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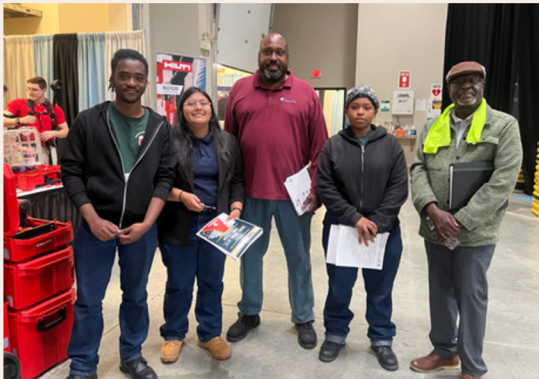


HELLO MAY

UBC – United Brotherhood of Carpenters Apprentices Expo & Career Job Fair



Job Corps students had an exciting, hands-on learning experience while attending the United Brotherhood of Carpenters Apprentices Expo and Career Job Fair. Accompanied by Carpentry Instructor Mr. Newton, CTS Specialist Mr. Joel Vidale, WBL Specialist Ms. Jackson, and Ms. White, students were immersed in a dynamic environment centered on skilled trades and career pathways.



The event offered valuable insight into the carpenters' comprehensive four-year apprenticeship program, emphasizing the dedication, training, and commitment required to earn a Journeyman license and become fully certified in the trade. Students gained a deeper understanding of the structure and opportunities available within the carpentry profession.

A major highlight of the expo was the trade show competition, where top apprentices showcased exceptional talent in welding and carpentry. Congratulations to the winners for their outstanding craftsmanship: 1st place Justin Meeks (Local 491), 2nd place Wilbert Perez Grandos (Local 197), and 3rd place Sean Sparaeo (Local 197).

In addition to the competition, students explored a wide range of employment opportunities within the carpentry field, gaining exposure to real-world career options and industry expectations. Overall, the event proved to be both inspiring and impactful, motivating Job Corps students to pursue excellence and consider rewarding careers in the skilled trades industry.



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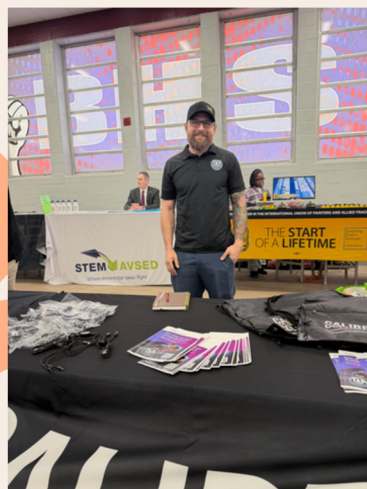
GRASS ROOTS RECRUITMENT



Outreach and Admissions is truly knocking it out of the park with their recruitment efforts. Their hard work is paying off, as phones are ringing nonstop with calls from students and families they've recently connected with. One of this week's highlights included a successful recruitment visit to Bowie High School, where student interest was especially strong.



Prospective students are particularly excited to learn that Job Corps is a free program and offers career-track-specific training, making it an appealing and practical pathway for their future. The team's continued engagement and outreach are clearly making a meaningful impact.



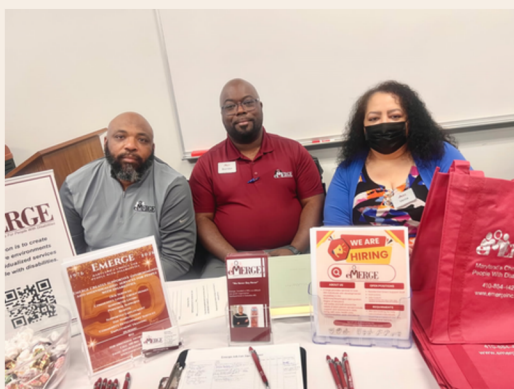
Spring Career, Resource and Apprenticeship Fair

On April 28, 2026, CTS Specialist Mr. Joel Vidale and WBL Specialist Ms. Jackson escorted approximately 25 students to the Spring Career, Resource, and Apprenticeship Fair in Hunt Valley, Maryland. The event was hosted by the Baltimore County Department of Economic and Workforce Development and brought together a wide range of employers, training providers, and community resources.

Students had the opportunity to engage directly with representatives from local colleges and organizations offering apprenticeship programs, many of whom provided on-the-spot application opportunities. The feedback from students was overwhelmingly positive, with many taking full advantage of the resources and connections available.

A key highlight of the event was the chance for students to attend informative presentations on apprenticeship pathways, including the benefits of “earn while you learn” training models. This concept strongly resonated with students, reinforcing the value of hands-on experience combined with paid career development.

Overall, the event successfully connected motivated Job Corps students with quality employers and meaningful apprenticeship opportunities, further supporting their transition into the workforce.



Student Success Spotlights: (Placement Edition)



Elijah Green,
BCT & IUPAT Completer
HSD Graduate
8 IRC's (Credentials)

A high school diploma and two trades later, the hard work and dedication of Elijah Green from Prince George's County have truly paid off. Elijah is a BCT completer who has demonstrated strong commitment to both his training and leadership development throughout his time in the program. He successfully completed a maintenance work-based learning assignment through AWA and served as a CPP Ambassador, as well as the SGA Sergeant-at-Arms. In these roles, Elijah helped lead campus tours and was widely respected by his peers as a dependable and effective leader. Today, Elijah has secured a Full-Time Demolition position with AAS, earning \$19 per hour an achievement that reflects both his skillset and work ethic. His journey highlights the value of perseverance, hands-on training, and leadership experience. Elijah's success serves as a powerful example of what can be accomplished through dedication and focus, and he represents the bright future ahead for Job Corps graduates.

Jeremiah Gray

HBI/BCT Completer
HSD Graduate
5 IRC's (Credentials)

Jeremiah Gray arrived at Woodland Job Corps Center with focus and determination. He is leaving with accomplishments that reflect both. As a high school graduate and BCT completer, Jeremiah has made the most of every opportunity available to him.

During his time on center, he earned five industry-recognized credentials (IRCs), demonstrating his commitment to skill development and career readiness. Known as a leader among his peers, Jeremiah consistently stood out for his curiosity, initiative, and willingness to ask the right questions to grow and improve.

His hard work has led to a major milestone: Jeremiah has been hired full-time as an Installer with McCrea Heating and Air Conditioning, where he will be earning \$24 per hour. This achievement is a testament to his dedication, discipline, and drive to succeed. Jeremiah's journey is a strong example of what can be accomplished through focus, perseverance, and a commitment to excellence.



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JAVONTE VINSON

JASON LINDSAY

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**JASMINE ROHRBAUGH
YOU DID IT!**

EDWARD BURGOS



WOODLAND JOB CORPS CENTER

HIGH SCHOOL GRADS!

Class
of



Jessy A Alvarenga



Mekhi G Curry,

CONGRATULATION!



Amen K Lewis



La'Zlyah S Todd

Men's Forum: "Every Man Should Know"



What is an apprenticeship, college, or full-time job opportunity without the mindset and purpose behind it? This question set the tone for this month's Men's Forum, titled "Every Man Should Know." Guest speaker Mr. Holman shared his personal journey, offering young men not only a relatable story but also a vision of what they can aspire to become. His message went beyond surface-level advice, encouraging students to think deeply about their choices, values, and long-term goals.

Following his remarks, students participated in a panel discussion that explored key topics such as health and wellness, mental growth, and building healthy relationships. Central to the conversation was discovering one's "why" the personal motivation that drives success and resilience. The purpose of the forum was clear: invest in the whole person. Rooted in the idea that "if you teach a man to fish, his family will never hunger," the summit aimed to equip students with the tools, mindset, and perspective needed for lifelong success.

The event was led by dedicated staff members Mr. Williams, Mr. Smith, Mr. Truesdale, and Mr. Duckett, who are already planning the next Men's Forum based on the strong engagement and positive response. Student feedback underscored the impact of the event. Lewis Dennis shared, "We needed that," while Hezekiah Walker expressed, "I've never had this type of talk before." Many others echoed similar sentiments, emphasizing that the discussion was meaningful, necessary, and spoke to issues often left unaddressed. Overall, the Men's Forum proved to be a powerful and thought-provoking experience, leaving a lasting impression on all who attended.



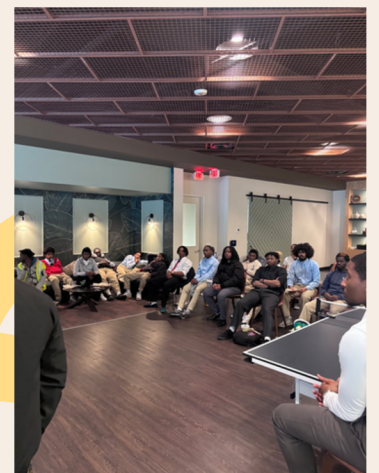
GUEST SPEAKER
MR. HOLMAN



HEALTH & WELLNESS



HEALTH RELATIONSHIPS



WHAT'S YOUR WHY?

Welcome!

NEW

Students



Dezmin Allen
Janaiya Washington





Burley, Laila E
Chase, Dereona D
Corprew, Demetrus D
Dawson, Dayton S
Francis, Tyreke T
Garland, Leon m
Garland, Vasean T
Gasque, Jeremiah D
Henry, Jaydan J
Jones, Richard L
Jones, Kameron I
McClure, Trysten S
Powell, Armani J
Sherry, Braja E
Smith, JeMaure J
Toland, Lovely M
Vinson, Javonte C
Walker, Milan A
Walker, Maliyah D
Way, Dayna C
West Jr, Cody T



Woodland Job Corps Human Resources



In recognition of Cinco de Mayo, Woodland Job Corps Center Human Resources would like to take a moment to share the significance of this day. 🇲🇽 Cinco de Mayo commemorates the Mexican army's victory over French forces at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862. While often mistaken as Mexico's Independence Day, it is actually a celebration of resilience, culture, and unity. As we acknowledge this day, we encourage staff and students to take time to learn more about Mexican history and traditions 📖. Celebrating cultural awareness in the workplace helps foster respect, inclusion, and a stronger sense of community 🤝. HR reminds everyone to be mindful and respectful in how cultural holidays are observed, ensuring that celebrations remain inclusive and appropriate for a professional environment.

Happy Cinco de Mayo!

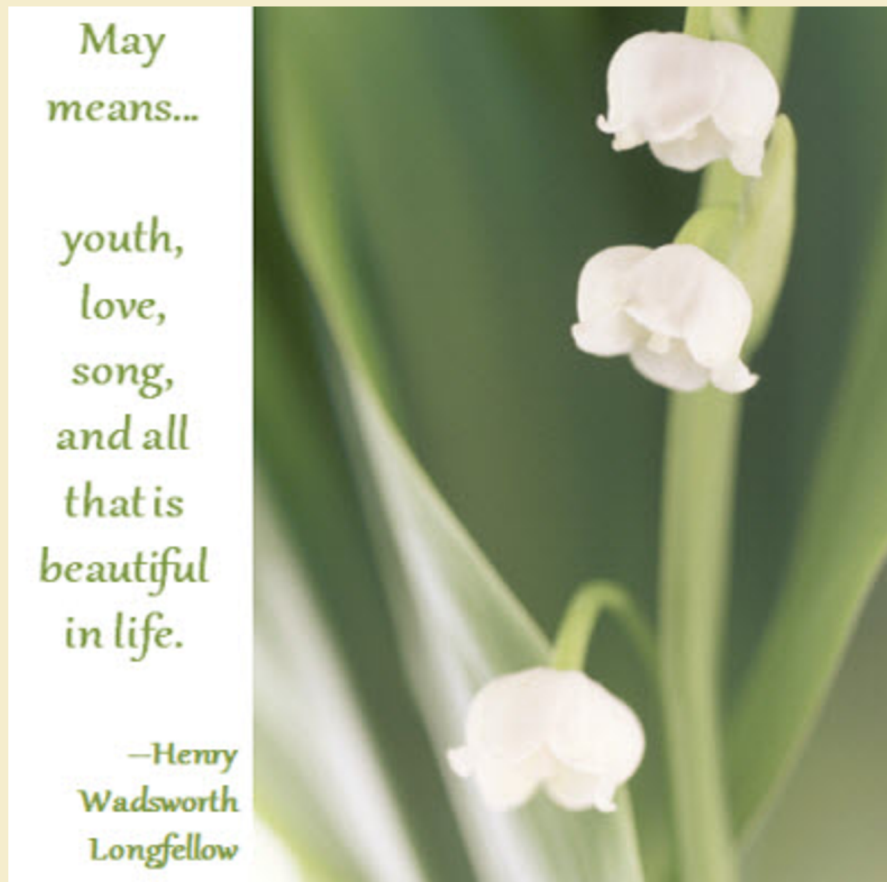
**Happy
BIRTHDAY**
May Birthdays

Rose Botchway, LPN - May 6th
Stacy Dolan - My 8th
Jzyaire Litlejohn - May 10th
Lori-Ann Whyte - May 13th
Marilyn McLeroy - May 21st
Ronald Coates II - May 22nd
Mack Calloway - May 28th
Keona Hogan - May 29th
Timeka Lanae Lyle - May 31st

Vacancies

Recreation Advisor
Residential Advisors
Maintenance Helper
Dorm Supervisor
Safety & Security Advisor
Food Service Assistant
Admissions Counselor

What's So Special About May



May is a vibrant month featuring major holidays like Memorial Day (last Monday), Mother's Day (second Sunday), and Cinco de Mayo (May 5th), alongside month-long observances such as Mental Health Awareness, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage, and National Pet Month. It is also marked by celebrations of spring (May Day/Beltane) and numerous food-related days

"Just for Fun" Days

May is Get Caught Reading Month and National Good Car-Keeping Month.



Adams Family Fables

Service Focused, Outcome Driven.

May 1, 2026

#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!!!**