

**"The Community Link that Keeps Giving "**



Our partnership with ROCA in Baltimore, Maryland has created an exciting opportunity to expand our recruitment efforts. This week, we participated in ROCA's career fair, where we connected with a number of interested applicants. Following the event, ROCA also coordinated visits for prospective candidates to tour our center.

Woodland's OA Walker and OA Akinribabe led the charge for this week's recruitment efforts, demonstrating strong leadership and engagement throughout the event. In addition to meeting potential applicants, they also built valuable connections with recruiters from other organizations. Representatives from Johns Hopkins, MedStar, Baltimore Recreation and Parks, YO Baltimore, and others expressed interest in participating in future recruitment events at our center.

This event not only helped us identify prospective students, but also provided valuable resources and partnerships that will benefit our current students. It was a great opportunity to further promote the advantages of the Woodland Job Corps Center and strengthen our presence within the community.





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**Baltimore County  
Recreation & Parks**



**MedStar Health**



**Baltimore City Recreation & Parks**



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Recreation & Parks**



**Maryland and New Directions**



**MedStar Health**



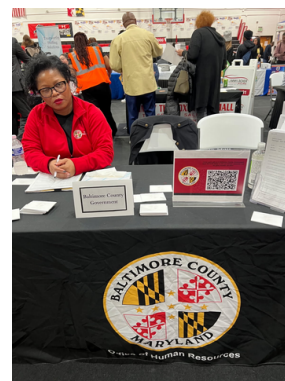
**ROCA**

## Opportunity Presents The “Radio One Career Fair”



CTS Mr. Vidale and WBL Specialist Ms. Jackson continues to make a strong impact. This week, they escorted approximately 30 students to the 2026 Urban One (Radio One) Baltimore Job Fair, a major in-person hiring event featuring a wide range of employers and networking opportunities. During the event, several students participated in on-the-spot interviews, with some even taking advantage of virtual interview options offered by employers. Companies in attendance included Life Bridge Health, Saint Agnes Hospital, Clark Construction, Kiewit Construction, Stella May Contracting, Kennedy Krieger Institute, and many more.

Our students represented Woodland exceptionally well. They arrived dressed to impress and demonstrated a clear understanding of the purpose and value of the opportunity. Prior to attending, CTS and WBL staff prepared students by emphasizing the competitiveness of today’s job market, helping them identify what sets them apart, and coaching them on how to effectively market themselves to employers. This experience not only provided valuable exposure to real-world hiring practices but also strengthened students’ confidence and professional readiness.



# Schuster Concrete

## Job Opportunities and Offers



# SCHUSTER DC



Schuster Concrete has become a valued and consistent partner in our community. Over the past several months, they have offered employment opportunities to approximately seven of our students. Currently, five of our graduates are working as Laborer Apprentices, earning \$18.00 per hour. We are excited to see our students transition into the workforce and apply the credentials and skills they have gained during their training at Woodland. This week, WBL Specialist Ms. White escorted two additional students to Schuster Concrete, and both successfully received job offers—further strengthening this impactful partnership.

# This Week's Workforce Development



WBL Specialist Ms. White recently escorted combo completer Michael Bates to Schuster Concrete, where he successfully secured employment as a Laborer Apprentice. Michael is scheduled to begin orientation on April 6th and will earn a starting wage of \$18.00 per hour. This opportunity was offered after Michael was able to present his OSHA certification and perform well on a skills test. This placement reflects the continued success of our community partnership with Schuster Concrete. Over the past six months, the company has hired approximately seven of our students, demonstrating their ongoing commitment to providing meaningful employment opportunities for our graduates



Culinary student Joanna Montes, another successful combo completer, has been offered employment at IHOP, where she will work as a grill cook before heading to college in the fall. Joanna's journey has been a unique and inspiring one. After transferring centers with uncertainty about what the future would hold, she remained focused and committed to her goals. Today, she leaves Woodland with additional credentials, increased confidence, and a clear path forward. Her success is a testament to her resilience and determination, and we are proud to see her take this next step in both her career and educational journey.



Hospitality and combo completer Niara Lawson has successfully secured employment as an Attendant with Yellowstone National Park Lodges, earning \$19.25 per hour. Niara has demonstrated strong dedication to her training, earning key industry credentials including Guest Services and ServSafe. Her hard work and commitment have positioned her well for success in this role. This opportunity reflects her readiness to enter the workforce and apply the skills she has developed during her time at Woodland.

# WOODLAND JOB CORPS CENTER HIGH SCHOOL GRADS!



Angel F Sandoval



Jaiden D Pittman



Aviah Holland



Isaiah T Powell



Steven F Sandoval

**Congratulations**

# YOU TAB&D UP!

Jayla Abe

Nickolas Anderson

Demetrus Corprew

Makhi Cormick

Omar Galvan Tenorio

Jamir Miller Bowman

Javon Crowder

Joshua Eng

Gabriella Harris

Janaya Laing

Hezekiah Edwards

Onasha Barlow

Mone'e Crump

Russell White

Jeremiah Gasque

Mavin Bell

Brandon Hill

Taloria Love



**CONGRATULATIONS!**

# Beyond The Competition



CSIO Mr. Duckett and his Weightlifting Club continue to build momentum with their “won’t stop, can’t stop” mindset. From promoting mindfulness to pushing physical limits, the club fosters an environment where students encourage one another to strive for greatness. This month’s competition reached new heights, with participants going head-to-head in push-ups, chin-ups, and weightlifting challenges. The competition was incredibly close, showcasing the students’ dedication, discipline, and growth.

Congratulations to this month’s winner, Escobar, for coming out on top in a highly competitive field. Mr. Duckett was all smiles, clearly proud of the effort and determination displayed by all participants. Beyond the competition, students continue to value the sense of challenge, accountability, and camaraderie that the club provides, making it a powerful outlet for both personal and physical development.

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## H.U.R Stories Presents: "Men's Wellness Forum"

H.U.R. Stories facilitators Ms. Nicole and Ms. Kia, along with Counselor Mr. Smith and the E&T Manager, hosted a Men’s Wellness Forum focused on self-care and personal hygiene. During the session, students engaged in meaningful discussions about the importance of daily self-care practices, including proper hygiene routines such as regular showering, changing socks, allowing shoes to air out, and preventing issues like fungal growth. The forum emphasized how these habits contribute not only to physical health but also to overall confidence and well-being. Participants were also given hands-on instruction in basic spa treatments and received hygiene bags to support the implementation of these practices in their daily routines. This forum provided valuable life skills that reinforce the importance of self-care as part of personal and professional success.



*Woodland Job Corps Center*  
*Welcome New Warriors*



***Xavier Smith***  
***Naomi Gondek***  
***Cordero Coates***

# Woodland Job Corps Human Resources



**Welcome to Woodland our new  
Oak Dorm Counselor, Mr.  
Quadire Truesdale**



**Welcome to Woodland our new  
Maintenance Manager, Mr.  
Patrick Faircloth**

*Happy  
birthday!*

- Joetta Fluellyn - April 4**
- Samatha Hewitt - April 12**
- Tone McCoy - April 12**
- Carolyn Fenner - April 16**
- Shannon Williams - April 17**
- Nicholas Friend - April 21**
- Lisa Young - April 23**



- Recreation Advisor***
- Residential Advisor***
- TEAP Counselor (PT)***
- Maintenance Helper***
- Human Resource Manager***
- Safety & Security Advisors***

# Health & Wellness

from Woodland Wellness Center

**April 2: Autism Awareness Day - A Day to raise awareness and promote acceptance of individuals with autism. Here is basic information about Autism below.**



## Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) FACT SHEET

### What is ASD?

ASD is a neurological development disorder affecting multiple areas of the brain and body. ASD is characterized by deficits in communication, behaviors, and socialization. Additionally, individuals with an ASD may experience some physical symptoms, such as gastrointestinal complications or seizures. ASD is referred to as a "spectrum disorder" because symptoms are unique to individuals and can vary in intensity.

Individuals with ASD may demonstrate difficulty with:

**Communication:** both verbal and nonverbal

**Sensory processing:** may have sensitivity to sound, light, and touch

**Social interactions:** may not make eye contact, pick up on social cues, or understand personal space

**Behavior:** may have obsessive tendencies, exhibit outbursts, or wander

### What causes ASD?

While the exact cause of ASD is unknown, the CDC states that autism is caused by "environmental, biological, and genetic factors."

### Early warning signs

A child may:

- not respond to their name by 12 months of age
- not point at objects to show interest by 14 months

- not play "pretend" games (pretend to "feed" a doll) by 18 months
- avoid eye contact and want to be alone
- have delayed speech and language skills
- repeat words or phrases over and over
- give unrelated answers to questions
- get upset by minor changes
- have obsessive interests (play with same object for hours)
- flap their hands, rock their body, or spin in circles
- have unusual reactions to the way things sound, smell, taste, look, or feel
- Any sign of regression or loss of skills at any age!

### Where to go for help

If you suspect your child has a developmental delay or ASD, get help immediately! **DO NOT WAIT AND SEE.** Early intervention can help your child meet his/her full potential.

- Contact your local Infants and Toddlers Program for a FREE evaluation.
- Talk to your pediatrician and request a screening using a standardized tool.
- Contact Pathfinders for Autism for free information and resources at 443-330-5341 or [www.pathfindersforautism.org](http://www.pathfindersforautism.org)

### National resources

Autism Society of America  
[www.autism-society.org](http://www.autism-society.org)  
1-800-328-8476

Autism Speaks  
[www.autismspeaks.org](http://www.autismspeaks.org)  
1- 888-288-4762

CDC  
[www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)  
1-800-232-4636

First Signs  
[www.firstsigns.org](http://www.firstsigns.org)



### Treatment for ASD

There is currently no known cure for ASD. **HOWEVER**, early intervention has proven effective in minimizing symptoms and maximizing an individual's potential. Intervention strategies may include physical, occupational, speech, and/or behavioral therapy, medications, and biomedical and dietary treatments.



# Adams Family Fables

*Service Focused, Outcome Driven.*

April 3, 2026

## #ShowcasingSuccess



### The Host with the Most

New Hampshire was over the moon as it hosted the **New Hampshire Aerospace and Defense Consortium** quarterly meeting, drawing nearly 40 employers to the Center. Culinary students provided food, while Hospitality students hosted tours of the Center after the meeting. Representatives from **General Dynamics Electric Boat, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Maritime Industrial Base (MIB)** and other organizations met with **Job Corps Boston Regional Director Aneta Hrebenko** and **New Hampshire Center Director Stephanie Ashworth** to view the hard trades and learn more about Job Corps. **MIB Workforce Development Lead John Graning** said he will be working with New England Centers on the **BuildSubmarines** initiative. Nice work, New Hampshire!



### Philadelphia's Ship Comes In

A similar event occurred at the **Philadelphia Center** related to the **Hanwha Philly Shipyard**. **MIB Workforce Development Lead Thomas Hughlett** and **Job Corps Deputy Director Thony Martino** toured the Center with **Center Director Fred Gyasi**, **Adams Vice President Greg Weber** and students. Mr. Martino and Mr. Hughlett discussed opportunities for Philadelphia students to pursue careers in the shipbuilding industry such as welding, pipe fitting and shipbuilder. Phenomenal job, Philly!

### Safety First

**Grafton Security students** are on the path toward success, as they begin their 6-week internship as Safety Monitors for Worcester's **Union Station**. **Students Tiasa Key Morrison and Antonio Dias De Andrade** started their internship with the **Worcester Redevelopment Authority (WRA)**, which supervises the Safety Monitor effort. **WRA Supervisor Jim Bedard** and his team will provide ongoing feedback for the students as they conduct real-time safety activities. This latest internship is part of a well-established partnership between the Grafton Center and the WRA. Grow those partnerships, Grafton!



### From the President, Susan Sez

**Adams** believes a healthy team is a strong team! As part of the launch of our new **Adams Employee Wellness Program**, we are offering the chance to win a **\$500 gift card** to anyone who signs up by **April 10!** All enrolled employees will be entered into a raffle for the prize. In addition, anyone who activates their account before the program launches will automatically receive 20 Reward Points. When the **Wellness Program** starts May 1, all enrolled employees will have access to health coaches, on-demand wellness videos, personal health assessments, wellness challenges, monthly webinars and gym membership discounts. Sign up at [www.eventcreate.com/e/aaihwp](http://www.eventcreate.com/e/aaihwp) today!