Wellness Club, and the Environmental Science Club. She was selected as Mac of the Month for Kindness Aszha is employed at Raising Canes.



Burgettstown Area High School

Future Plans: Community College of Allegheny County

Major: Music Education

Davis is a Stagehand for the school's plays and musicals, He is a member of the Media Club, Comic Book Club, Guitar Club, and is on the Cross Country team. Davis is employed at the Guitar Center.





Mackenzie Mitchell

Fort Cherry High School

Future Plans: Penn State University—Beaver

Major: General

Mackenzie is a member of the Volleyball team, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Fort Friends. She has earned Advanced level on the NOCTI exam and is in the Agriculture Class, She is OSHA Certified and has Beef Q&A Certification, Mackenzie received the 4-H Diamond Award, Washington Financial Scholarship - \$5,000, and National FFA Scholarship - Tractor Supply - \$5,000. She is also a Future Farmers of America Keystone Winner. Mackenzie will be working this summer on a local farm.







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Olivia Kemp

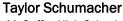
Fort Cherry High School

Future Plans: Washington & Jefferson College Major: Business Administration and Marketing

Olivia is a Highest Honor student and a member of the National Honor Society and Future Farmers of America.

She is the Creative Coordinator for Fort Friends; and a Group Leader for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Olivia is the Captain of the Girls Basketball team (section champs 2024 & 2025) and she was selected for the all section team. She is the Captain of the Volleyball team and Track and Field team (section champs in 2024).



McGuffey High School

Future Plans: Indiana University of PA **Major**: Health and Physical Education

Taylor is a member of the National Honor Society and the 4-H Club. She is a member of the Girls Basketball team and is a 4 time all conference selection. She is also on the Track & Field team and is a 3 time all conference selection.

Taylor is employed at the Lone Pine Country Club.





Jocelyn D'Amico
Trinity Area High School

Future Plans: Employment

Jocelyn was named Student of the Month in December. She will continue working at the Ivy Green and Texas Roadhouse.

JLin Scott

West Greene High School Greene County Career & Technology Center ~Cosmetology Program~

Future Plans: Employment Occupation: Cosmetologist

JLin received her Barbacide certification and is OSHA-10 certified. She is captain of the Rifle Team and has been to States for the past two years and is one of the youngest people to go. She received the top shot and the MVP award for Rifle.

She is a Cheerleader and is in the International Club. As a member of the International Club, she had the opportunity to go to Iceland last year.

Jlin is employed at Morning Rush, in Rogersville, as a Barista, and will be assisting at Salon Diem, in Carmichaels, a few days a week.



Ben Price

Peters Township High School

Future Plans: Robert Morris University

Major: Computer Science

Ben is a member of the Computer Club, Cybersecurity Club, German Club, and Chess Club and was on the football team.

He is the 1st Chair Viola (Jr. and Sr. Year) and is a member of the Orchestra Band and the Washington Symphony Orchestra. He enjoys hobbies such as poker, Rocket League, and most of all, chess.

Ben has been selected for Honors College Robert Morris University. He has been awarded a Merit Scholarship for Robert Morris University - \$26,000 per year. He has also received a Patriots Scholarship - \$2,000 per year.





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Sahara Miller

Canon McMillan High School



Major: Biology

Sahara is a member of the Spanish Club and the Drama Club. She has been awarded a PennWest University Academic Scholarship -

\$1,000 per year. She is employed at the Pooch Pit.



Waynesburg Central High School Greene County Career & Technology Center ~ Health Assistant Program ~

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

Megan is involved in Skills USA, and HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America), She is CPR Certified and has her OSHA -10 certification.









Trinity Area High School

Future Plans: Employment Occupation: Dietary Aide

Alexis is employed at Strabane Woods of Washington.









Ashlee Yurinko

Trinity Area High School

Future Plans: Employment Occupation: Dietary Aide

Ashlee is employed at Strabane Woods of Washington.





Trinity Area High School

Future Plans: Entrepreneurial Program

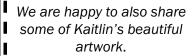
Goal: To own and operate an Art and Coffee Shop

She is currently employed as a server at President's Pub and a cashier at Pretzel's Plus at the Tanger Outlets.















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Tiana Ellis

Washington High School

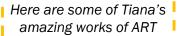
Future Plans: Cleveland Institute of Art

Major: Art

Tiana is a member of the Jazz, Marching, Concert and Steel Bands and is the Drum Major for the Marching Band. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Prexie Performers Club and the History Club.

She was awarded the Gold medal at the NAACP National Act So competition, and Honorable Mention by the City Theatre Young Playwrights.









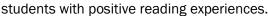






Inspiring Young Minds: One Book at a Time

Ester Barnes, Youth Program Coordinator, recently volunteered at **Washington Park Primary School** to read to Kindergarten and 1st Grade Classes. Who knows, these students could be our future SWTS youth!! Reading to students is a great way to support literacy and provide







for about 2 years; at this time he was age 11.

Continued from page 11: SUCCESS THRU DIVERSITY—Daniel Bradmon

But once again...everything began to change. After running tests, it was determined that he developed Graft vs. Host disease. And the transplant seemed to be failing again. The doctors then had a serious conversation with Daniel's family, informing them that they needed to make some hard decisions concerning Daniel. After careful consideration, it was decided that he would not be admitted back to ICU as he became sicker. They felt that he had fought enough, and they were ready to let him go as his body was not responding to the treatments.



BUT.... Daniel was not ready to quit. The doctors came up with experimental treatments, and they miraculously worked! He was finally able to get out of bed and walk, and in no time at all, Daniel was discharged from the hospital. Due to all of Daniel's health issues and medications, he had not grown

Shortly after leaving the hospital, Daniel started cooking for his family on Sunday nights. At that time, he was introduced to Chef Dan Wagner from the Greene County Career and Technology Center. Before Daniel was even

old enough to join the culinary program, Chef Dan began giving him assignments. He loved cooking.

He worked hard, and by being homeschooled, he was able to catch up with his education. When he became old enough, he entered the culinary program at Greene County CTC, which he enjoyed greatly! Then COVID happened.

By Daniel's senior year, he was back to classes, and he was able to start an apprenticeship at a local restaurant. That apprenticeship turned into a job and continued for 4 years. During his senior year, he decided to take advanced placement classes and continued his culinary education at Westmoreland County Community College. When he completed his education at WCCC, his oldest brother found out about an opportunity to lease a location and purchase equipment for a restaurant in their hometown! So, after pulling together all of the family's resources, they are very happy to announce the opening of **The Rices Landing Bistro**!

The restaurant is located at 989 N 88, Rices Landing, PA 15357.

Daniel's amazing perseverance paid off! What a long and difficult journey for a remarkably resilient young man who never gave up his fight! So, if you are near Rices Landing, stop in the Bistro!







CONGRATULATIONS DANIEL!



What's WIOA? Why Should You Care? A Guide to Youth Program Goals

If you've ever were involved in a job training program, summer work experience, or career exploration activity at your school or PA CareerLink®, there is a chance it could be supported by something called WIOA—the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. We stressed on the cover page of this newsletter the importance of funding WIOA programming, but why should it be important to you?

What Is WIOA? WIOA (say it like "wee-oh-wuh") is a federal program that helps young people, like you, prepare for successful careers. It supports youth ages 14–24 with things like job training, internships, mentorship, career exploration, and more. The goal is to help you get on the path to a good job, whether that means finishing school, going to college, or jumping into the workforce.

So, What Are "Performance Measures"? Think of them like goals or checkpoints for the program. These are how the government makes sure WIOA programs are actually helping young people succeed. Here are the key ones you should know:

1. Are You Working or in School After the Program? This checks if you've landed a job, enrolled in college, joined a training program, or started something productive after finishing the program. The goal? Make sure you're on a strong path forward.

2. Are You Still on Track 12 Months Later? A year after finishing the program, we check again to see if you're still employed, in school, or gaining work experience. Success is about staying on the path—not just starting it.

3. Did You Earn a Diploma, GED, or Certificate? Finishing high school or earning a credential shows you're making progress. This measure tracks how many youth complete education goals while in the program or shortly after.

4. Are You Learning Skills That Employers Want? It's not just about showing up—it's about leveling up. This checks whether the program helped you gain useful skills that matter in the workplace.

5. Are You Earning a Decent Wage? Money matters. This measure tracks if youth are making good wages after finishing the program—because the whole point is to help you get a job that pays well enough to live on.

Again, Why It Should Matter to You...These measures aren't just numbers on a report—they reflect *your* progress. The better youth do in these programs, the more support our programs can get for future participants. Plus, understanding these goals can help you focus on what matters: staying in school, building skills, and planning for your future.



<u>Bottom Line</u>: WIOA youth programs are here to help *you* succeed—and performance measures just make sure that success is real.

If you ever join one of these programs, you're not just a student or a worker—you're part of something bigger. And every step you take moves you forward.

Interested in hearing more? Call our youth staff today! (see *page 2* for SWTS, Inc. staff contact info!)

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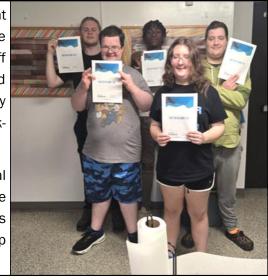
Interviews, Etiquette, and Career Exploration with TEC Students

Southwest Training youth staff recently conducted career development workshops for TEC (Transitional Employment Consultants) students. The students participated in the Interview Skills workshop. SWTS, Inc. staff provided the students with the do's and don'ts while interviewing and reviewed interview questions that employers can and cannot ask. They

also received information regarding workplace etiquette.



The students also participated in Virtual Reality Career Exploration activities and were able to experience various career simulations via the Oculus headsets. What a great group of young people to work with!



What Kind of First Impression Do You Give Others?

Actions Speak Louder than Words ...

First impressions are so important - we form opinions in the first few minutes of meeting someone new. In a survey of more than 2,000 hiring managers, 33% claimed to know whether or not they would hire someone within 90 seconds! That is not a lot of time to make a big impact. **HERE ARE SOME HELPFUL TIPS...**

- ⇒ Crossing your arms can make you seem angry or distrustful. To keep your hands busy, take notes or hold a notebook when speaking with others.
- ⇒ Posture can make a person seem lazy or lack motivation. Sit up straight and relax your shoulders. You will feel better and be perceived as in control.
- ⇒ Nervous gestures such as leg jiggling, hair twirling, face touching, and more... indicates insecurity. Keep your hands on the table or your lap to prevent this.
- ⇒ Eye contact is indicative of your emotional intelligence and the level of respect you have for others You should hold a person's gaze for 50 60% of the interaction.
- ⇒ Smiling makes others feel comfortable and will improve your mood.
- \Rightarrow Handshakes are important match the firmness in grip of the other person and be confident.

Improve Your Interview Skills - Let's Start By Practicing!

Did you know that a PA CareerLink® account provides you with access to **free job interview training**? Are you getting ready for you're a job interview? Don't stress—PA CareerLink® has your back with a **FREE** online tool called **Big Interview**.

Big Interview helps you practice answering real interview questions so you can feel more confident and prepared. You'll get tips from experts, watch short videos, and even record yourself practicing so you can see how you're doing. There's a special section just for teens and first-time job seekers, so everything is beginner-friendly.

Whether you're applying for a part-time job, a summer gig, or your first full-time position, Big Interview is a great way to

get ready. To use it, just create a free PA CareerLink® account, (you can register for a free account at www.pacareerlink.pa.gov.

Once registered, log in and look for Big Interview under the "Online Learning" section. From there, you'll find easy steps to begin training and practicing at your own pace. Now let's start practicing and turn interviews into potential job offers!

BE PREPARED!

Big Interview Tools



Interview Training: Start learning the interviewing techniques and best practices to land your next job. Choose from video lessons covering all aspects of interviewing or written lessons detailing interview essentials.



Practice Interviews: Put your newly learned knowledge to the test by participating in mock interviews from a variety of categories organized by experience, occupation or competency.



Interview Roulette: Stay at your best by answering random interview questions and perfecting thinking on your feet.

Pathways to Success: Apprenticeship Opportunities

Are you curious about what comes after high school? Whether you're dreaming of a hands-on career or just want to try something new, **pre-apprenticeships** and **apprenticeships** offer real-world experience to help you get started.

QUICK GUIDE

Registered Apprenticeship & Pre-Apprenticeship Fact Sheet for Job Seekers

Employers across Pennsylvania struggle to find workers with the right skills due to the growing skills gap in the workforce. Automation or technical innovation alone can't overcome these challenges. Pennsylvania workers need to upgrade their skills and PA's businesses must become producers of the talent they need to thrive.

Apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship programs can help!

WHAT IS APPRENTICESHIP?

Registered apprenticeships (RA) are innovative work-based training programs that allow employers to develop and prepare their future workforce, while providing individuals with an learn-while-you-earn approach to career development. There are **five key components** of an apprenticeship that differentiates the approach from other types of workplace training programs.

PAID JOB



Apprenticeships are jobs! Apprentices earn a competitive wage from their employers that increases during training, providing a reward for skill gain.

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2. ON-THE-JOB TRAINING

Programs provide structured on-thejob learning to prepare apprentices for a successful career.



3. RELATED TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION

Apprentices are provided related technical instruction that supports their on-the-job training.



4. MENTORSHIP

Apprentices receive on-the-job learning under the instruction of an experienced mentor.



5. CREDENTIALS

Apprentices earn a portable nationally-recognized credential within their industry.

BENEFITS FOR JOB SEEKERS

> Employment

Apprentices start working on day one, earning a paycheck while they advance their skills. RA programs open up new career pathways for those who can't afford the time or cost of an advanced degree.

Increased Skills

Apprentices learn both conceptual knowledge in the classroom and practical skills while learning on-the-job. Many apprenticeship programs offer college credit for those wishing to pursue further training.

Wage Progression

As apprentices advance through their training and their productivity increases, their wages increase as well.

Industry-Recognized Credential

Successful apprentices receive a national industry-recognized credential that certifies them as an expert journeyman in the apprenticed occupation.

MORE TO EXPLORE ABOUT PRE-APPRENTICESHIPS & APPRENTICESHIPS

GET STARTED

More than a thousand occupations have already been apprenticed in industries including manufacturing, healthcare, transportation & logistics, information technology, and the building trades. And as a proven model for workforce training, an increasing amount of State and Federal support is available to support apprentices.

Your local PA CareerLink® office will be able to connect you to apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship opportunities, and may be able to provide additional funding and other resources to support your training. Visit www.pacareerlink.pa.gov/jponline/Common/Apprenticeships to learn more.



Contact Apprenticeship@pa.gov

Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

Equal Opportunity Employer/Program.

Scan the QR Code for access to PA registered apprenticeship resources.





APPRENTICESHIPUSA -

<u>Apprenticeship.gov</u> is the one-stop source to connect career seekers, employers, and education partners with apprenticeship resources.

Discover apprenticeships across industries, how programs are started by employers, and how to become an apprentice. Want to learn more? Visit the U.S. Department of Labor's website for all things related to Apprenticeship @ www.apprenticeship.gov

To be even more specific and to locate registered occupations and/ or the apprenticeships in your area go to: https://www.apprenticeship.gov/apprenticeship-job-finder

ANSWERS: Page 11's SCHOOL MASCOT MASH UP:

Avella	Eagles
Beth Center	Bulldogs
Bentworth	Bearcats
Burgettstown	Blue Devils
Canon McMillan	Big Macs
California	Trojans
Carmichaels	Mighty Mikes
Charleroi	Cougars
Chartiers Houston	Buccaneers

Jefferson Morgan	Rockets
Mapletown	Maples
McGuffey	Highlanders
Peters Township	Indians
Ringgold	Rams
Trinity	Hillers
Washington	Prexies
Waynesburg Central	Raiders
West Greene	Pioneers













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The Stevens Amendment, Public Law 101-166, Section 511, is an appropriations provision that requires grantees of the Department of Labor (DOL), Health and Human Services (HHS), and Education to disclose for a grant program the percent of the costs financed with federal funds.

- 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 @ www.southwestcornerwdb.org