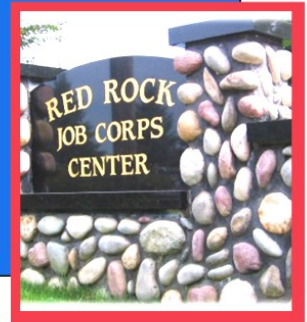




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Workforce Council Meeting

The Key Rock Job Corps Center welcomed business and community leaders this week for a Workforce Council meeting designed to deepen collaboration between employers and the region’s emerging workforce. Representatives from manufacturing, healthcare, construction, and service-sector companies shared firsthand insights into the skills, traits, and training they value most when hiring. Their feedback will help shape Job Corps programming to ensure students are prepared for real-world expectations. Company leaders emphasized the importance of reliable communication, hands-on technical ability, and adaptability in fast-changing workplaces. Several employers also highlighted the growing need for workers who are ready to step into apprenticeship pathways, a topic that Job Corps officials addressed directly during the session.

Job Corps staff outlined how Key Rock is expanding its registered apprenticeship opportunities, giving students a structured path from classroom learning to paid, on-the-job experience. These programs, developed in partnership with industry, allow students to earn while they learn and build long-term career momentum. The Workforce Council meeting reaffirmed the center’s commitment to aligning training with employer needs and strengthening the local talent pipeline. By bringing industry voices to the table, Key Rock Job Corps Center continues to ensure its students are prepared, confident, and ready to contribute to the region’s economic growth.



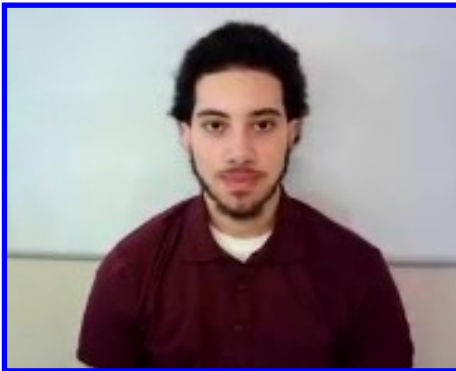
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SUCCESS STORIES



Yadiel Aponte reenrolled at Key Rock Job Corps in June of 2025 following the pause. During his time on center Yadiel completed his HiSET in March of 2026. Yadiel also completed his plumbing trade in March 2026. Currently, Yadiel is employed as a Field Tech with C&Z Construction. Nice work Yadiel!!!



Talia Condrey enrolled in Key Rock in January of 2024. While on center she participated in a variety of leadership roles. Talia completed the Office Assistant trade and attended college classes at Luzerne County Community College. Talia is currently working on achieving her associates degree and also working at Sheetz where she has been promoted to a supervisor! Incredible work!!



Academic Success



Paris Billingsley

Student Paris Billingsley enrolled at the Keystone Job Corps Center in April of 2025, and quickly demonstrated her determination and commitment to success. Within just a few months, Paris earned her high school diploma through Penn Foster in July of 2025 while actively pursuing training in Facility Maintenance.

In addition to earning her driver's license, Paris earned multiple NCCER certifications, including Cabinet Making, Construction Site Safety, Core Construction Technology, Green Environmental, Ladder Safety, Insulation, and OSHA. Her hard work, perseverance, and dedication to personal and professional growth have led to her recent acceptance into the Advanced Training program through TCU at the Potomac Job Corps Center in Washington, D.C.

Paris's accomplishments reflect her strong work ethic and bright future ahead.



YOUTH 2 YOUTH

AWARENESS. ACTION. ACCOUNTABILITY.

The emphases in Youth to Youth's model make it an international leader in the field because:

- Youth to Youth's message is a clear-cut "NO" to alcohol, tobacco, or any other drug at any time. Maturing teens need definitive guidelines.
- Youth to Youth is uniquely teen-centered. While the importance and necessity of parents, teachers, and other concerned adults are acknowledged, Youth to Youth also recognizes the overwhelming peer resources that are available. The teens who participate in Youth to Youth play significant roles in the decision-making process, so they feel responsible for the program's success.
- Youth to Youth focuses its programs on issues that teens are most likely to face while growing up today: alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs; prescription drug abuse and misuse; relationships; bullying; stress; anxiety; peer pressure; suicidal thoughts; self-concept; community responsibility; and more.
- Youth to Youth stresses the value of developing leadership skills. Teens comprise the Youth Advisory Board, are trained in public speaking, teach other teens and adults at conferences, trainings, and workshops, facilitate small discussion groups, and plan and help coordinate all special events.
- Youth to Youth programs involve teenagers from various socioeconomic backgrounds, preparing youth for real-life relationships with individuals from diverse backgrounds.
- Youth to Youth emphasizes the development of necessary life skills. Youth participate in trainings and opportunities that establish or enhance communication skills, decision-making skills, critical-thinking skills, and more, so they will be better equipped to handle any situation.
- Youth to Youth goes beyond merely presenting information on the dangers of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use. Capitalizing on the emotional involvement that comes from working in small groups, the program encourages personal growth, presents techniques that teens can use to change their own environments, and provides alternatives to harmful behaviors.

Y2Y meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays in the Rec Program Room. Everyone is welcome.

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Keystone Campus hosted a blood drive on Friday, May 15, 2026. A huge thank you to every student and staff member who donated blood, helped set up or break down, or assisted with sign-ins!

Your blood donations are used to help a variety of patients in need. Blood usage varies depending on the type of surgery or illness and whether there are any complications.

- A premature baby in intensive care may need 1 to 4 pints of red cells.
- A kidney transplant patient may need 1 to 2 pints of red cells.
- An accident victim may need 4 to 100 pints of red cells.
- A heart transplant patient may require 4 to 6 pints of red cells.
- A newborn baby requiring heart surgery may need 2 to 6 pints of red cells, 1 to 2 pints of plasma, and 1 to 3 platelet transfusions.
- A leukemia patient may require 2 to 6 pints of red cells and 1 platelet transfusion daily for 2 to 4 weeks, sometimes longer.
- A sickle cell patient may require 10 to 15 pints of red cells to treat severe complications.

Enjoy the good feeling that comes with knowing that you may have saved as many as three lives!



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Advanced Electrical Training

Key Rock students from the Electrical Trade had the opportunity to visit Delaware Valley Job Corps Center to tour its Advanced Electrical Training Program. Former student Curtis Thomas showed the students around and even sat down with them at lunch to discuss campus life. Curtis is currently applying for jobs and preparing for life after Job Corps.



TECH TALK @ BERGEY'S

Key Rock Job Corps participated in a Tech Talk at Bergey's Kia of Larksville this week. Bergey's Kia of Wilkes-Barre, located at 126 Narrows Road in Larksville, PA, is a premier, family-owned dealership that has served the Northeast Pennsylvania area since 1924. As of 2026, the dealership features a newly renovated facility with a comprehensive selection of new 2026 Kia models, including the Sorento, Sportage, and Telluride, alongside a variety of certified pre-owned vehicles. Known for its transparent, no-pressure sales approach and factory-certified service center, Bergey's Kia is recognized for offering a customer-focused car-buying experience.



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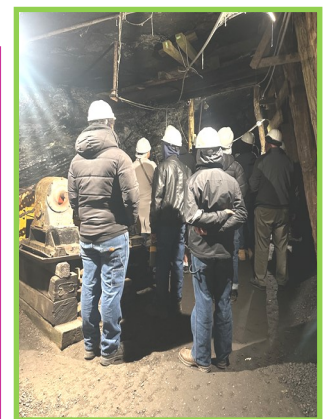
Key Rock Job Corps students recently enjoyed an engaging and educational visit to the Steamtown National Historic Site in downtown Scranton. Spread across 62 acres, this unique park is dedicated to preserving the rich history of steam railroading in the United States, offering students an up-close look at the locomotives, rail yards, and industrial heritage that once powered the nation. Built on the former grounds of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, the site provided an immersive backdrop for students to explore the evolution of rail travel and the vital role it played in America's growth.

During the tour, students viewed an impressive collection of vintage locomotives, including the iconic Union Pacific Big Boy, one of the largest steam engines ever built. Park staff shared insights into railroad operations, restoration efforts, and the engineering behind these massive machines. For many Key Rock students, the experience sparked curiosity about transportation history and offered a memorable connection to the region's industrial past.



Key Rock Job Corps students recently stepped deep into America's industrial past with a tour of the Lackawanna Coal Mine at McDade Park in Scranton. The experience began with a descent 300 feet underground in an authentic mine car, bringing students into the heart of an anthracite coal mine that first opened in 1860. Surrounded by cool air, dim lighting, and the original mine shafts, students gained a vivid sense of the working conditions miners once faced and the vital role coal played in shaping the region.

Led by knowledgeable guides, the one-hour walking tour wound through narrow tunnels and exposed coal veins, offering powerful stories about the men and even children who labored in these depths during the Industrial Revolution. The visit gave Key Rock students a meaningful connection to local history and a deeper appreciation for the grit, sacrifice, and innovation that fueled America's early growth.



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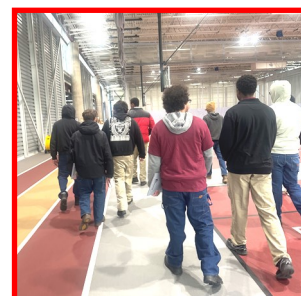
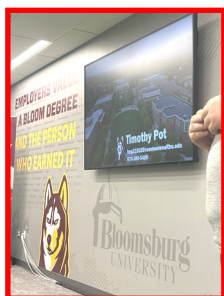
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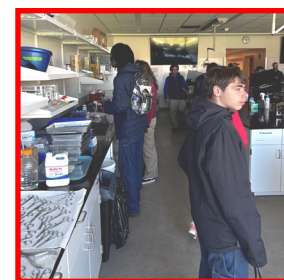
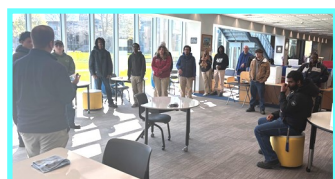
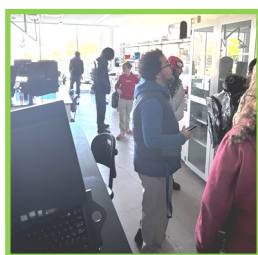
Key Rock Job Corps students recently broadened their educational horizons with a visit to Bloomsburg University, now part of Commonwealth University. The group explored the scenic campus overlooking the Susquehanna River and got a feel for the university's strong sense of community. As they toured academic buildings and student spaces, the Huskies spirit was on full display, giving students a glimpse of what campus life could look like beyond Job Corps.

The visit also introduced students to Bloomsburg's wide range of academic opportunities, with over 70 programs to choose from. Highlights included the university's well-regarded nursing, business, and digital forensics programs fields known for strong career pathways and hands-on learning. For many Job Corps students, the tour served as both inspiration and a practical look at the next steps they can take toward higher education and future careers.



Key Rock Job Corps students recently had the opportunity to tour Misericordia University alongside Work-Based Learning Advisor Marisa Gleason and Career Transition Services Specialist Michael Kittle. The visit offered students a welcoming introduction to the university's mission-driven environment, shaped by its Catholic heritage and the values of the Sisters of Mercy, who founded the institution in 1924. As students explored the Dallas, Pennsylvania campus, they experienced firsthand the school's emphasis on service, community, and personal growth core elements that define the Misericordia experience.

During the tour, students also learned about the university's 50+ academic programs, which span high-demand fields such as health sciences, business, and education. Faculty and staff highlighted the university's supportive learning environment and commitment to preparing students for meaningful careers rooted in compassion and leadership. For Key Rock students, the visit served as an inspiring look at future possibilities and the pathways available to them as they continue building toward their academic and professional goals.



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REACTION IN ACTION!

The Recreation Department kicked off the community service season in April. Students assisted at Beechwood Gardens by raking leaves and cleaning out flower beds. They did this twice during the month before moving to the Interstate 80 ramp, where they collected a truckload of debris along the roadway.

The student volunteers, along with the Security Trade, also managed Tulip Day at the CAN DO Community Park. They did an outstanding job counting tulips, providing crowd control, and mingling with the community.

Next, the recreation volunteers moved on to Black Creek Township, where they worked with Eastern Pennsylvania Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation. They collected over 175 bags of trash, 150 one-gallon containers, and more than 40 tires along the roadway.

To end the month, they raked leaves and picked up debris at the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Tamaqua, the site where they will begin working again in May.



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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.

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HR Manager Senior Accountant Counseling & Career Services Manager	Health & Wellness Manger		
Glenmont Job Corps Center – Glenmont, NY	Grafton Job Corps Center – N. Grafton, MA	Keystone Job Corps Center – Drums, PA	Miami Job Corps Center – Miami Gardens, FL
Senior Bookkeeper			Dorm Supervisor
Mississippi Job Corps Center – Crystal Springs, MS	New Hampshire Job Corps Center – Manchester, NH	Philadelphia Job Corps Center – Philadelphia, PA	Phoenix Job Corps Center – Phoenix, AZ
Maintenance Manager			Dorm Supervisor
Red Rock Job Corps Center – Lopez, PA	Sacramento Job Corps Center – Sacramento, CA	Shriver Job Corps Center – Devens, MA	Woodland Job Corps Center – Laurel, MD
		Dorm Supervisor OA Supervisor	Dorm Supervisor Maintenance Manager

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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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- *Clinical Medical Assistant
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- *Security
- *Material Handling
- *Facilities Maintenance
- *Auto Technician
- *Auto Collision Repair
- *Cement Masonry
- *Electrical
- *Plumbing
- *Carpentry
- *Brick Laying
- *Plastering
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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 Eunecia 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 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.

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