

GRAFTON JOB CORPS

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Spring Green For Mental Health

In observance of National Mental Health Awareness Month, Mr. Kohl and his therapy dog associate Dr. Juniper hosted an info table during first and second lunches on May 28, 2026. The Canine professional also went to around to all the students to provide her signature service of cuteness and pets. This has become an annual event, and Mr. Kohl remarked that he thought the table brought many more visitors than during previous years' events.



Special thanks to Austin Farr, Lily Welch, Sarwan Hamadi, and Kaiden Gabin who were very helpful with setup and assistance during the

event. Appreciations go as well to all the students who resisted Dr. Juniper's begging for table scraps and helped observe her dietary restrictions. She is still working on impulse control!



Recreation

Grafton Job Corps Recreation Department Hosts Men's and Women's Appreciation Trips

On May 22, 2026, the Grafton Job Corps Recreation Department proudly sponsored two special appreciation trips designed to recognize and celebrate the hard work, dedication, and positive contributions of students on center. The events provided students with an opportunity to relax, build community, and enjoy memorable experiences outside of campus.

The Men's Appreciation Trip traveled to Six Flags New England, where students enjoyed a full day of thrilling rides, entertainment, and group bonding activities. The trip was facilitated by Ms. Evangelidis, whose leadership and coordination helped ensure a fun, safe, and successful experience for all participants. Students expressed appreciation for the opportunity to unwind and connect with their peers while enjoying one of New England's most popular attractions.

At the same time, the Women's Appreciation Trip visited the Museum of Ice Cream in Boston. Facilitated by Ms. Matthews, the outing offered students an exciting and interactive experience filled with creativity, laughter, and team spirit. Participants explored the museum's immersive exhibits, enjoyed sweet treats, and created lasting memories together.



These appreciation trips reflect the Recreation Department's ongoing commitment to student engagement, morale, and positive campus culture. By providing rewarding experiences and opportunities for recreation, Grafton Job Corps continues to encourage student success both inside and outside of the classroom.

The Recreation Department extends its gratitude to all staff members and students who participated and helped make both appreciation trips enjoyable and meaningful experiences.

Tupaj's Tidbits

Operation Overlord

Ok. It's time to nerd out! I know, how unusual! June 6th marks the anniversary of D-Day or Operation Overlord, the Allied attack of Germany in 1944 on the beaches of Normandy, France. The Germans were not prepared for this attack and it marked the beginning of the end of Nazi terrorism.

Here are some facts about Operation Overlord according to the British Legion: <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/remembrance/stories/d-day>

1. D-Day does not stand for much. In fact, the D stands for Day, so D-Day actually means Day-Day
2. D-Day truly was an allied front. Forces from the UK, USA, Canada, Australia, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, France, Greece, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland and others all joined forces against Germany.
3. D-Day was not planned to occur on the June 6th. It was supposed to happen on June 5th, but weather would not allow the ships to sail.
4. D-Day wasn't just storming a beach in Normandy. Allied forces had to breach Hitler's Atlantic Wall which spread 1,670 miles from Norway to Spain.
5. The Axis powers did not think that Normandy was a likely place to be attacked which is why the Allies chose it. The Allies were quite inventive and constructed two artificial harbors and transported 7,000 tons of vehicles and goods over them each day of the attack
6. The South coast of England was transformed into a huge army base. Travel was banned for civilians and diplomats and journalists were watched closely.
7. Fake news was necessary to confuse the Germans. The Allies sent fake messages and ran operations for nothing

Go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pL5-OFpC4II&pp=ygUFRC1EYXk%3D> to watch actual footage of the storming of the beach at Normandy. Saving Private Ryan (streaming on Paramount) also shows an excellent depiction of D-Day, plus it's a really great movie!



Around Grafton

Getting the Word Out

Job Corps has started a new Campaign to get the word out that we are still open, still active and still building futures and changing lives.

The heart and soul of job corps is our students, and they are the ones spearheading this campaign. Students are going out into their own communities placing stickers with information and answering questions from the general public regarding the program, training and their own personal experiences and journeys.

The stickers are placed in places that the students themselves frequent when they are in the area, with QR codes that lead whoever scans it to our website, and explains how they can 'Level Up' their lives through the program.



CMA Bingo

Reading and CMA classes teamed up this week for a fun, interactive, and collaborative lesson. Students played CMA bingo with candy representing bingo chips. For medical students, this game offered the chance to review vocabulary words and concepts. For students who are not in the CMA trade, it offered them a taste of what CMA has to offer. Expanding their vocabulary and learning new concepts, as well as working competitively with all students to win. It was a successful and fun activity for reading and CMA classes. Bingo winners were Marbelyn Mercedes Hernandez and Yandel Pagan-Rivera

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Cafeteria News



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Grafton Job Corps Menu Week 4 June 1, 2026
FOOD ALLERGIES Please let your server know if anyone in your party has food allergies



MONDAY 1-Jun-26	TUESDAY 2-Jun-26	WEDNESDAY 3-Jun-26	THURSDAY 4-Jun-26	FRIDAY 5-Jun-26	SATURDAY 6-Jun-26	SUNDAY 7-Jun-26
Pancakes Scrambled Eggs Turkey Bacon Hash Brown or Hot & Cold Cereals Breads and Bagels Yogurt & Fresh Fruit	Egg & Cheese English Muffin Sandwich Scrambled Eggs Sausage Patty Chicken or Sausage Patty Pork Hot & Cold Cereals Breads and Bagels Yogurt & Fresh Fruit	French Toast Boiled Eggs Scrambled Eggs Bacon Pergies or Hot & Cold Cereals Breads and Bagels Yogurt & Fresh Fruit	Egg & Cheese Omelet Ham Egg & Cheese Omelet Scrambled Eggs Sausage Link Home Fries or Hot & Cold Cereals Breads and Bagels Yogurt & Fresh Fruit	Burrito Breakfast Scrambled Egg Boiled Eggs Corned Beef Hash or Hot & Cold Cereals Breads and Bagels Yogurt & Fresh Fruit	BRUNCH HOURS MEALTIME IS 10:45 AM-12:45P Fresh Breads & Bagels Hot & Cold Cereals Jellies & Peanut Butter Butter & Cream Cheese Yogurt & Fresh Fruit	BRUNCH HOURS MEALTIME IS 10:45 AM-12:45P Fresh Breads & Bagels Hot & Cold Cereals Jellies & Peanut Butter Butter & Cream Cheese Yogurt & Fresh Fruit

SOUP OF THE DAY

CHICKEN TORTILLA	BEEF CHILI	HEARTY VEGETABLE	THAI COCONUT	CORN CHOWDER		
Southern Baked Chicken Roasted Vegetables Candied Sweet Potatoes Roll or Stuffed Shells Roasted Vegetables Dinner Roll	Pot Roast Served with Carrots and Potato or Gnocchi with Spinach and Pepper Sauce Roasted Vegetables Fresh Baguette	Steak & Strawberry Salad Tossed w/ Mesclun Mix Raspberries, Blueberries, Strawberries, Feta Cheese and Sunflower Seeds Topped with a Balsamic Dressing or (H) Pad Thai Chicken Chicken, Kale, Cabbage, bean sprouts, Carrots and Cilantro with Rice Noodles	Honey Garlic Chicken Roasted Vegetables Confetti Rice or Grilled Balsamic Steak served with Roasted Vegetables and Confetti Rice	Sweet and Sour Fish with a side of roasted vegetables, Lo mein Noodles, and Pho Broth or Smash Burger Side Salad Chips	Pancakes Scrambled Eggs Breakfast Sausage Links or Chicken Wings, w/ Roasted Vegetables and Fries or Chef's Special Rst Vegetables Bread & Butter	Fresh Toast Scrambled Eggs Bacon or Monte Cristo, Served with Vegetables and Frips or Chef's Special Vegetables, Bread & Butter

Chicken Option Night Your Choice of Chicken Wings, Chicken Tenders, Buffalo Chicken Served with Vegetables and a Side Salad or French Fries Vegetarian options available	Chicken Parmesan Sandwich with Roasted Broccoli or Grilled Cheese Sandwich on Texas Toast with Tomato Soup HOT SNACK Mozzarella Stick	Open Turkey Face Sandwich Served with Vegetables Biscuit and gravy or (H,V)Marinated Fish Roasted Zucchini Roasted Sweet Potatoes HOT SNACK Cookies and Ice Cream	Meatball Sub served with Veggies and a side salad or Chicken Caprese Sandwich Served with Vegetables and frips HOT SNACK Egg Rolls	Pizza Your Choice of Protein Beef, Chicken or Vegetable Served with Fries and Salad	Dinner 5:00pm-6:30pm Manicotti Roasted Vegetables Dinner Roll or Chef's Special Rst Vegetables Bread & Butter	Dinner 5:00pm-6:30pm Your choice of Protein Chili, Pulled Chicken, or Tofu w/ Cheese, beans, jalapeno's onion, sour cream salsa, guacamole Served w/ Spicy Coleslaw and Carrots and Celery Sticks
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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



Finishing Strong

Woodland Carpentry graduate Michael Amosu finessed his **Finishing Trades Institute (FTI)** training into an apprenticeship. Michael apprentices with contractor **Kem Antrifex**, making \$19.45/hour. He completed the Carpentry and FTI programs, along with WBL through **Achieve Workforce Academy**, where he earned \$17/hour. Prior to his apprenticeship, Michael was hired at Home Depot and earned enough money to purchase his first car. He is due for a wage increase in June. Wonderful job, Michael and Woodland!

Manufacturing Match-Ups

Grafton Center Director Nicole Trombly and **OA/CTS Director Amanda Ranmarine** talked tech during the *2026 Massachusetts Manufacturing Workforce Ecosystem Summit*. The event, hosted by the **Massachusetts Technology Collaborative**, allowed them to meet with workforce development professionals and manufacturing partners to promote the Grafton Center's Advanced Manufacturing program. The Center leaders also participated in work groups that shared best practices on industry engagement and coordination, manufacturing career pathways and post-placement retention. Great going, Grafton!



Training with Tecomet

New Hampshire students tapped into **Tecomet** technology for a month-long internship. The experience helped **students Xaviery Haith, Alex Geffard, Kerwin Rodriguez, Claudens Polycarpe and Levi Nsi** strengthen their technical skills and develop essential workplace habits such as teamwork, communication and attention to detail. All participants received certifications of completion in recognition of their hard work during the internship. Tecomet, which develops precision manufacturing for medical devices and aerospace, has been a long-time partner of the Center and has hired several graduates. Nice work, New Hampshire!

From the President, Susan Sez



As part of **Adams'** membership with the **National Job Corps Association**, Corporate leaders are providing training for Job Corps operators. **OA/CTS Director Alonso Quezada** trained on our *Applicant Funnel Tool* and *File Production Tracker*. **Tanisha Nixon** and **John Luckey** will also provide training. NJCA training sessions are open to all Center staff. To attend, contact your Contract Supervisor.

Finally, congratulations to **Woodland Executive Administrative Assistant and OG Woodland Informer editor Willie Powell** (pictured left) on her well-deserved retirement after 26 years. And good

