

# GRAFTON JOB CORPS

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## Second Year Success

Yesterday, Carpentry instructor Mr. Perry took a road trip to the UBC Carpenters Apprentice Training Center in Millbury, MA.

He met up with former student Ariel Krasner-Tipton during his visit and was proud to see how well a former GJC student has been doing since graduating from the program. Ariel completed the Carpentry Program in January of 2025. During their time on the center they were a focused and driven student, ensuring they took everything that was offered, volunteering at any opportunity. Since entering their apprenticeship, they have been achieving great things under the UBC's guidance. Ariel has been specializing in the Floor Covering Division and works for Ayotte as a Floor Layer.



In July Ariel will move up and become a 2nd year apprentice. Ariel is loving the work and grateful for the JC training. Always great to see a former student. They are the path to a very good and rewarding career in the UBC.

# Around Grafton

## Great Grafton Cook Off



At the invitation of the Culinary instructor, Chef Green and his students the Top Brass of Grafton Job Corps was invited to participate in a Chopped Style Cooking competition assisted and judged by GJC students. Center Director Ms. Trombly, Programs Director Ms. Hazzard, Education & Training Manager Ms. Hartnett, and CSIO Ms. Barnes all participated, and had a great morning with the students. (It should be noted that OA/CTS Director, Amanda Ramnarine was present but was barred from participation as she is the former Culinary instructor, though she did pull some sneaky fixes when the other participants were not looking!)



Contestants had to use a chicken, plantains, yellow squash, and flaming hot Cheetos in their meal, with optional ingredients Rainbow Sherbet fruit punch and dried plantain that could be used for Bonus Points. They were also each assigned two students assistants to aid them while Chef Green and his students live streamed the event on our socials for the rest of the center to watch.



Although all of the dishes were delicious, in the end Ms. Hazzard took home First Place with her Deep Fried Tower and Refreshing Rainbow Apple slush. Ms. Barnes took second, Ms. Trombly third, and Ms. Hartnett fourth.

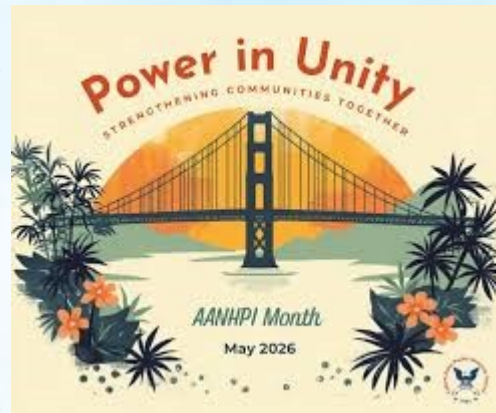


# Tupaj's Tidbits

## Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month

Did you know that May is Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month? Some people might not, so let me explain what it is in this week's Tupaj's Tidbits!

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month got its beginning in June of 1977 when two U.S. Representatives, Frank Horton of New York and Norman Mineta of California, introduced a resolution to the House to establish Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Week that was to be celebrated in the first week of May. The Senate followed suit when Senators Daniel Inouye and Spark Matsunaga, both of Hawaii, introduced similar bills. In 1978, President Jimmy Carter signed a joint resolution that established Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Week and the first celebration took place in 1979. In 1992, President George H.W. Bush designated the whole month of May to honor Asian Pacific Americans.



To honor the many Asian and Pacific Islander Americans, let's take a look at how some Asian and Pacific Islanders Americans have benefitted the United States.

1. Queen Lili'uokalani - the queen and last ruling monarch of the Kingdom of Hawai'i. And she composed the song, "Aloha 'Oe," as well as numerous other works and wrote her autobiography Hawai'i's Story by Hawai'i's Queen during her imprisonment following the overthrow of the Hawai'ian monarchy.
2. Fred Korematsu- An American civil rights activist who objected to the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II, he refused to report to Tanforan Assembly Center, where his family reported in 1942. Korematsu was then arrested for his refusal to comply with the mandatory evacuation order, but made history when he was visited by ACLU executive director, Ernest Besig while in prison and he agreed to be the test subject in a case questioning the legality of the evacuation orders.
3. Susan Anh Cuddy - Born to Korean independence activists, she was the first Asian American woman to enlist in the United States Navy, joining as a female gunnery officer and eventually making the rank of lieutenant. Avidly against Japan's colonial era rule in Korea, she was eager to join the military to fight the Japanese. She went on to work for US Navy Intelligence, the Library of Congress, and the Department of Defense making her accomplishments in the Cold War era remarkable and unparalleled. Ellison Onizuka- first Asian American in space
4. Loung Ung - Cambodian-born American, she is a human-rights activist and the national spokesperson for the Campaign for a Landmine-Free World. Escaping the Khmer Rouge in 1980, she emigrated to the United States with her family and subsequently wrote two books about her real life experiences. Between 1997 and 2003, she served in the same capacity for the International Campaign to Ban Landmines, which is affiliated with the Vietnam Veterans of America Foundation.
5. Dalip Singh Saund - Due to his efforts and many other Indian immigrants, President Harry S. Truman passed the Luce-Cellar Act, which allowed him to have a political voice and run for office. Saund became the first Asian American, Indian American, and member of a non-Abrahamic faith to be elected to the United States Congress.

# Grafton Sports

## Volley Ball Grafton v. Westover

Westover Job Corps Center Co-Ed volleyball team recently visited the Panthers Den for an exciting and competitive volleyball match against our Panthers team. While Westover earned the victory, the event was a true showcase of the sportsmanship, teamwork, and determination that define the Job Corps community. Both teams demonstrated outstanding effort and school spirit, making the match a memorable experience for everyone involved. Events like these continue to strengthen connections between centers while encouraging leadership, collaboration, and healthy competition.



## Basketball Road Trip!

The Grafton Job Corps basketball team recently completed two challenging away contests against Exeter and Glenmont job corps.

Grafton earned an impressive road victory over Exeter, showcasing strong teamwork, discipline, and determination throughout the contest. In their second matchup, Grafton faced a tough challenge against Glenmont in New York and came up short despite a hard-fought effort. These games reflect the continued growth, resilience,

and competitive spirit of the Grafton student-athletes as they represented the program with pride on the road. Coach Lilli and the team are now 4 - 1 on the season.

# Off Site

Kart	Name	Laps	Best
110	Liam Haringa	8	34.599
4	Jose Mercedes	8	35.896
9	Brandon Robinson	7	35.940
72	Glo C	8	36.478
6	John Jordan	8	37.090
1	Larry Nova	7	37.194
13	Giovanni Faublas	7	39.861
26	Tramayne Odum	7	42.348
2	Luis Nova	5	46.623

On 5/14/2026, the Grafton Job Corps Recreation Department recently treated students to an exciting and adrenaline-filled go-kart outing that brought out everyone's competitive spirit. Students enjoyed an afternoon packed with speed, laughter, and friendly rivalry as they raced head-to-head on the track. The competition was fierce, but in the end, student Liam Haringa edged out Mr. Mercedes by the narrowest of margins — winning by just a smidge in a thrilling finish that had everyone cheering. The trip was a fantastic opportunity for students to bond, build camaraderie, and create lasting memories outside the classroom.

From start to finish, the event was a huge success and showcased the energy, teamwork, and positive community spirit that make the Recreation Department such an important part of student life at Grafton Job Corps.

Carpentry students Jah'Mari, Kia, Abigail, Giovanni, Miguelangel and Ruth make repairs to the garden boxes for the W.R.E.C on Camp St in Worcester. As planting season begins these community boxes allow for learning, community, and beauty in the city. After our students took a look at them they were ready for another few years teaching and bettering the community!



# Achievements

## HSD

Susan Kibirige

Thomas Delucia

## Primary Credentials

Andrew Rebell - 5 FEMAs

Orlando Cancel - ServSafe Food Protection Manager

Alisha Mayombwe - 5 FEMAs

Dhamajnie Hall-Little - 5 FEMAs

Michael Newman - ServSafe Food Protection Manager

## Secondary Credentials

McKenna Garcia - ServSafe Food Handler

Orlando Vargas Penn - ServSafe Food Handler

Nelita Furtado - ServSafe Food Handler

Nicholas Greenwood - RAMSET

Aiden Brown - ServSafe Food Handler

Monday Daniels - ServSafe Allergens Awareness

Faith Jones - ServSafe Allergens Awareness

## Literacy Gains

DMeleon Singletary - Point Gain

Lushawwna Bellane - Point Gain

Adriana Carmona Rivera - EFL Gain

Andreia Fernandes - Point Gain

Dhamajnie Hall-Little - EFL Gain

Susan Kibirige - Point Gain

Rondell Leatherwood - Point Gain

Sarha Previl - EFL Gain

Anthony Vernaglia - Point Gain

## Numeracy Gains

Andreia Fernandes - Point Gain

Nathaniel Baez - EFL Gain

Jovaun Cone - EFL Gain

Alisha Mayombwe - EFL Gain

Rosangela Rodriguez Cosme - EFL Gain

# Cafeteria News



## Grafton Job Corps Menu Week 3 May 25, 2026

**FOOD ALLERGIES** Please let your server know if anyone in your party has food allergies.  
Thank you



MONDAY 25-May-26	TUESDAY 26-May-26	WEDNESDAY 27-May-26	THURSDAY 28-May-26	FRIDAY 29-May-26	SATURDAY 30-May-26	SUNDAY 31-May-26
<b>BRUNCH HOURS MEALTIME IS 10:45 AM-12:45P</b>	Egg & Cheese Sandwich on a Croissant Scrambled Eggs Sausage Patty	French Toast Scrambled Eggs Turkey Bacon/Bacon Potato Pancake	Egg & Cheese Omelet Ham Egg & Cheese Omelet Scrambled Eggs Sausage Link Home Fries	Breakfast Burrito Scrambled Eggs Sausage Link	<b>BRUNCH HOURS MEALTIME IS 10:45 AM-12:45P</b>	<b>BRUNCH HOURS MEALTIME IS 10:45 AM-12:45P</b>
Fresh Breads & Bagels Hot & Cold Cereals Jellies & Peanut Butter Butter & Cream Cheese Yogurt & Fresh Fruit	Hot & Cold Cereals Breads and Bagels Yogurt & Fresh Fruit	Hot & Cold Cereals Breads and Bagels Yogurt & Fresh Fruit	Hot & Cold Cereals Breads and Bagels Yogurt & Fresh Fruit	Hot & Cold Cereals Breads and Bagels Yogurt & Fresh Fruit	Fresh Breads & Bagels Hot & Cold Cereals Jellies & Peanut Butter Butter & Cream Cheese Yogurt & Fresh Fruit	Fresh Breads & Bagels Hot & Cold Cereals Jellies & Peanut Butter Butter & Cream Cheese Yogurt & Fresh Fruit
<b>SOUP OF THE DAY</b>						
Pancakes Scrambled Eggs Turkey Bacon/Bacon or General Tso Chicken with Onions and Peppers Served over Rice or Chef's Special w/ Rst Vegetables	<b>CHICKEN NOODLE</b> (H,V)Vegan Moroccan Chickpea Skillet Roasted Vegetable Roasted Sweet Potato or Garlic Ginger Glazed Pork Roasted Vegetable Roasted Potatoes	<b>BEEF &amp; BROCCOLI</b> Roasted Chicken Roasted Vegetables Mashed Potato or Baked Ravioli Roasted Vegetables Dinner Roll	<b>BEEF AND PORK CREOLE</b> (V) Vegan- Tofu Stew Roasted Vegetables Dinner Roll or Pork Ribs Roasted Vegetables Scallop Potato	<b>CORN CHOWDER</b> (V,H)California Salmon Bowl, Pickled Carrots & Radishes, Spinach, Edamame Beans, Avocado, Basmati Rice or Marinated Flank Steak Roasted Vegetables Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Belgian Waffles Scrambled Eggs Corned Beef Hash or Chili Dog with Vegetables & Fries or Chef's Special w/ Rst Vegetables Bread & Butter	Omelets Choose you toppings Scrambled Eggs Bacon or Chef's Special w/ Rst Vegetables Bread & Butter
Hamburger with Lettuce and Tomato Grilled Chicken Sandwich with Lettuce and Tomato Veggie Burger Sides are Coleslaw and Pasta Salad	Mongolian Beef Roasted Mix Vegetables White Rice or (V,H)Paste- Penne with Broccoli, Feta Cheese Served w/ Dinner Roll	Roasted Turkey Vegetables Mashed Potatoes & Gravy or Baked Fish Vegetables Roasted Sweet Potatoes	<b>Quesadilla's</b> Beef, Chicken Or Vegetarian , Served with Side of Veg, Spanish Rice Salsa, Guacamole, Sour Cream	<b>Potato Bar</b> Your Choice of Beef Chili, Chicken Strips, or Vegetarian with Diced Tomatoes, Onions, Jalapeno's Cheese, Sour Cream, Salsa, and Guacamole	Dinner 5:00pm-6:30pm Beef Enchilada Rst Vegetables & Dinner Roll or Chef's Special w/ Rst Vegetables Bread & Butter	Dinner 5:00pm-6:30pm Chicken Tender Vegetables & Fries or Chef's Special w/ Rst Vegetables Bread & Butter
		<b>HOT SNACK</b>	<b>HOT SNACK</b>			

*In a continued effort to keep the cafeteria a safe environment for all our students, no outside food is permitted due to allergens. This includes any items purchased from the Culinary Café and Student store. Please consume those items outside or at the tables provided in Culinary Café.*

*Any violation of this rule can result in a NIR.*





# Adams Family Fables

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## #Showcasing Success



### Prime Painting

**Brunswick IUPAT Painting graduate Jordan Moore** has brightened his prospects through an apprenticeship with **IUPAT Local Union 193**. Jordan will start at \$20.99, with opportunities for increases as he expands his skill set. He arrived at Job Corps after graduating from high school and not knowing what to do next. "I made the decision that I wanted to make a difference in my life," Jordan said. He chose painting for the atmosphere and quickly got to work. "My instructors gave me real job experiences, and it helped prepare me for my career as an Apprentice Painter," he said.

### Destination WBL

**Exeter** is cooking up summer success with its valued seasonal WBL partners, **George's of Galilee** and **Bonnet Shores Beach Club**. Both are well-known tourist destinations and will allow Advanced and Basic Culinary students to hone their skills in a fast-paced customer-focused environment. Participating students include **Se'jada Greene, Jonathan Santiago, Juwan Lyons, Xiveal Codero, Mea Moore, Myasia Anderson, Emma Pierre, Najaiah Calloway, Xavier Febus** and **Euniecia Lanfond**. Keep excelling, X-Men!



### From AI to Bizzell



AI is A-okay with **Woodland**, which participated in an AI Learning Lab hosted by **Bizzell**. The session emphasized the importance of AI in modern careers and introduced AI prompting techniques and best practices. Students explored real-world applications through a robot demonstration and drone presentation. At the conclusion, students earned a Trust Certification, recognizing their foundational understanding of responsible AI use in professional settings. Wonderful work, Warriors!



### From the President, Susan Sez

I'm proud of all the recent efforts our Centers have made to connect to defense industry priorities, including the **Submarine Industrial Base Program**. From inviting maritime industry partners such as **Ingalls Shipbuilding, Electric Boat and Portsmouth Shipyard** to career fairs to hosting Space Force representatives, Centers have demonstrated Job Corps' dedication to this vital industry. Most recently, **New Hampshire Aerospace Defense Consortium Director Randy Makee** made a repeat visit to the **New Hampshire Center** to discuss exciting opportunities within the aerospace industry. **Adams** remains committed to ensuring students are prepared to support the national security mission and that our Centers are working with key defense industry partners.