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COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Job Corps Connects at Fiesta Indianapolis

Staff and student ambassadors celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month on September 19, sharing Job Corps opportunities and reconnecting with two former students.

Hosted by La Plaza of Indianapolis

More from Fiesta inside →



INDIANA BEACH • WORK-BASED LEARNING

Student Spotlight



JOEY LUCKY

Finding His Footing at Indiana Beach

From Atterbury to Indiana Beach, Joey is gaining hands-on kitchen experience, building independence, and putting his culinary training to work.

Proud to be part of the Indiana Beach partnership!

Read Joey's story inside →

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New Faces. Big Goals. Proud Moments.

Welcome to Your Next Chapter!

Welcome to Atterbury and IndyPendence! Remember what brought you here, stay focused on your goals, ask for support, and make each day a step toward the future you want.



ATTERBURY

Back row: Nolan Whited, Demarion "Mari" Price, Zion Roy, Makiley "Key" Corley, James Doyle, Khalid Danbala, Skyler Walker, Exavior Hill
Front row: Caleb Lowry, Keirstin "Keithrua" Bladow, Jalynn Dawson, Niome "Burger" Ray



INDYPENDENCE

De-Vonna Pierson • Malaysha Flanagan • Anayzja Mason

Driving Toward Success

Nine learner's permits.
One driver's license.



Learner's Permits Earned

Lucas Marlow, Alex Castro, Brandon Huntley, TJ Hunt, and Quantel Powell



Learner's Permits Earned

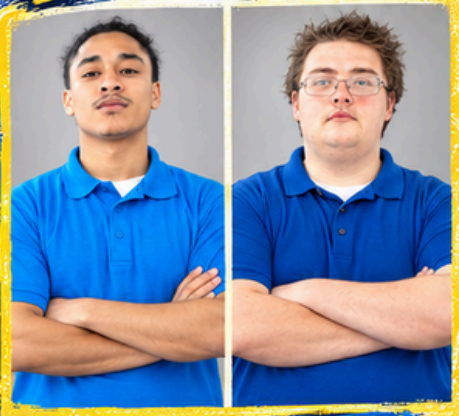
Derrick Lesniewski, Elijah Thomas, Eligah Griffen, and Lucas Ortega



Licensed & Ready!

Kannon Smith
Congratulations on earning your driver's license!

Building Skills. Earning Credentials.



Congratulations, Deshawn Brewer & Gary Hood!

Both students earned Digger Derrick and Green Awareness certifications.

Digger Derrick: Safe equipment operation for drilling, lifting, and setting utility poles.

Green Awareness: Energy efficiency, water conservation, and environmentally responsible practices.

September Birthdays

Kiana Barton	09/03
Nathan Smith	09/10
Kelcie Perkins	09/13
Kamora Williams	09/14
Ositadinma Hatton	09/18
Trinity Deluca	09/23
Logan Ogilvie	09/23
Hezekiah Mitchell	09/25
Timothy Hunt	09/26
Kyle Yeakle	09/26
Tavaris Townsend	09/27
Janitza Falu	09/28
Daveon Reeves	09/28

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CONNECTIONS. OPPORTUNITY. GROWTH.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS • CONTINUED

Fiesta Indianapolis

Celebrating Culture. Connecting Futures.

On September 19, 2026, Outreach & Admissions and Human Resources joined Fiesta Indianapolis, hosted by La Plaza of Indianapolis in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month.



Sharing Opportunities

Families, community members, and potential students and staff learned how Job Corps helps young adults ages 16–24 complete their education and gain career-ready trade skills.



Familiar Faces, New Connections

Two former Job Corps students stopped by to reconnect and expressed interest in returning to share their experiences with current students.



Coalition for Our Immigrant Neighbors

Stronger Together

Connections with the Coalition for Our Immigrant Neighbors, Los Latinos de Warren, and other community partners help spread awareness of Job Corps opportunities.



Los Latinos de Warren

Representing Job Corps

Staff: Sylvia Brown, Danna Lozanos, and Noah Childress
Students: Diana Yeatman, Natasha Bleuer, and Nahomi Cordero

Learn. Train. Build a brighter future.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT • CONTINUED

JOEY LUCKY
Finding His Footing

INDIANA BEACH WBL



Joey says transferring from Iowa Job Corps to Atterbury was a good move. He brought culinary experience, but the depth of instruction surprised him. Being selected by Chef Michael for Indiana Beach gave him a chance to put that training to work.

Learning Every Station

Working four days a week, Joey has already rotated through every kitchen station while learning from Chef Jess. On Labor Day, the team took time off to enjoy the amusement park and its food.



Growing Beyond the Kitchen

Living independently has taken adjustment, but Joey is settling in. He enjoys relaxing on his days off and appreciates the scheduled shopping trips and support Indiana Beach provides.



52% of his trade completed

Joey arrived on October 28, 2025, with his high school diploma. With training from Chef Champion and Chef Michael, he became one of six students in the Indiana Beach Work-Based Learning program.

Keep growing, Joey!

With updates from Chef Vancil and Misha Hines, CTS

Building connections today. Creating possibilities for tomorrow.

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HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATORS

PAVEMENT WORK CONTINUES ACROSS CAMPUS

Heavy Equipment Operators students, under the instruction of Brandon McNeeley, continue putting their training into action through pavement work throughout the campus. Students are gaining hands-on experience operating equipment, preparing surfaces and completing real-world projects while improving the center grounds.

INSTRUCTOR
Brandon McNeeley

The Heavy Equipment Operators Pre-Apprentice program is operated in partnership with the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE), providing students with industry-based training and a pathway toward apprenticeship and careers in the skilled trades.

BUILDING SKILLS IMPROVING OUR CAMPUS

IUOE
INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS

OPERATE | LEARN | PRACTICE | IMPROVE | SUCCEED



SECURITY + CULINARY CPR TRAINING

PREPARED TO RESPOND

Security instructor Mr. Butts led Security and Culinary students through hands-on CPR training, giving students the opportunity to practice lifesaving emergency response skills that strengthen workplace readiness and can make a difference when every second counts.

LEARN TODAY | BE PREPARED TOMORROW | STRONGER TOGETHER

REAL SKILLS SAVE LIVES

DISCIPLINE TODAY | OPPORTUNITY TOMORROW | BRIGHTER FUTURES AHEAD



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From THREE JOBS TO A CULINARY FUTURE



Kannon Smith leaves Atterbury Job Corps with a high school diploma, a completed trade and a career path he never expected to find.

A STRONG START

When Kannon Smith arrived at Atterbury Job Corps on November 19, 2025, he wasn't dreaming about becoming a chef. He was looking for a way forward.

Before Job Corps, Kannon had dropped out of high school and was working three jobs to help support his family and pay medical bills.

"In all honesty, I ran out of options," Kannon said. "I didn't get a chance to do something for myself until I enrolled to come to Job Corps."

A DIPLOMA THAT MEANS MORE

Of everything Kannon accomplished during his time at Atterbury, earning his high school diploma stands above the rest.

"My high school diploma. I'm really happy about that," he said. "Getting it was a different kind of sense of accomplishment because I didn't get to get it the first time around."

Kannon hopes to return to Atterbury for graduation, where this time he will have the opportunity to put on a cap and gown and walk across the stage.



ONE MORE WEEK CHANGED EVERYTHING

Kannon initially viewed completing a trade as simply another requirement. He shadowed every trade available before choosing Culinary Arts because it seemed most like him.

Even then, it wasn't an instant fit.

"I didn't like it the first few weeks," Kannon admitted. "I talked to my counseler and told him that I was going to quit, and he said, 'Give it another week."

He did.

"I gave it another week and I loved it—so much, in fact, that it is what I want to do for the rest of my life."

IN THE KITCHEN

Kannon discovered that his specialty is working the flat-top grill—especially burgers.

His biggest challenge?

All five of the mother sauces. "That took me two weeks," he said.

And baking? "I'm really bad at baking," he laughed. "So when you ask for peach cobbler, I'm not your guy!"

What His Instructors Say



CHEF CHAMPION

'Kannon is going to be missed. He is going to be great in the food industry. He has been exceptional here as a student at Atterbury Job Corps, and we're looking forward to seeing what he'll be able to do."

"AMERICA AND THE WORLD — LOOK OUT."

CHEF VANCIL

'Kannon has been very impressive since day one. He shows a lot of good leadership skills and a lot of talent in the kitchen.

I wish he could pursue a little bit further right away, but I can only guide him as much as I can."

WHAT'S NEXT?

Kannon plans to stay with his brother for a while to work and save money for a vehicle and college. He is considering continuing his culinary education at Johnson & Wales University or the Culinary Institute of America in New York.

For now, he plans to work, with plans to eventually pursue a position as a line cook at the Terre Haute Casino.

ADVICE FOR CURRENT STUDENTS

"Just be where you're supposed to be, do what you're supposed to do, and have fun."

"I did everything this center wanted me to, every day. I never got in trouble. It goes so much easier if you just do what you're supposed to do and have fun."

"I gave it another week and I loved it—so much, in fact, that it is what I want to do for the rest of my life."
— Kannon Smith

A BRIGHT FUTURE AHEAD

Kannon arrived at Atterbury Job Corps at 20 after spending much of his young adulthood helping take care of others. He leaves at 21 with his high school diploma, a completed Culinary Arts trade, mentors who believe in his potential and an opportunity to begin building something for himself.

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GRADUATE SPOTLIGHT

REAL PEOPLE. REAL PROGRESS. BRIGHTER FUTURES.

TRAIN
WORK
GROW
THRIVE

CADYNCE EASTERLY

BRICK GRADUATE | CLASS OF JULY 2026



When Cadynce Easterly came to Atterbury Job Corps from the Fort Wayne area, she began a journey that would lead to growth both personally and professionally.

Cadynce successfully completed the Brick trade and earned her high school diploma before graduating from Atterbury Job Corps in July 2026. After graduation, she returned home to Fort Wayne, Indiana, ready to put her skills to work.

Today, Cadynce is employed as a laborer with Wood Roof Contracting and Sales, where she has been gaining valuable experience in the construction industry. Her work has included flooring installation, trim work, and painting.

Cadynce says she has grown tremendously since being in the Job Corps program. She got a lot out of the program, which helped change her emotionally, physically, and professionally. She is grateful for all of the opportunities Job Corps provided her.



> *"Cadynce matured and grew more than any other student that I have worked with in my entire career in the Job Corps program."*
>
> — Mr. Shell
> Former Counselor

CURRENTLY EMPLOYED

Wood Roof Contracting and Sales
Fort Wayne, Indiana
Laborer

CURRENT SKILLS

- Flooring
- Trim Work
- Painting



HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA ✓

BRICK GRADUATE ✓

NEXT GOAL
IMI Brick Union ✓

Same Foundation. Brighter Futures.

JOB CORPS
SKILLS
OPPORTUNITY
SUCCESS

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BUILDING BRIDGES
Through Community Partnerships

PEOPLE.
OPPORTUNITY.
STRONGER
COMMUNITIES.



Aspire
Economic Development + Chamber Alliance

Economic Development Advisory Council

Wednesday,
September 16, 2026

Endress+Hauser Campus
Greenwood, Indiana

Connecting education, business and community to create a stronger tomorrow.

Atterbury/IndyPendence Job Corps Showcases Opportunities to Community Leaders

On Wednesday, September 16, 2026, Center Director Timothy Chambers was invited to speak and discuss the overview of the Atterbury Job Corps program at the Aspire Economic Development Advisory Council at the Endress+Hauser campus in Greenwood, Indiana.

Mr. Chambers was joined by Chris Caffee, Business Engagement/WIOA Manager, as they introduced community and business leaders to the opportunities available through Job Corps and the important role partnerships play in preparing young people for successful careers.

During the presentation, Mr. Chambers provided an overview of Atterbury and IndyPendence Job Corps, including the program's nearly 60-year history of serving Central Indiana youth, our career technical training opportunities, work-based learning, youth eligibility, and the comprehensive support students receive as they move from enrollment and training to employment and long-term success.

The discussion highlighted our trades, work-based learning opportunities, and the many ways employers can become involved. Employers can hire Job Corps graduates, host work-based learning and internship opportunities, participate on industry and center councils, and visit the centers to meet students and see training in action.

Mr. Chambers also discussed the heritage and lineage of the Job Corps program in Johnson County and the state of Indiana, along with future development goals for Atterbury and IndyPendence.

Community members were engaged in meaningful conversation about ways to create a bridge between education, business and community to help develop the next generation of Indiana's workforce.



Mr. Chambers shares the impact of Job Corps with community and business leaders.



Discussing questions and opportunities for future collaboration.

EMPLOYER PARTNERSHIPS | WORK-BASED LEARNING | SKILLED TALENT | STRONGER COMMUNITIES

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Building Connections in Indy

IndyPendence JOB CORPS CENTER



Atterbury and IndyPendence Job Corps joined forces this week for a fun-filled day of learning, exploring, and building connections! Students and staff participated in the "History in the Heart of Indy" Scavenger Hunt, discovering more about the history and landmarks of Indianapolis along the way.



Explore Together



After the scavenger hunt, everyone had time to enjoy Monument Circle, have some fun, and grab lunch together. We then headed back to IndyPendence for some friendly game time and continued the fun.

Make Memories



It was a great day to explore Indianapolis, make new memories, and, most importantly, jget to know new students and staff. We're looking forward to more opportuniies to connect and learn together!

Erica Siegel • Site Director

Keep Connecting

Two Centers. New Connections. Shared Memories.

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AROUND CAMPUS

A LITTLE Weekend Magic

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SPEEDROME

AJCC students caught the School Bus Figure 8 Race, Trailer Figure 8 Race, and an 80-Car Endurance Race. Then they climbed aboard one of the race buses and experienced the Figure 8 track for themselves!

Jay Johns • Recreation Manager

SATURDAY IN THE DORM

pancakes • ramen • milestones







MLK

Ms. Bozeman and Ms. Rita celebrated with students. Sam Smith turned 18, and Amjed Mohammed completed his trade.



THE ON-TIME TABLE

At IndyPendence, Mr. Stephens and Mr. Holtsclaw prepared a hot breakfast for students and staff who arrived on time every day all week. A delicious celebration of commitment and consistency.

Erica Siegel • Site Director

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AtterburyIndyPendence Job Corps
We Fly & Shine Together

HR Corner

PEOPLE • OPPORTUNITY • SUPPORT • SUCCESS

Great People Stronger Together

RECRUIT
SUPPORT
DEVELOP
SUCCEED

Welcome to the Team!

We are excited to welcome two new team members to Atterbury Job Corps!

Please welcome back **Ms. Karen Loewen,** returning as our part-time Medical Clerk. Many of us already know Karen, and we are grateful to have her experience and expertise back on our team.

We also extend a warm welcome to **Ms. Cathy Conner,** our new **Residential Advisor.** Cathy brings a strong passion for youth support and student mentorship, yorl we look forward to the positive impact she will have with our students and staff.



Karen Loewen
Part-Time Medical Clerk



Cathy Conner
Residential Advisor

People Make the Difference

- ✓ Support
- ✓ Encourage
- ✓ Develop
- ✓ Mentor
- ✓ Build Brighter Futures

Say hello, make a connection, and help them feel at home! Let's continue to build a strong team together!

Current Career Opportunities

4 HOT JOBS LOOK FOR RED

Join Our Team and Make a Difference!

- OA Supervisor
- **CSIO Supervisor** (Associate Dean of Students) **(Hot Job)**
- Administrative Assistant (OACTS)
- RN
- Welding CTT Instructor
- Center Shift Manager
- Residential Advisor (DC)
- **Admissions Counselor (Hot Job)**
- CPR Instructor
- CTS Specialist
- Driver
- **LPN (Hot Job)**
- Recreation Advisor
- Administrative Assistant (SocDev)
- Maintenance Engineer
- Substitute Teacher
- Food Services Assistant
- **Senior Safety & Security Advisor (Hot Job)**
- Safety & Security Advisor
- Residential Advisor
- Senior Residential Advisor

How to Apply

THREE STEPS. ONE NEXT MOVE.

1 READ
Read the description of the position you are applying for to ensure you meet the minimum requirements.

2 COMPLETE
Complete the Promotion, Transfer Request form and obtain all required signatures, except the Center Director. The Center Director will provide the final approval and signature.

3 ATTACH
Attach your current resume.

Your Next Opportunity Starts Here!

SAME MISSION.
NEW OPPORTUNITIES.
BRIGHTER FUTURES.

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Adams Family Fables

Service Focused, Outcome Driven.

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#Showcasing Success



Revving up with Roto-Rooter

Grafton HBI Plumbing graduate Samuel Hargrove is rolling along with **Roto-Rooter**, having recently purchased his own Roto-Rooter van. While in Job Corps, Samuel was already identifying plumbing issues such as the clogged drain in the HBI Plumbing building, which he correct re-piped. He interned at Roto-Rooter as a drain technician, quickly leading to full-time employment. Since then, Samuel has worked toward his future goals of leading his own team and his own company. Great work, Grafton!

Union Pride

Sacramento HBI students were on their home turf, as the BCT and HVAC students visited the **Local 447** training facility. They enjoyed some hands-on training from union professionals and absorbed information about union benefits and how to apply. These visits are an important step to future apprenticeships and other union positions. Sensational trip, Sacramento!





Cleaning Up at the College

Glenmont Facilities Maintenance students are sweeping in to help the maintenance department at **Albany Sage College**. **Students Aonyaih Lewis-Fish and Amarion Stevens** visited the campus to observe live maintenance work and tour the maintenance shop. Albany Sage College has several active openings due to its upcoming merger with the **Albany College of Pharmacy**, and Glenmont students are eager to fill those workforce gaps. Great opportunity, Glenmont!





From the President, Susan Sez

Adams' New England Dream Team was up for its second adventure of the month, this time attending the Boston Region Maritime Industry Conference. **Grafton CD Nicole, Trombly, Shriver CD Stephanie Ashworth, New Hampshire CD Jessica King** and **Exeter CD Shakisha Holley**, accompanied by **Adams Associate VP Ross Peterson**, met with top workforce and community college officials from New England, along with maritime industry employers. Ms. Holley and **Exeter graduate Andreaz Morales** even participated in a presentation from **General Dynamics Electric Boat** on tying the workforce to maritime employer needs. **Job Corps leaders Erin McGee, Aneta Hrebenko and Thony Martino** also emphasized Job Corps efforts to work with maritime employers. Among the other highlights of the event was the tour the CDs took on a maritime training ship.