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**MAY 2026**

**FOCUS ON GOALS and FOLLOW THROUGH!**

**Big dreams don't happen by accident. They happen one goal at a time.**

For many young people entering the workforce, the path forward can feel overwhelming. College, careers, training programs, certifications—there are a lot of options and a lot of pressure to “get it right.” Here are some valuable tips:

**Start With a Clear Target:** Every accomplishment begins with a decision. Whether the goal is earning a certification, landing a first job, completing training, or building confidence at work, the most successful participants start by clearly defining what they want to achieve. A goal isn't just a wish—it's a plan waiting to be built.



**Break It Down:** Big goals become achievable when they're broken into smaller steps. Instead of focusing on the finish line, successful youth focus on what they can do this week or this month. Attending training consistently, completing assignments, asking questions, and showing up on time are all small actions that add up to major progress.

**Stay Flexible, Stay Focused:** Challenges are part of every journey. Missed opportunities, setbacks, or self-doubt don't mean failure—they're chances to adjust the plan and keep moving forward. Learning how to adapt while staying focused is a key workforce skill that lasts a lifetime.



**Celebrate Progress:** Accomplishing goals is also about recognizing growth along the way. Every completed application, every new skill learned, and every step forward matters. Celebrating progress builds confidence and momentum.

**Your Future Is Built One Goal at a Time:** Success doesn't happen overnight. It's built through commitment, effort, and the courage to keep going—even when it's hard.



**What's your next goal—**  
and what's one step you can take today to get closer?

SENIOR EDITION



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2026**

**MEET SARAH RADCLIFFE-STROOP- WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST**



Sarah Radcliffe-Stroop

**Sarah Radcliffe-Stroop** is a Pittsburgh native, now living in Washington. She was active in our summer youth program, as well as our WIOA youth program, and was a local partner through her last non-profit job.

She is now our Workforce Development Specialist for the Youth team. In this role she provides case management, career and employment readiness services to eligible youth ages 14-24 under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and other grant funded programs. The specialist works closely with schools, employers, community partners and youth to promote positive outcomes in education, training and employment.

She is a 2022 Washington & Jefferson College alumna with degrees in History and Political Science and has 3 years in the nonprofit field. She is passionate about advocating for underserved communities, especially in Southwestern Pennsylvania. With a background in digital inclusion, advocacy, and community outreach, she’s worked to connect people with the tools and access they need to thrive in an increasingly digital world. She is also connecting the communities she’s served with much needed resources from partnering organizations.

*"My work is driven by a simple goal: to support meaningful missions and make a lasting difference in the lives of others. Whether through grassroots activism, tech access programs, or nonprofit collaboration, I strive to be a reliable advocate and resource for those around me." ~ Sarah*

Outside of work Sarah enjoys spending time with her family and friends. She also loves putting together her monthly book club for her mom and sisters. Sarah lives in Washington with her husband Matthew, their two cats Mike and Socks, their Beagle, Honey & their Yorkie, Thumbtack.

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**MEET THE PA CAREERLINK® MON VALLEY SITE ADMINISTRATOR!**

**Dana Chambers** isn't new to Southwest Training Services or to our Southwest Corner PA CareerLink® system, but she has added another role to her job duties. Dana has been selected as the new **PA CareerLink® Mon Valley Site Administrator**. She began her new role in February 2026. Prior to that, she was our Youth Program Coordinator from 2001 to 2008. In 2022, Dana returned to Southwest Training as an Adult and Dislocated Worker Case Manager in our Washington office. She also serves as a PA Notary for Southwest Training.



Dana Chambers

With a bachelor's degree in Business Administration/Communications from Robert Morris University, her experience, training, and excellent work as a case manager prove that Dana is well prepared to take on this additional responsibility and leadership position.

Dana is a Certified Workforce Development Professional (CWDP), a Certified Career Services Professional (CCSP), a Certified Reentry Employment Specialist (CRES), and most recently completed Certified Business Services Consultant training (CBSC).



When not at the office, Dana enjoys spending time with her family, boating and crafting. She resides in Fallowfield Township with her husband, Neil, and three sons, Jacob(20), Joel(20), and Joshua(17) and yellow Labrador, Zeus.



**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 may know, resides in either 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.

**On the Road to a Successful Career! THANK YOU EQT FOUNDATION!**

Southwest Training is proud to announce that we have received a generous grant from the EQT Foundation to support our in-school youth training initiative, "EQT Ready: Education & Qualification for Trucking Program". This marks the third grant awarded to our organization by the EQT Foundation. Our first grant funded a CDL-A pilot program in Greene County, followed by a second CDL-A pilot program in Washington County serving Trinity and McGuffey High Schools. We are pleased to report that both pilot programs were highly successful, achieving a 100% completion rate.



This new grant is enabling eight Washington County high school seniors to earn their CDL-A certification, along with additional industry credentials, prior to graduation. Two additional high schools—Charleroi and Bentworth—have been selected to participate. The program will be conducted by Penn Commercial, and upon completion of training, students will take part in a Career Fair featuring companies actively seeking CDL-A drivers.

Since its inception, the EQT Foundation has awarded nearly \$80 million to nonprofits throughout the operational footprint of EQT Corporation. The EQT Foundation has developed strong partnerships with a variety of nonprofit organizations to enrich the viability of our communities, sustain the principles of continuous learning, train our future workforce and preserve our natural resources. The EQT Foundation helps communities prosper—and we are grateful for their continued partnership and investment in our students' futures.

Once again, we thank the EQT Foundation for providing these seniors with the opportunity to gain valuable in-demand skills and a license while still in-school! And... we thank Penn Commercial for providing an experienced professional, instructor—Ben Crawford, to guide them through every step of the process.

**CHARLEROI AREA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**



(L to R) Jack Cardenas, Jerimiah Kearns, Instructor- Ben Crawford, Ryan Ermlick, Brock Henderson



**BENTWORTH / TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**



( L to R) Nora Lindley, Miranda Schury, Chase Allen, Brock Yares



To learn more about the EQT Foundation visit:  
<https://www.eqt.com/community/eqt-foundation>

**FINANCIAL LITERACY FAIRS—IT'S ALL ABOUT THE \$\$\$**

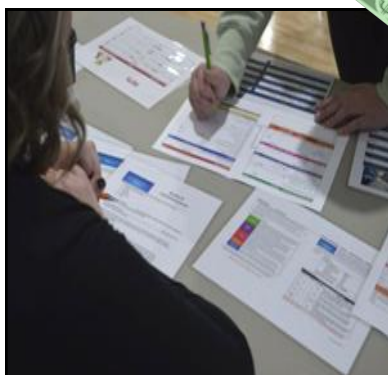


Let's be honest—most teens don't get excited about things like budgeting, credit scores, or taxes. A financial literacy fair might sound like something parents would drag you to. But if you give it a chance, it can actually be one of the most useful (and surprisingly interesting) events you attend. The most recent financial literacy fairs were basically hands-on events with simulation experiences where teens pretended to live on a budget—paying rent, buying groceries, and handling unexpected expenses. According to the students, it felt like a reality check, but in a good way. They quickly realized how fast money could disappear and why planning matters.

Students had the opportunity to talk to real people—including financial advisors, bank representatives, business owners, etc.. Participants received a monthly salary based on their chosen career path, a budgeting worksheet assignment, were set loose in their school gyms. The students were to visit 16 booths representing various essential expenses like housing, transportation, cell phones, groceries, and entertainment, then finish with a spin of the wheel of reality and a visit to a financial counselor. This interactive setup allowed students to make choices that directly affect their financial well-being, fostering a deeper understanding of smart money management in a fun and engaging way.

So why do we want students to do this now? Why does it matter now? Because the earlier students understand money, the more control they will have later. Whether it's saving for a car, college, or just having spending money without stress, these skills add up fast. We hope that the students walked away not only smarter about money, but more confident about their future. Thank you to the community volunteers who helped make this event possible:

Thank you to the organizer of the events: CHROME FCU, and volunteers: Britney Hollick-State Farm Agent, Washington Area Federal Credit Union, W&J College, Range Resources, the Washington Business District Authority, Southwest Training Services, Blueprints, Frick Financial Federal Credit Union, the Washington County Chamber of Commerce, Valley 1st FCU, and Ignite Business Incubator.



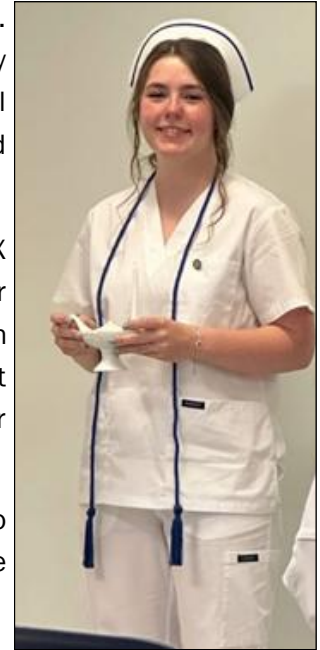
### FROM CLASSROOM TO CAREER: Shelby Loar, LPN

Shelby Loar is a graduate of the Licensed Practical Nursing program at Penn Commercial. Throughout her time in the program, Shelby was an exceptional student who consistently put her whole heart into every assignment and learning opportunity. During clinical rotations, she approached each task as a challenge to be met with confidence and professionalism.

After successfully completing the program, Shelby was scheduled to sit for the NCLEX licensure exam. Unfortunately, a required medical procedure temporarily delayed her ability to take the exam. However, after several months of rehabilitation – and with remarkable perseverance—Shelby was able to take the NCLEX and passed on her first attempt. Today, Shelby has officially launched her nursing career at Presbyterian Senior Care Network, in Washington.

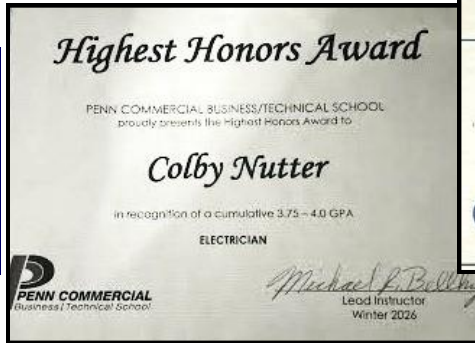


We are so proud of her dedication and commitment to excellence, and we look forward to seeing the positive impact she will continue to make in the healthcare field.



### VIP STUDENT AWARD: COLBY NUTTER

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Colby Nutter who has recently graduated with highest honors from Penn Commercial’s Electrician Program. Colby also received the Electrician Program’s VIP Award! He is off to a great career!



### FROM CLASSROOM TO CAREER: GEORGE FISCHER III

George Fischer III, a member of our out-of-school youth program, has graduated from Rosedale Technical College’s Automotive Technician Program following his 16-months of training.



George has accepted an employment offer at #1 Cochran Buick GMC in Robinson. He is working as an Automotive Technician, full-time!

**CONGRATS GEORGE!**



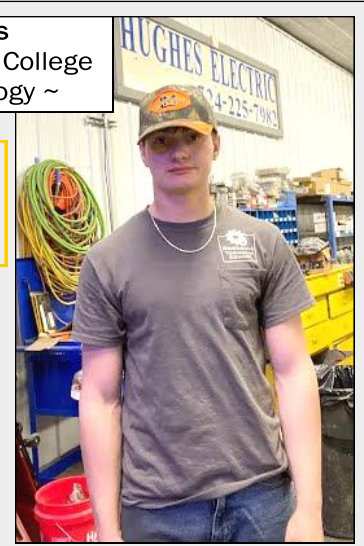
ON THEIR WAY TO GREAT CAREERS... Out-of-School Youth



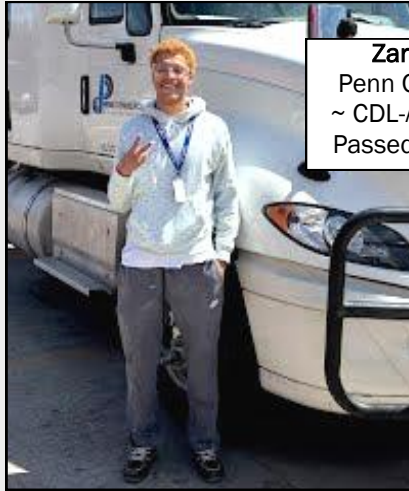
**Zach Fiori**  
Laurel Technical Institute  
Computer Network Security Technology  
~last semester!~



**Britin Hughes**  
Rosedale Technical College  
~ Diesel Technology ~



 **Student Spotlights**



**Zarius Tiller**  
Penn Commercial  
~ CDL-A Program ~  
Passed his permit!



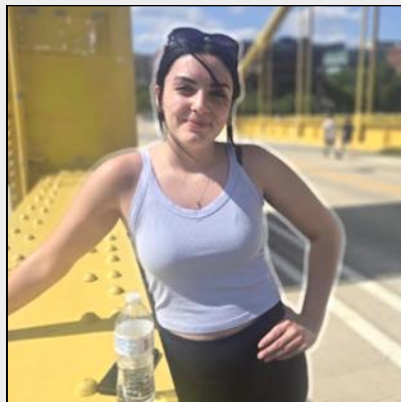
**Zander Stamatakis**  
Penn Commercial  
~ Electrical Program ~



**John Stimak**  
Penn Commercial  
~IT & Security Program ~  
~ last semester ~



**Levi Meek**  
Rosedale Technical College  
~ Diesel Technology ~



**Alexa Buel**  
Penn Commercial  
~ Practical Nursing (LPN) ~



**Ryder Strong**  
Penn Commercial  
~ Electrical Program ~



**Dominick D'Amico**  
Laurel Technical Institute  
Computer Network Security Technology  
~last semester!~



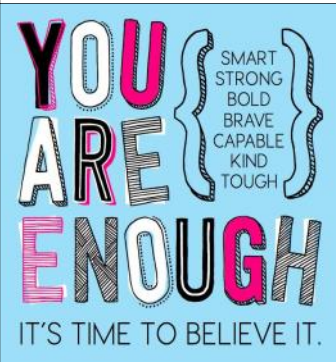
## MEET OUR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

### Dear Graduating Class of 2026:

The moment you've been working toward is finally here. To the graduating Class of 2026—congratulations! This milestone marks not just the end of your high school journey, but the beginning of everything that comes next.

Your class is unlike any other. You've grown up learning how to adapt, persevere, and move forward even when things felt uncertain and every step has shaped who you are today. Graduation is more than a ceremony—it's a reflection of your hard work, determination, and resilience. Each of you has taken a unique path to get here, and that's what makes this moment so meaningful. Whether your next step is college, a career, the military, or exploring new opportunities, you are prepared in ways you may not even realize yet.

As you move forward, remember that success doesn't follow just one path. The lessons you've learned, both inside and outside the classroom, will guide you far beyond this moment. Take pride in how far you've come, and don't be afraid of where you're going. The future is full of possibility. Once again, congratulations, Class of 2026. Your journey is just beginning—and your best chapters are still ahead.



We are so proud that we have been able to be a part of your journeys and wish you all the best of luck. We look forward to learning more about your career journeys following your graduation. We know you will achieve your goals!

~ Southwest Training Services

## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: Nicole Barrera - Mapletown High School



**Nicole Barrera**  
Mapletown High School  
**Future Plans:** University of Pittsburgh  
**Major:** Occupational Therapy

Nicole Barrera is a senior at Mapletown High School and she is very active both in and out of school! She is a high honors student and a member of the National Honor Society. She is a member of the Basketball team, Band, and is a Majorette.

Her activities in school included SADD, Academic League, Interact Club, Student Council, and the Debate Team and has volunteered for various school projects and events. She is also an award winning Equestrian.

Nicole is employed during the summer months as a life-guard at the Mon View Park and Pool and is also a stable hand at Footloose Farms.



Her future plans are to attend the University of Pittsburgh's Occupational Therapy program and she has been accepted into Pitt's Master's Program.



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: Elizabeth Fonner —Waynesburg Central High School



"My name is Elizabeth Fonner, and I have always attended school in Waynesburg, with the exception being Kindergarten, which I attended in Carmichaels. In my time in high school, I have tried many things, quit many things, and loved many things. Whether it was band, singing, volleyball, cosmetology, and many more, one thing stayed consistent. This is my art journey.

For a while, I have been big on doodling on my papers; being noticed by teachers, they encouraged me to get into art. Since then, I have improved a lot and continue to do so. My favorite way to make art is digitally, and it has allowed me to efficiently make art for different teachers who have made a difference in my life, and even informational posters for my zoology class. Outside that, art is a great way to express emotion and individuality. There is

Elizabeth Fonner

Waynesburg Central High School

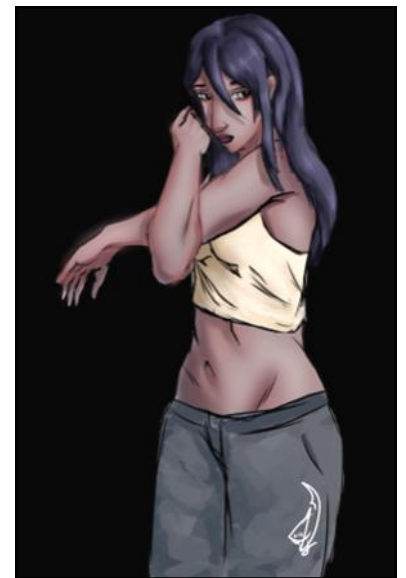
Future Plans: Slippery Rock University  
Major: Early Childhood Education (Prek-4th)

always relief and a great sense of accomplishment when you learn new things, and are able to use that knowledge well.

As for my future, I am committed to Slippery Rock and set to major in Early Childhood Education (Prek-4th.) My goal for 5-10 years from now is to graduate college, be in a classroom, and have some involvement with volleyball. I encourage others to step out of their comfort zone and try everything. High school is a temporary experience that sets you up for your own individual life, and it would be a waste to care too much about the opinions of others. I hope to see a day where more people find themselves and never regret the person they see when they look in the mirror." written by Elizabeth Fonner



We are proud to share some of Elizabeth's amazing artwork.





**Keira Malave**  
 Central Greene High School  
 Greene County Career & Technology Center  
 ~ Precision Machining ~

**Future Plans:** Penn Commercial  
**Major:** Computer Aided Drafting and Design

Keira earned the OSHA 10 and Fire Extinguisher certifications. She has been active in the Precision Machining club and served as Treasurer. She is a member of the National Technical Honors Society.



**Gabriel Lutz**  
 Chartiers-Houston High School  
 Western Area Career & Technology Center  
 ~Machining~

**Future Plans:** Employment with Lincoln Manufacturing  
**Job:** CNC Machine Operator

Gabriel is currently working at Lincoln Manufacturing through the WACTC co-op program and plans to continue employment there following graduation.

Gabriel is an honors student and is involved with SkillsUSA. He competed and placed 1st, regionally, in Programming & is now competing in the State Competition in Hershey. His community service includes working with the football team at the Houston Pumpkin Festival parking cars & coaching youth soccer camps. He is also currently employed at Jimmy Z's Pizza in Houston.



**Coltín Halbert**  
 Mapletown High School  
 Greene County Career & Technology Center  
 ~ Welding ~

**Future Plans:** Employment  
**Major:** CDL-A Truck Driver

Coltín is a member of the Football and Basketball teams. He was a SkillsUSA competitor and received several welding certifications at the GCCTC. He has also received his CDL-A License while in high school and will obtain employment as a driver following graduation.

During the summer, he is employed at Pekar's Butcher Shop



**Gianna Lancos**  
 Burgettstown High School

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

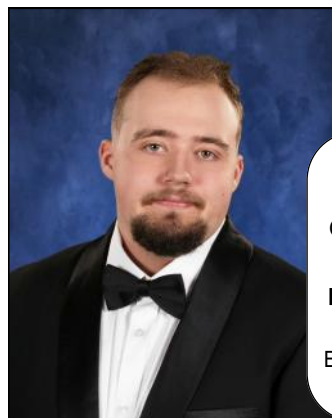
Gianna is a high honors student and is a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council, Club Hope, and Educators Rising. She is also a Wrestling Manager. She was nominated for the Amelia Earhart Zonta Scholarship. She is currently employed at Petrucci's IGA as a cashier.



**Hannah Curtis** *(no photo)*  
 West Greene High School

**Future Plans:** Vet Tech Institute  
**Major:** Veterinarian Technician

Hannah is an honors students and is involved with Future Farmers of America.



**Ryan Jewett**  
 Mapletown High School  
 Greene County Career & Technology Center  
 ~ Welding ~

**Future Plans:** Apprenticeship Program

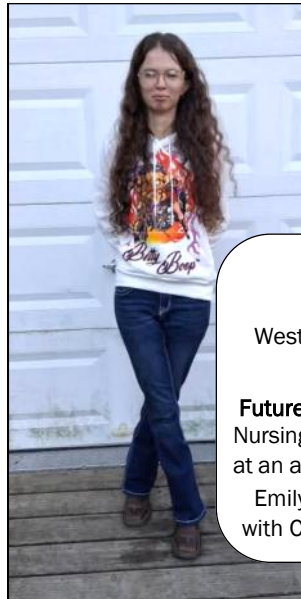
Ryan was a member of the Football and Basketball teams. During the summer, he is employed at Pekar's Butcher Shop.



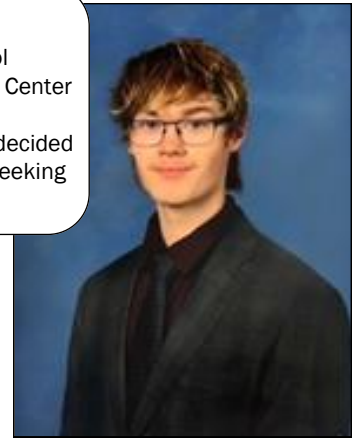
**Joshua Stillwagon**  
 Charleroi Area High School  
 Mon Valley Career & Technology Center  
 ~ Electrical ~  
**Future Plans:** Penn Commercial  
**Major:** Electrical



**Damien Buyny**  
 Chartiers-Houston High School  
 Western Area Career & Technology Center  
 ~ Networking  
**Future Plans:** Employment  
 Damien is involved with the E-Sports program. He is currently employed at Dollar General in Burgettstown.



**Emily Dailey**  
 Burgettstown Area High School  
 Western Area Career & Technology Center  
 ~ Culinary ~  
**Future Plans:** To become a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) and gain employment at an assisted living facility  
 Emily is an honors student and is involved with Club Hope, The Musical, and SkillsUSA.



**Jacob Stillwagon**  
 Charleroi Area High School  
 Mon Valley Career & Technology Center  
 ~ Electrical ~  
**Future Plans:** He is currently undecided on attending a Trade School or seeking Employment.



**Heaven Kisner**  
 Mapletown High School  
**Future Plans:** West Liberty University  
**Major:** Biology Education  
 Heaven is an honors student and a member of the National Honor Society. She has been active with the Color Guard, FBLA, Debate Team, Interact Club, SADD, and Envirothon all while taking five Advanced Placement classes. Her volunteer work includes participating in Christmas with Santa & the Fall Festival. One of the highlights of her high school career was attending a Brain Camp at West Virginia University.



**Elizabeth Corbett**  
 Jefferson Morgan High School  
**Future Plans:** Penn West University—California  
**Major:** Elementary Education  
 Elizabeth is a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council, and the 4.0 Club Penn State. She is a Cheerleader and also involved in the Drama Club, Yearbook Committee, SADD, the Academic Team, Science Club, Leo Club, Foreign Language Club, Gifted and Talented (GATE), and Elementary Tutoring.  
 Elizabeth has been employed in our summer work program for 2 years as a Clerical Aide at Jefferson Morgan High School

**Aiden Hall**  
 Charleroi Area High School  
**Future Plans:** Employment  
**Employer:** Heartland Fabrication  
**Job:** Shipping and Receiving  
 Aiden is also currently working for Heartland while in high school.





**Mitchell McPartland**  
 California Area High School  
**Future Plans:** Military – United States Marines  
 Mitchell is a member of the Student Council and the Upward Bound Program. He is also interested in pursuing post-secondary school for Business Administration.



**Alessa Lowe**  
 Charleroi Area High School  
**Future Plans:** Post-Secondary School  
**Major:** Ultrasound Technician or LPN



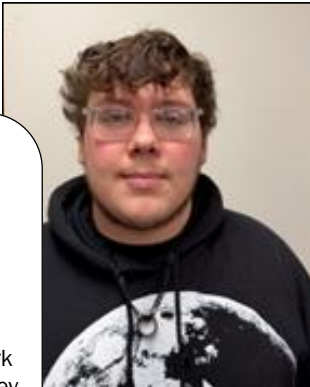
**Kyndra Wynn**  
 Washington High School  
**Future Plans:** Washington & Jefferson College  
**Major:** Business and Entrepreneurship  
 Kyndra has consistently achieved honor/high honor roll status and is a member of the National Honor Society. She is a member of the Basketball team and Volleyball team.  
 Kyndra was named Student of the Month for December 2025. She was also involved with the Minute to Win It event where she assisted with games for the Life Skills students.



**Jacob Lyle**  
 Chartiers-Houston High School  
**Future Plans:** Waynesburg University  
**Major:** Nursing  
 Jacob is a member of the Wrestling and Football teams, the Varsity Club and the Future is Mine.  
 He has completed several hours of volunteer work cleaning up the flooded softball fields and parking cars at the Houston Pumpkin Festival.  
 He is currently employed at Santello's restaurant as a dishwasher/prep cook



**Maci Fuller**  
 Trinity Area High School  
**Future Plans:** Wheeling University  
**Major:** Elementary/Special Education  
 Her volunteer work includes being a cheer coach for youth and helping with different activities in her church. She is a member of the Prom Committee,  
 Maci is currently employed as a hostess at Eat N' Park Restaurant.



**Clayven Norris**  
 Beth Center High School  
 Mon Valley Career & Technology Center  
 ~ Computer Engineering~  
**Future Plans:** Attending Post-Secondary School  
**Major:** Information Technology  
 Clayven is an honor student and has worked in the Work Experience program for the last 2 summers at Mon Valley CTC. He is in the Science Club and enjoys playing Golf.



**Shane Stanger** *(no photo)*  
 Central Greene High School  
 Greene County Career & Technology Center  
 ~ Auto Collision Repair ~  
**Future Plans:** Employment-Mozes Auto Group  
**Job:** Painter Apprenticeship  
 He holds several certifications including OSHA 10, OSHA 30, Fire Extinguisher and Ladder.  
 He is currently employed at Walmart.



**Chase Allen**  
Bentworth High School

**Future Plans:** Employment—CDL-A Driver

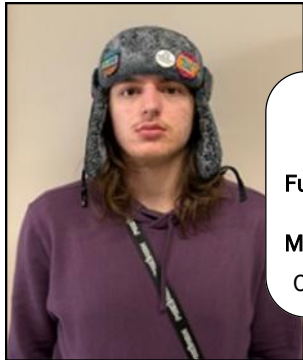
Chase was enrolled in the CDL-A program with Penn Commercial through the EQT Grant (see page 7). He obtained his license. He is on the Trap team where he enjoys Clay Shooting.

**Aaliyah Johnson**  
Trinity Area High School

**Future Plans:** University of Akron  
**Major:** Sports Medicine

Aaliyah is an honors student and is a member of the Softball and Tennis teams.

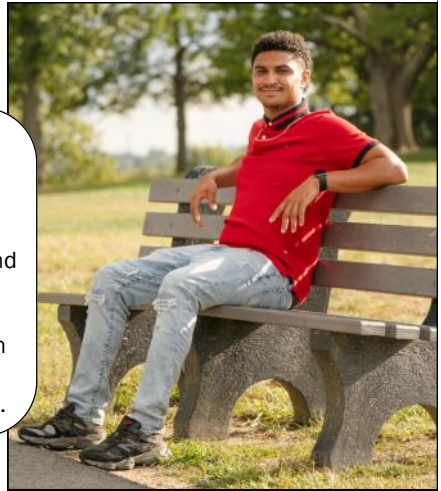
She is currently working at Texas Roadhouse and Premiere Nursing



**Caden Griffin**  
Charleroi Area High School

**Future Plans:** Westmoreland County Community College  
**Major:** Business/Entrepreneur

Caden is a member of the Art Club.



**Dadrien Walls**  
Chartiers-Houston High School

**Future Plans:** Employment—Test Boring Services

Dadrien was a member of the Football, Baseball and the Wrestling team—lettering in each sport. He participated in the Char-Hou-Zoo club and volunteered parking cars for the Houston Pumpkin Festival.

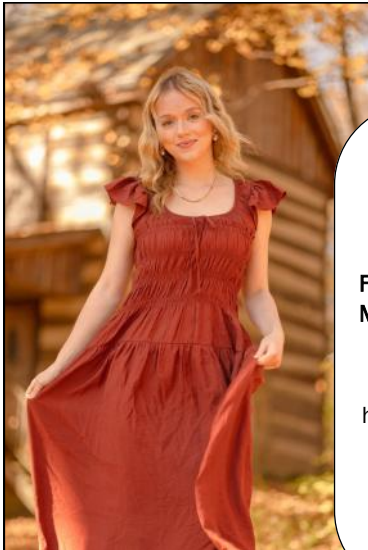
He is currently employed at Dick's Sporting Goods.



**Angela Gump**  
Trinity Area High School

**Future Plans:** Penn West University—California  
**Major:** Elementary Education

Angela is a member of the Future Family Consumer Club and Science Leaders Club. She volunteers at her church with various activities and events. She is currently employed at McDonalds..



**Paige Allison**  
Burgettstown Area High School  
Western Area Career & Technology Center  
~EMS Program ~

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

Paige is a high honors student. She is the president of the SkillsUSA chapter. She also holds the position of the Western Region vice-president on the State level. While in high school, she was the October Student of the Month at the CTC, president of the Fall Leadership Conference, and a member of Club Hope.





**Teyler Barnes**  
 Washington High School  
**Future Plans:** Waynesburg University  
**Major:** Forensic Science

Teyler is a member of the National Honor Society and has consistently maintained honor/high honor roll status. She is a member of the Basketball, Volleyball and Softball teams. She is also a Cheerleader. She has participated in Minute to Win It, and Peer Jury. Teyler was named Student of the Month for February 2026 and was on the Homecoming Court. She is currently employed at Charlotte Russe as a Sales Associate.

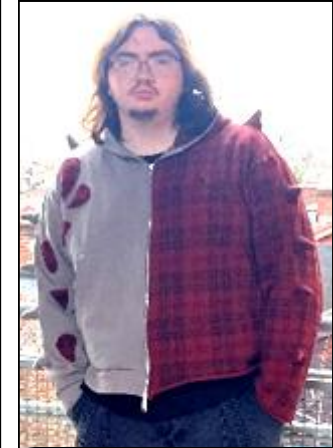


**Miranda Schury**  
 Trinity Area High School  
**Future Plans:** Employment - CDL-A Truck Driver

Miranda is currently working towards obtaining her CDL-A license and is enrolled in the CDL-A program through our EQT Grant. (see page 7) She is involved with Future Farmers of America, 4H, Girl Scouts, and the Rifle team. She is also a member of the National Technical Honor Society

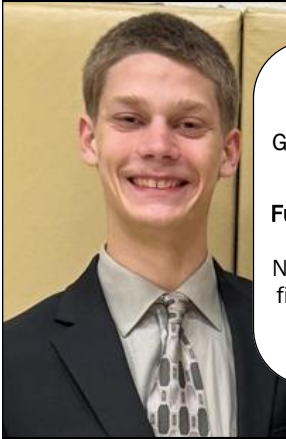
**Hannah Dilts** (no photo)  
 Jefferson Morgan High School  
**Future Plans:** Washington & Jefferson College  
**Major:** Art History

Hannah will be taking a gap year to work and then attend W&J. She has been involved with the Art Club, Reading Club and PRISM.



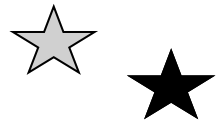
**Daniel Sampson**  
 Charleroi Area High School  
**Future Plans:** Employment

Daniel is a member of the Art Club. He currently works at the Dairy Queen



**Nicholas Kerik**  
 Carmichaels Area High School  
 Greene County Career & Technology Center  
 ~ Precision Machining ~  
**Future Plans:** Employment

Nick attained certifications in OSHA 10 and fire extinguisher. He was a member of the BOTS IQ club and the Football team. He is employed at the Dairy Queen.



**Meah Branham**  
 Mapletown High School  
**Future Plans:** West Virginia University  
**Major:** Pre-Med/Biology

Meah is an honors student and a member of the National Honor Society. She is very involved in school, as she is the Student Council President, a member of the Interact Club, Academic Club, Envirothon, SADD, and the FBLA. Her volunteer activities include serving at church dinners, elementary school picnics, and participating in Christmas in the Park.



**Drake Andrews**  
 Jefferson Morgan High School  
 Greene County Career & Technology Center  
 ~ Computer Network Technology ~  
**Future Plans:** Employment  
**Career:** Information Technology

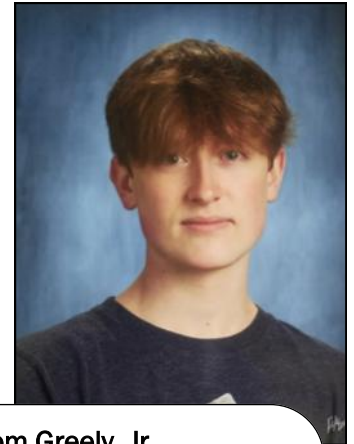
Drake has received certifications in Lennox Coding and Ladder.



**Zoe Weizen**  
 Canon McMillan High School  
**Future Plans:** Ohio University  
**Major:** Communications

Zoe is a high honor student and a member of the National Honor Society. She is a Cheerleader, and a member of the Art Club, Drama Club, The School Musical, and the CMHS Acting Camp. She is an Assistant Teacher for the Kickline Dance Center.

Zoe is currently employed at Skyzone and will be interning this summer with the United Way of Washington County.



**Freedom Greely, Jr.**  
 Trinity Area High School  
**Future Plans:** Community College of Allegheny County  
**Major:** Computer Science/Networking

While in high school, Freedom was involved in the Waynesburg University and Washington Wild Things Suicide Awareness walks.

He is currently employed as a sales associate at Kohl's Department Store.



**Jessica Youngstead**  
 Chartiers-Houston High School  
 Western Area Career & Technology Center  
 ~ Cosmetology~

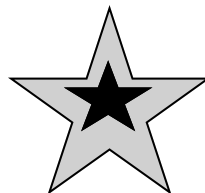
**Future Plans:** Her future plans are to attend a cosmetology training program so that she can complete her hours earned while attending WACTC.

Jessica is involved with the Bring Change to Mind club and volunteered for Earth Day projects during her junior yr. She is currently employed at Walmart as an Online Digital Shopper.



**Olivia Wheeler**  
 Chartiers-Houston High School  
**Future Plans:** Employment  
**Major:** Customer Service

While in high school Olivia was a member of Bring Change to Mind club and was on the volleyball team during her freshman year.



**Morgan Whipkey**  
 West Greene High School  
**Future Plans:** Post-Secondary  
**Major:** Licensed Practical Nursing

Morgan is an honors student and a member of the National Honor Society. She has been active in the Future Farmers of America Club, Science Club, and the International Club. She is a member of the Volleyball team, Rifle team, and is a Cheerleader.

Her volunteer work includes working at Hoofprints and Angel Wings and the Graysville Fire Department





Did you ever wonder how successful people started out? What were the first jobs that they held in the summer when they were your age? Well, we asked that question. Here are some results, and as you can see first jobs are not starting at the TOP!

**REMEMBER:** Everyone needs to start somewhere and all working experiences, including your first, are beneficial to your future. So, make this summer count!

Name	Current Job / Employer	1st Summer Job
Dr. Brandon Robinson	Superintendent Jefferson Morgan School District	Worked at Burger King
Brook Ward	President of the UPMC Washington, UPMC Greene and the Washington Physician Group	Delivered newspapers; Mowed Lawns; Sold greeting cards
Katie Hager	Workforce Development Manager DMI Companies, Inc.	Worked as a Life Guard
Tracie Liberatore	Executive Director/CEO Bradford House Historical Association and Museum	Worked on a Rabbit Farm
Ester Barnes	Youth Program Coordinator Southwest Training Services, Inc.	Worked in a Bakery
Linda M. Edwards, Ph.D., MN, BSN, RN	Founding Chair & Professor—Department of Nursing Washington & Jefferson College	Worked at Kentucky Fried Chicken
Melody Longstreth	Executive Director Greene County Chamber of Commerce.	Worked as a Stable Hand
Scott Martin	Superintendent Bentworth School District	Was a Construction Helper & also mowed grass for the elderly
April Jones	HR Generalist County of Washington	Worked at McDonald's
Leanna Spada	Executive Director Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce	Was an Ice Cream Cone & Sundae Maker at Scoopers Ice Cream Shop
Teresa E. Burroughs	Executive Director Lemoyne Community Center	Worked as a Teller at Mellon Bank in Washington, PA
Lynn Berry	President Bridge Insurance Group	Worked for a Veterinarian
Aimee Trunzo	Site Administrator PA CareerLink® Washington County	Worked at the Dairy Queen
Marianne Albert	Vice President Penn Commercial Business & Technical School	Worked as a Playground Supervisor for South Fayette School District



If there is a story, student, administrator, resource, or program that you would like us to highlight/share, please email the information to:  
[Ineil@swtraining.org](mailto:Ineil@swtraining.org)

**We all  
started  
somewhere**

**FIRST JOBS TEACH VALUABLE LIFELONG LESSONS**

**Melody Longstreth, Executive Director—Greene County Chamber of Commerce:** *“My first job was at the age of 14. I worked as a stable hand for a riding stable that hosted horseback trail rides and hay rides. I was a horse owner myself and that job paid for my horse's stabling and feed at the facility. So, I had a good reason to learn responsibility in showing up, working hard and doing the not so fun tasks, for something I really wanted. My duties included...you guessed it...a LOT of shoveling. But also working with the horses, doing basic training, saddling and helping riders who had never been on a horse feel comfortable and safe. I stayed in this position for about 6 years and not just summers; it was year-round. I have many fond memories of those years and they lead to teaching riding lessons and showing horses for others competitively along with my own until my late 20's. As a teenager I was an active 4-H member serving in every officer position in my club. That experience, along with the work at the stable gave me the organizational, leadership, planning, and attention to detail skills that I needed to succeed in my current position as the Executive Director of the Greene County Chamber of Commerce.”*



**April Jones, HR Generalist—County of Washington:** *“My first summer job, I worked at McDonald's, in Monongahela. I remember being so excited to turn 16 and got my first job. I started in the kitchen learning how to make all the food that McDonald's served, then learned the register and drive-thru, (which drive-thru was my favorite because I got to see everyone and all the people I knew). The thing I disliked when working drive-thru was washing all the dishes, but hey someone had to wash them. I worked there through high school and my first year of college. I learned valuable lessons while working there, from customer service to teamwork to patience to any and everything in between. I have used what I learned at McDonald's at every job I have had.”*

**Brook Ward, President of UPMC Washington, UPMC Greene, & Washington Physician Group:** *“My current position is the President for UPMC Washington and UPMC Greene. I had many "first" summer jobs as a kid. Starting in middle school, I worked a few jobs at the same time. I delivered newspapers to homes in my neighborhood, sold greeting cards door to door and mowed many of my neighbors' yards. Plus, I'd do extra work for my neighbors such as painting houses, leaf clean up, or anything else they needed around their homes.”*



**Aimee Trunzo, Site Administrator, PA CareerLink® Washington County:** *“My first summer job was at Dairy Queen. I was hired along with one of my very good friends while in high school. It was at a location that served only ice cream and no food items. I worked there every summer through High School until the store closed while I was in college. I learned so much about customer service and being responsible while I was just a teenager. I can still make a perfect Dairy Queen curl at the top of my ice cream cone!”*

**Lynn Berry, President, Bridge Insurance Group:** *“My first summer job was at age 13 and I worked for a veterinarian that specialized in allergies. She picked me up from school every day and taught me how to process blood samples, etc. and what to look for through the microscope. It was an animal lovers dream.”*



**GUIDANCE COUNSELOR SPOTLIGHT: Mrs. Kristen Good - Beth Center**



*“Hi, I’m Kristen Good, and I’m excited to step into my role as a Junior–Senior High School Counselor and continue working with students in a meaningful way. Before this position, I spent 9 years at Beth-Center, where I worked through an outside agency as the Team Leader for the Partial Hospitalization Program. During that time, I built strong relationships with both students and staff and became very familiar with the school community. Those experiences really shaped my approach. I care a lot about meeting students where they are, supporting them through challenges, and helping them feel understood and supported. I enjoy being someone students can talk to and trust, whether it’s about school, future plans, or just life in general.”*

*“Outside of school, I’m married with two kids and two Boston Terriers that I absolutely love, which definitely keep life fun and busy. I’m also currently working on my second master’s degree, continuing to grow both personally and professionally. I’m looking forward to continuing those connections in this new role and helping students grow, succeed, and feel confident in themselves.”*



**What Is a Chamber of Commerce? Why Should You Know?**

A Chamber of Commerce is a local organization made up of businesses, professionals, and community leaders who work together to support and grow the local economy. Their main goal is to help businesses succeed while strengthening the community as a whole. Southwest Training Services, Inc. is a member of the **Greene County Chamber of Commerce**, the **Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce**, and the **Washington County Chamber of Commerce**.

Chambers of Commerce play important roles in connecting businesses, promoting economic development, and supporting community events. They host networking meetings, sponsor local programs, welcome new businesses, and advocate for policies that benefit the region.

**So why should high school students know about them?** Chambers of Commerce can open doors. They can connect students to internship opportunities, scholarships, and to local employers. If you are thinking about starting a business someday, a Chamber is a great place to learn how local entrepreneurs succeed. Even if you plan to go into healthcare, technology, education, trades, or public service, the Chambers’ networks include professionals from all of those fields.

Chambers also help shape the future of our communities. They work to attract new businesses, create jobs, and keep our local economy strong—efforts that directly impact your future opportunities right here at home.

Understanding what a Chamber of Commerce does isn’t just a business lesson—it’s a lesson in community leadership. The connections you make today could help shape your career tomorrow.

**To find out more about our local Chambers you can visit their websites:**

**Greene County:** [greenechamber.org](http://greenechamber.org) **Mon Valley Regional:** [mvrchamber.org](http://mvrchamber.org) **Washington County:** [washcochamber.com](http://washcochamber.com)



**INDUSTRY HIGHLIGHT—BUILDING/CONSTRUCTION**

Not every successful career starts with a four-year college degree. For many students in Western Pennsylvania, the construction trades offer another exciting path—one that combines hands-on work, strong pay, and the chance to help build the communities where we live. Across the Pittsburgh region, the **Builders Guild of Western PA** and local construction trade unions are helping people start careers through **Joint Apprenticeship Training Programs**. These programs are designed for high school graduates, veterans, technical school students, and anyone still searching for the right career.



- ✓ One of the biggest advantages of an apprenticeship is that there is no tuition cost. Training is fully paid for by the construction trade unions and their partner contractors. Instead of paying for school, apprentices earn a paycheck while learning the trade.
- ✓ Most apprenticeships last 3 to 5 years, with most training happening on real job sites alongside experienced professionals called journeymen. Apprentices also receive competitive wages, health care benefits, and pension plans while they train.
- ✓ Western Pennsylvania is experiencing a major wave of construction projects—from energy and manufacturing facilities and infrastructure improvements. As these projects grow, so does the need for skilled workers.
- ✓ Today, more than 5,000 apprentices are already training in the region, with thousands more expected to join in the coming years.

**What It Takes To Apply** for most apprenticeship programs, candidates usually must:

- Be 18 years old
- Have a high school diploma or GED
- Have a valid driver’s license and transportation
- Pass a drug screening
- Demonstrate strong math skills, especially algebra and geometry
- Applicants often take an aptitude test, and higher scores improve the chances of being accepted.

Apprenticeships in the construction trades offer the chance to learn valuable skills, earn good wages, and build a stable future—without taking on college debt. Best of all, workers get to see the results of their efforts every day in the buildings, roads, and infrastructure that shape our region.

For students who enjoy problem-solving, teamwork, and hands-on work, a career in the trades might be the perfect way to build your future. To learn more about our area’s apprenticeship programs and the building trades, see the [very brief program / job descriptions](#) and [websites](#) for each of the trades

on the next page!



**WHAT ARE THE BUILDING TRADES? & WHAT DO THEY DO?**

Trade	What They Do
Boilermaker	Builds and repairs large tanks and boilers used in factories and power plants. <a href="http://boilermakerslocal154.com">http://boilermakerslocal154.com</a>
Bricklayer	Builds walls, buildings and walkways using brick, block, or stone. <a href="http://www.local9pa.com">www.local9pa.com</a>
Cement Mason	Builds and pours, smooths, and finishes concrete for roads, floors, and sidewalks. <a href="http://www.opcmia526.org">http://www.opcmia526.org</a>
Commercial Carpenter	Builds and installs wood structures in large commercial buildings. <a href="http://www.kmltf.org">www.kmltf.org</a> - <a href="http://www.EASCarpenters.org">www.EASCarpenters.org</a>
Drywall Finisher	Smooths and finishes drywall seams so walls are ready for paint. <a href="http://www.iupatdc57.org">www.iupatdc57.org</a>
Electrician	Installs and repairs wiring, lighting, and electrical power systems. <a href="http://www.ibewlocal5jatc.org">www.ibewlocal5jatc.org</a>
Elevator Constructor	Installs and maintains elevators, escalators, and moving walkways. <a href="http://www.iuec.org">http://www.iuec.org</a>
Floor Coverer	Installs carpet, tile, wood, and other flooring materials. <a href="https://www.carpenters.org">https://www.carpenters.org</a>
Heavy Highway Carpenter	Builds forms and structures for bridges, roads, and highways. <a href="https://www.carpenters.org">https://www.carpenters.org</a>
Glazier	Installs and repairs glass in windows, doors, and storefronts. <a href="http://www.ftiofwpa.com">www.ftiofwpa.com</a>
Insulator	Installs materials that control heat, cold, or sound in buildings. <a href="http://www.insulators2.org">www.insulators2.org</a>
Ironworker	Installs steel beams and structures for buildings and bridges. <a href="http://www.iwlocal3.com">www.iwlocal3.com</a>
Laborer	Builds scaffolds, prepares /cleans up a job site, lays pipe, places concrete, flags/ controls traffic on highways. <a href="http://www.laborpa.org">http://www.laborpa.org</a>
Mill Cabinet Worker	Builds cabinets, furniture, and wood fixtures and trim. <a href="https://www.carpenters.org">https://www.carpenters.org</a>
Millwright	Installs and repairs heavy machines in factories and plants. <a href="https://www.carpenters.org">https://www.carpenters.org</a>
Operating Engineer	Operates heavy equipment like cranes, bulldozers, and excavators. <a href="http://www.wpaoperators.org">www.wpaoperators.org</a> - <a href="http://www.iuoe66.org">www.iuoe66.org</a>
Painter	Paints and coats surfaces to protect and decorate buildings. <a href="http://www.iupatdc57.org">www.iupatdc57.org</a>
Pile Driver	Drives large support poles deep into the ground for foundations. <a href="https://www.carpenters.org">https://www.carpenters.org</a>
Plasterer	Applies plaster to walls and ceilings for smooth finishes or decorative surfaces. <a href="http://www.opcmia526.org">http://www.opcmia526.org</a>
Plumber	Installs and repairs water, gas, and drainage pipes in homes and buildings. <a href="http://www.ua27.org">www.ua27.org</a> - <a href="http://www.lu354.com">www.lu354.com</a>
Roofer	Installs and repairs roofs to protect buildings from weather. <a href="http://www.pittsburghunionroofers.com">www.pittsburghunionroofers.com</a> - <a href="http://www.rooferslocal37.com">www.rooferslocal37.com</a>
Sheet Metal Worker	Makes and installs metal parts like ducts, siding, and roofing. <a href="http://www.smlocal12.org">www.smlocal12.org</a>
Sprinkler Fitter	Installs fire sprinkler systems that protect buildings. <a href="http://www.sprinklerfitters542.org">www.sprinklerfitters542.org</a>
Steamfitter	Installs pipes that carry steam or high-pressure liquids used for heating or power. <a href="http://www.ua449.com">www.ua449.com</a>

# 10 Signs You Might Be Built for the Trades

Not everyone is meant to sit behind a desk all day. Some people are wired to build, fix, design, and create things that actually exist in the real world. The truth is, many students discover too late that they would have loved a career in the skilled trades. So here's a quick test. If several of these sound like you... you might be built for the trades.

### 1. You Like Seeing Results at the End of the Day

Some people love projects where you can see the progress immediately. Trades careers often mean you go home thinking: ✓ "I installed that." ✓ "I built that." ✓ "I fixed that." Few careers give that kind of daily satisfaction!

### 2. Sitting Still All Day Drives You Crazy

If the idea of 8 hours at a desk sounds miserable... The trades might be a better fit. Most skilled trades jobs involve movement, problem-solving, and hands-on work.

### 3. You Like Figuring Out How Things Work

Ever taken something apart just to see how it works? Maybe you: 1) Fix things at home, 2) Help friends with repairs, or 3) Watch some build or repair videos online. That curiosity is exactly what many tradespeople rely on every day.

### 4. School Isn't Your Favorite Place — But You're Smart

Some students think: "I'm not cut out for college." But the reality is: Many highly successful tradespeople were hands-on learners, not lecture learners. Learning by doing is the core of trade training.

### 5. You Enjoy Working with Tools

From drills to diagnostic equipment, trades careers involve real tools and real skills. If you enjoy: Building, Installing, Repairing, or Creating... That's a strong signal!

### 6. You Like Solving Real Problems

Tradespeople are basically real-world problem solvers. Every day might involve things like:

✓ A heating system that won't start ✓ Wiring that needs troubleshooting ✓ Equipment that needs repair  
It's a career where thinking on your feet matters.

### 7. You Want a Career That Actually Pays Well

Many people are surprised by this: Skilled trades often offer strong salaries without massive college debt.

### 8. You Like Working With a Team

Trades jobs often involve crews and teamwork. Projects get finished because people work together, communicate, and rely on each other's skills. If you like that environment, the trades can be a great fit.

### 9. You Want Skills That Are Always Needed

Buildings always need:

✓ Power ✓ Heat and cooling ✓ Plumbing ✓ Maintenance

That means skilled trades are always in demand. Even during economic changes, many trades stay busy because infrastructure always needs work.

### 10. You Want to Build a Life — Not Just a Resume

Trades careers offer opportunities to: Start your own business, Work anywhere in the country, Develop specialized skills, Build things that last for decades. It's a path where your skills matter more than your diploma.

### The Bottom Line

The skilled trades aren't a "backup plan." For many students, they're the perfect career path. If several of these signs sounded like you, it might be worth exploring a career in the trades! The world will always need people who can build and fix things. And that might just be you.

### How many of these signs sounded like you?

1-3 → Maybe curious

4-6 → Strong potential

7-10 → You might be *seriously built for the trades*



# WASH HIGH MOCK INTERVIEWS – Confidence Begins Here!

For seniors in Advanced English 12 and English 12 with Mr. Treg Campbell and Ms. Erica Ola as their instructors, the end of the third quarter coincided with something truly wonderful: the **8th Annual Washington High School Mock Interview Session**.

Under the guidance of Ester Barnes, Southwest Training Services Youth Program Coordinator, scheduled workshops, were held from October to March. The Class of 2026 were able to acknowledge the importance of interviewing with intention and interest. With an event of this nature, it is a collective effort, and we are grateful for all of the support we have received.

**THANK YOU** to the 9 business professionals who interviewed 58 seniors on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Your time and wisdom is greatly appreciated.

- \* Teresa Burroughs
- \* Ryan Hamlin
- \* April Jones
- \* Marissa Mitchell
- \* Patricia Robinson
- \* John Campbell Sr.
- \* Jasmine Hughes
- \* Allyn Mathews
- \* Kathleen Pienkowski



*Pictured Left to Right:*

- ⇒ Treg Campbell
- ⇒ John Campbell, Sr.
- ⇒ Ryan Hamlin
- ⇒ Allyn Mathews
- ⇒ Ester Barnes
- ⇒ Marissa Mitchell
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- ⇒ Erica Ola



Mrs. Ashlee Babko

**Congratulations**

to **Mrs. Ashlee Babko** on your well deserved promotion as Beth Center's K-12 Assistant Principal / Federal Program Coordinator



Our staff from Southwest Training Services, Job Training for Beaver County, and the Washington-Greene County Job Training Agency, recently received **Certified Business Services Consultant Training (CBSC)** through TAD Grants with Director of Training & instructor, Aaron Leson



**“ STRONG TEAMS CELEBRATE EACH OTHER'S SUCCESS. ”**

(L-R) Armand Ferrara-Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce Board president, Lisa Neil-SWTS president, with the Shining Star Award & Leanna Spada-Mon Valley Regional Chamber Executive Director @ the MV Chamber's Awards Event



*congratulations*

To **Leanna Spada** - Executive Director, Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce & SWTS Board of Directors  
~ **Recipient of the 2026 ATHENA Leadership Award**



**SOUTHWEST CORNER WORKFORCE AREA “SKILLUP™ PA” PORTAL**



**SkillUp™ PA** was launched to provide access to **free, online job skills training** to Pennsylvania 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:**

<https://swpa.skillupamerica.org> for more information on **SkillUp™ PA**, including how to register. Some of the free online trainings that are available through **SkillUp™ PA** include:

- Accounting/Finance
- Clerical
- Customer Service
- Human Resources
- Information Technology (IT); Cybersecurity
- Marketing
- Microsoft Office
- Project Management
- Soft skills such as communication, time management & professionalism

**PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT – AMI, Inc. – Family Navigator Program**

AMI, INC.

**FAMILY NAVIGATOR ANNOUNCEMENT**

**AMI'S FAMILY NAVIGATOR PROGRAM HAS EXPANDED TO NOW SERVE AGES 12-21.**

Interested individuals and families who are Washington County residents, with a youth or young adult between the ages of 12-21 who have or may have a mental health diagnosis are eligible for this FREE service.



SCAN FOR INQUIRY FORM

**FAMILY NAVIGATOR PROGRAM**

The Family Navigator Program helps teens, young adults, and their families access mental health care, educational support, housing resources and more. Whether a family needs help once or needs ongoing support, our staff with lived experience support families as they navigate complex systems.

AMI, Inc.

907 Jefferson Avenue, Washington, PA 15301  
724-228-5211 724-228-6321 (Fax)

To find out more visit [www.hopeforwellness.org](http://www.hopeforwellness.org)

Email: [AMI-INC@hope4wellness.org](mailto:AMI-INC@hope4wellness.org)

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**June 13, 2026**



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YOUTH LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE

**SOUTHWEST TRAINING SERVICES, INC.**

**SUMMER WORK EXPERIENCES**

Start Date: June 15, 2026  
6 weeks / 32.5 hrs per week



**Southwest Training Services, Inc.**

Youth Programs and Services are sponsored by the  
**Southwest Corner Workforce Development Board**  
and the

**Commissioners of Beaver, Greene and Washington Counties**

Southwest Training Services, Inc. is an equal opportunity employer/program.

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



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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](http://www.southwestcornerwdb.org)