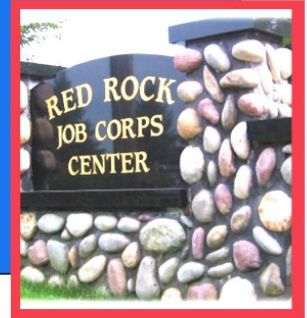




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# APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

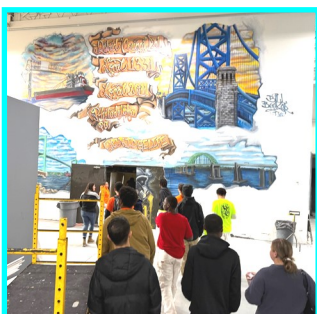
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## Key Rock Painting Students Explore Career Pathways at IUPAT Finishing Trades Institute

Key Rock Job Corps Painting students recently traveled to Philadelphia to visit the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades (IUPAT) DC 21 Finishing Trades Institute (FTI) apprenticeship training center, gaining firsthand insight into the opportunities available within the finishing trades.

During the visit, students learned about the apprenticeship pathways offered through IUPAT, including training in painting, glazing, drywall finishing, and other specialized skills. Instructors and union representatives walked students through the benefits of apprenticeship programs, from earning while learning to accessing long-term career advancement in a high-demand industry.

The experience gave students a clearer understanding of the professional possibilities ahead of them and highlighted how an apprenticeship can support their transition from Job Corps to the workforce. The visit served as an inspiring step forward for Key Rock's Painting students as they continue building the skills and confidence needed for successful careers in the trades.



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# Building Futures Through Skilled Trades: NPIJATF Representatives Inspire Students



Students recently had the opportunity to hear directly from representatives of the Operative Plasterers' and Cement Masons' International Association (NPIJATF), who visited campus to share insights into the world of apprenticeships and the pathways available within the skilled trades.

During the visit, NPIJATF representatives broke down that an apprenticeship truly is an earn-while-you-learn model that blends classroom instruction with hands-on training. They explained how this approach prepares individuals for long-term, well-paid careers in plastering, cement masonry, and related fields.

A key part of the presentation focused on the structure and purpose of the Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee (JATC). Students learned how the JATC brings together union and contractor representatives to oversee training standards, ensure program quality, and support apprentices throughout their journey. The speakers highlighted the collaborative nature of the committee and the important role each member plays in shaping the next generation of skilled workers.

To cap off the experience, students created posters promoting apprenticeships, using what they learned to encourage others to explore opportunities in the trades. Their work reflected both creativity and a growing appreciation for the value of apprenticeship programs.

The visit offered students a meaningful look at career pathways they may not have previously considered and a reminder that the skilled trades continue to build strong futures, one apprentice at a time.



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# PRIMORIS CONSTRUCTION

National construction company, Primoris, is looking to build a strong partnership with Job Corps. The company has a variety of apprenticeship positions available throughout the country. Primoris specializes in renewable energy and utility construction, Primoris is headquartered in Dallas, Texas, and operates throughout the United States and Canada. With a workforce of more than 17,000 employees, the company continues to expand its reach and invest in workforce development. During their presentations at each of our campuses, company representatives shared their interest in developing apprenticeship opportunities within their organization.

Speaking to more than 60 students, officials highlighted the benefits of working with Primoris including paid work experience, on-the-job training, opportunities for advancement, and more. Following the presentation, Center Executive Director Kelly King led the Primoris official on a campus tour, showcasing the Electrical, Plumbing, Plaster, Paint, and Material Handling trade areas. Red Rock Site Director Roy Dalton, also provided a tour at the Red Rock campus for their training programs in automotive and construction. The visiting representatives expressed how impressed they were with the skills, professionalism, and enthusiasm of Key Rock students, as well as the quality of the training facilities.



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## PRLA Representative Visits Keystone Campus for Culinary Apprenticeship Showcase

Keystone and Philadelphia Job Corps Culinary students enjoyed a hands-on, career-focused experience this week as a representative from the Pennsylvania Restaurant & Lodging Association (PRLA) visited the Keystone campus to speak about apprenticeship opportunities in the culinary field. The presentation introduced students to real pathways into the hospitality industry, highlighting how apprenticeships can help them build skills, gain experience, and move directly into high-demand culinary careers. Keystone has successfully placed several apprenticeship students with PRLA member restaurants.

Following the session, culinary students from both the Keystone and Philadelphia centers teamed up in the kitchen for a collaborative food-prep activity. The joint experience gave students the chance to practice teamwork, share techniques, and learn from one another while putting their culinary training into action. The event not only strengthened students' understanding of career opportunities but also fostered connection between the two Job Corps centers showing what's possible when education, industry, and hands-on learning come together.



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# HBI Electrical Students Explore Career Opportunities During Union Hall Visit

Key Rock Home Builders Institute (HBI) Electrical students recently had the opportunity to connect with the Local 163, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee (JATC) training site located in Nanticoke, PA. During the visit, union instructors provided an in-depth overview of how the organization operates, giving students valuable insight into the structure and benefits of union membership and apprenticeship opportunities. Discussions covered a range of important topics, including pay rates and how wages can vary by region based on cost of living and territory differences.

Students were also given a comprehensive tour of the facility, where they observed firsthand the equipment and training environments used in the apprenticeship program. The tour included demonstrations of electrical panels, voltage transformers, and fire alarm systems and devices. One highlight of the visit was the motor control lab, where students learned about advanced technologies such as variable frequency drives and programmable logic controllers key components in modern electrical systems.

The experience provided a clear picture of the skills and knowledge required in the electrical trade, as well as the opportunities available through union apprenticeships. Many students expressed excitement about the possibility of pursuing a high-paying and in-demand career in the electrical industry. The visit served as both an educational experience and a source of inspiration, helping students connect their classroom learning with real-world applications and future career paths.



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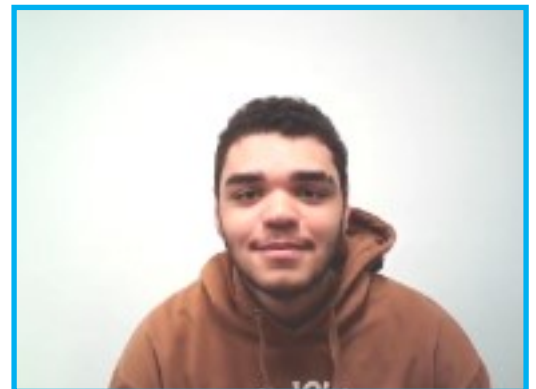
# SUCCESS STORIES



Isabella Nugent enrolled in Key Rock in August of 2024. She earned her High School Diploma in December of 2024 and the Clinical Medical Assistant trade in June of 2025. Since separating from center she has obtained employment as a paraprofessional with Maritime Academy.



Dominick White enrolled at Key Rock in July of 2025. He earned his high school diploma through Penn Foster in April of 2025 and Carpentry trade in September of 2025. Currently Dominick has obtained employment with wind Creek Bethlehem as a Security Officer, nice work Dominick!!!



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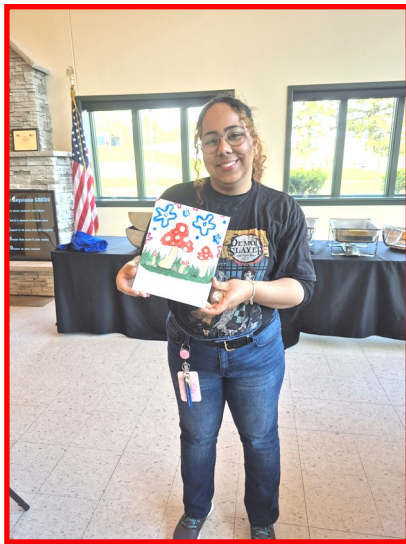


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# Paint Party Night

Career Technical Training (CTT) Manager Mr. Udzella hosted a Paint Night event for students following the training day, offering a creative and relaxing way to end the day. More than 20 students attended the evening gathering, where they had the opportunity to paint spring-themed scenes or design their own unique masterpieces.

The event provided a welcoming atmosphere for students to express their creativity while enjoying cookies and socializing with their peers. Laughter and conversation filled the room as participants worked on their artwork, each piece reflecting individual style and imagination. Students thoroughly enjoyed the experience, producing impressive paintings and making lasting memories. The Paint Night was a successful and fun-filled event that highlighted both artistic talent and community spirit.



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# Let The Wild, Stay Wild!

Spring is here - finally! With the warm weather, we can expect to see more wildlife on our campus. Just a reminder that this is not the movies and these animals are not pets. Often times if you see a wild animal (skunk, racoon, bear, deer, ...) during the day - there is something wrong. These animals prefer the nightlife so that they can avoid people and trouble.

**DO NOT FEED** - this time of year there is plenty of food and they must know how to get their food in order to survive.

**DO NOT APPROACH** - please report it to staff.

**DO NOT TOUCH** - yes, they are cute, your sent may cause their parents to reject them. Use your camera and take a picture, zoom works well.

**PLEASE RESPECT OUR WILDLIFE NEIGHBORS AND LET'S KEEP IT SAFE FOR EVERYONE!**

Key Rock representatives attended a Legislative breakfast hosted by the Back Mountain Chamber of Commerce at the Greens at Irem Clubhouse in Dallas. Executive Center Director Kelly King, Red Rock Site Director Roy Dalton, Workforce Investment Opportunity Manager Gary Perna and Red Rock Student Government President Maurice McGowan were all on hand for the event. SGA President McGowan spoke with field staff from congressmen Rob Bresnahan's office along with State Representative Jaime Walsh about Job Corps and his roll as SGA President.



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Outreach and Admissions Counselor (OA) with Job Corps have a strong presence at the Harrisburg High School providing information sessions and meeting with students about the opportunities available through Job Corps. Maintaining a consistent presence at the school allows our OA to build strong relationships with both students and staff while ensuring students are informed about their postsecondary and career options.

Presentation information focuses on Job Corps' hands-on career training programs, educational support, industry-recognized certifications, and job placement assistance. Students are often engaged and ask thoughtful questions about campus life, housing, career pathways, and how Job Corps can help them reach their goals after graduation.

After each presentation, information flyers and business cards are provided, so students have materials to review and a direct point of contact for follow-up. Many students take advantage of the opportunity to speak with one-on-one to discuss their interests and next steps. These ongoing visits help increase awareness of Job Corps, encourage student engagement, and support young people as they explore meaningful opportunities for their future.



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# MANAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

## MANAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES WITH ADAMS!

Adams and Associates is seeking to fill the following management positions with internal candidates. Are you interested? We are interested in you! To learn more or to apply please notify your supervisor and contact the Human Resources Department.

<b>Atterbury Job Corps Center – Edinburgh, IN</b>	<b>Brunswick Job Corps Center – Brunswick, GA</b>	<b>Delaware Valley Job Corps Center – Callicoon, NY</b>	<b>Exeter Job Corps Center – Exeter, RI</b>
Senior Accountant Administration Director Counseling & Career Services Manager			
<b>Glenmont Job Corps Center – Glenmont, NY</b>	<b>Grafton Job Corps Center – N. Grafton, MA</b>	<b>Keystone Job Corps Center – Drums, PA</b>	<b>Miami Job Corps Center – Miami Gardens, FL</b>
Administration Director	Dorm Supervisor		Dorm Supervisor
<b>Mississippi Job Corps Center – Crystal Springs, MS</b>	<b>New Hampshire Job Corps Center – Manchester, NH</b>	<b>Philadelphia Job Corps Center – Philadelphia, PA</b>	<b>Phoenix Job Corps Center – Phoenix, AZ</b>
Maintenance Manager			Center Shift Supervisor
<b>Red Rock Job Corps Center – Lopez, PA</b>	<b>Sacramento Job Corps Center – Sacramento, CA</b>	<b>Shriver Job Corps Center – Devens, MA</b>	<b>Woodland Job Corps Center – Laurel, MD</b>
Property Manager		Dorm Supervisor OA Supervisor	Dorm Supervisor

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## Keystone Job Corps

Keystone Job Corps is located on a 175 acre property surrounded by the majestic Pocono Mountains, nestled in a Valley. The campus is located near Hazleton, PA and in close proximity to Scranton, PA. We are also located about 120 miles North of Philadelphia.

Keystone started accepting students in 1967 and serves over 400 students at one time. Keystone is committed to offering top level training in the nation's fastest growing industries as well as offering students the ability to earn their High School Diploma or a High School Equivalency certificate. While on campus students are encouraged to take part in a fun and rewarding campus life schedule, which includes offering community service activities within our community. Students will graduate with top level education and training, as well as employability skills and independent living skills.

## RED ROCK JOB CORPS

Red Rock Job Corps is located in the beautiful Endless Mountain Region in Pennsylvania. Red Rock is in close proximity to the Scranton/Wilkes Barre Region. The campus is located approximately 120 miles Northwest from the Philadelphia Region. The campus is located next to Rickett's Glen State Park and on top of the Red Rock Mountain which is at 2,449 feet above sea level. Our campus was at one time a United States Air Force Base.

The Red Rock campus also offers our students the opportunity to train in some of the nation's fastest growing industries and the ability to obtain their High School Diploma or Equivalent.

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## TRADES

- \*Office Administration
- \*Certified Nursing Assistant
- \*Clinical Medical Assistant
- \*Culinary
- \*Security
- \*Material Handling
- \*Facilities Maintenance
- \*Auto Technician

- \*Auto Collision Repair
- \*Cement Masonry
- \*Electrical
- \*Plumbing
- \*Carpentry
- \*Brick Laying
- \*Plastering
- \*Painting

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# Adams Family Fables

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## #NationalApprenticeshipWeek2026



### Concrete Careers

Woodland continues to build up apprenticeships through its partnership with **Schuster Concrete**, which has placed 7 graduates at \$18 an hour. Among the most recently placed graduates is **Michael Bates** (*pictured here*), who was hired as a laborer apprentice and began on April 6. In addition, Woodland sought more apprenticeship opportunities through the **Clark Construction Group** hiring fair, which included opportunities connected to the **Pimlico Race Course** reconstruction project. Students also toured **Anne Arundel Community College** to learn about the college's apprenticeship programs for Electrical, Carpentry, Welding and Building Construction Engineering. Way to go, Warriors!

### Apprenticeship Acknowledgement

**Sacramento's** pre-apprenticeship trades scored recognition from **U.S. Representative Doris Matsui** through a proclamation. The statement is in honor of National Apprenticeship Week and highlighted Job Corps as a vital resource for workforce development that equips young adults with foundational occupational skills and industry-recognized credentials. Kudos to **Business Engagement Manager May-Va Vang** for securing this wonderful recognition for the Center! Sensational work, Sacramento!

### Cut Out for Apprenticeship

**Delaware Valley** helped **UBC Carpentry** and **HBI Facility Maintenance** students carve out apprenticeship pathways, with a trip to the **North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters Apprenticeship Program** in Rock Tavern, NY. Students experienced the world of professional carpentry, explored state-of-the-art training facilities and active learning environments and connected directly with experienced instructors and apprentices. The experience deepened their understanding of the trade and energized them to continue building their skills and pursuing opportunities in the carpentry field. Dynamic job, DV!



### From the President, Susan Sez

I am pleased to welcome new **Mississippi Center Director James Harris** to the **Adams Family**! Mr. Harris started at the Center on April 20 and arrives with 30 years of successful Job Corps experience. He served 14 years as a Center Director at **Benjamin L. Hooks** and 4 years as Center Director at **Gadsden**. Most recently, he served as a Vice President of Operations and Chief Operations Officer for **MINACT**. Mr. Harris is a long-time Mississippian and understands the needs of the youth the Center serves. We are excited to have him with us and look forward to seeing him drive Mississippi toward further success! **#OneTeamOneGoal!!!**