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Maximizing Potential: The Power of Work Based Learning

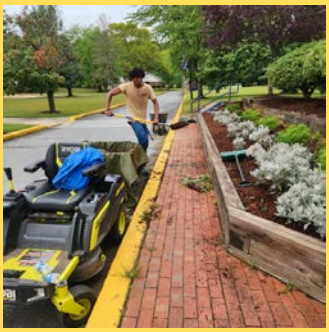
HBI's BCT Instructor, Mr. Talley, threw an alley-oop by passing the Work-Based Learning (WBL) opportunity ball to our WBL Coordinator, Ms. Jackson—and she took it from there! Through this connection, Ms. Jackson helped bring together Ms. Castranda, Founder of Monroe Marketing LLC, and Mr. Eugene, Owner of First Step LLC, creating an exciting opportunity for HBI students to gain valuable, hands-on workforce experience. The potential partnership would give students the opportunity to develop practical skills in areas such as: Painting, Drywall installation, Flooring, Landscaping, Hanging doors and Window sealing.



These experiences will allow students to strengthen their technical skills while gaining firsthand exposure to real-world workplace expectations, professionalism, and the day-to-day demands of the construction industry. For , this opportunity is about much more than business—it's a passion project. As a native of Baltimore, she is committed to giving back to the city that has given so much to her. She is especially excited about the opportunity to work directly with Baltimore's youth, share her knowledge, and help students recognize pathways toward meaningful and sustainable careers.

Once Mr. Talley passed the ball to Ms. Jackson, she kept the play moving! She coordinated a meeting where Ms. Castranda and Mr. Eugene met with Center Director Ms. Rideout, CTTM Mr. Williams, and Program Director Ms. Kearise to explore what this partnership could look like for our students. We are hopeful that this initial meeting will lead to the development of a viable Work-Based Learning Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and, ultimately, a lasting partnership that creates meaningful hands-on learning opportunities for HBI students. This is what happens when educators, workforce partners, and community-minded businesses come together with a shared commitment to opening doors and creating opportunities for your young people.

Building Skills Together: Hands-On Learning in Action!













Our BCT and Carpentry students are putting their skills to work as they collaborate on flooring, painting, and improvements to the Social Development Center. And they're not stopping there! The students are working together on several additional projects throughout the center, gaining valuable experience while learning what it truly means to work as a team. Under the guidance of our BCT Instructor and in close collaboration with the Maintenance Department, students are receiving hands-on training that connects classroom instruction with real-world applications.





From measuring and preparing materials to painting, installing flooring, and completing finishing work, students are developing technical skills while also strengthening communication, teamwork, problem-solving, and workplace readiness. This is what hands-on learning looks like when programs work together and students get the opportunity to learn by doing. Different programs. Shared skills. One team. One goal: building a stronger future.















WOODLAND WARRIORS' Alumni Corner



Alumni Success Spotlight: Juelz Washington







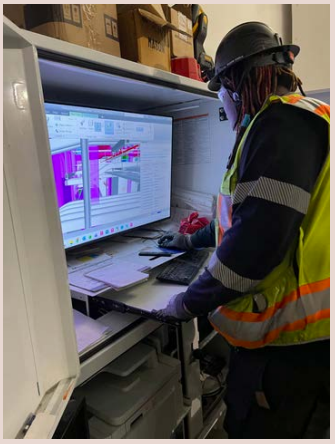
There are some phone calls that remind you exactly why the work we do matters.
Juelz Washington, a graduate of Woodland Job Corps, went on to complete the Advanced HVAC program. Recently, Juelz called our Records Manager, Ms. Graham, with some exciting news and he wanted to make sure the staff at Woodland knew just how much this experience has impacted his life. Juelz proudly shared that he recently got his first car and his own apartment!

He is now working full-time as an HVAC Technician at DFW Airport, earning $27.00 per hour. But what made his call especially meaningful was what he said about his Job Corps experience. Juelz wanted to personally thank the staff at Woodland for helping to change his life. He shared that because of his experience, he feels more independent and prepared for life.

That's what success looks like. It's not just a job. It's independence. It's having your own place. It's getting your first car. It's building a career and knowing that you have the skills and confidence to move forward. Juelz, we are so proud of you! Thank you for taking the time to call Ms. Graham and share your success with us. Your story is a powerful reminder that the work we do today can have a lasting impact on a student's tomorrow. Once a Job Corps student, always part of the Woodland family!

WOODLAND WARRIORS'
Alumni Corner







BCT Alumni Spotlight: Emmanuel Sankoh



It was such an amazing treat to connect with BCT alumnus Emmanuel Sankoh and hear about his journey since completing the program. Emmanuel recently shared that he went on a fishing trip with his executive supervisor and reflected on how much his career has grown. Even as he navigates the workforce, Emmanuel continues to stay connected with his BCT Instructor, Mr. Talley, and remains enthusiastic about the path he has chosen. He has purchased his first car, works approximately 60 hours a week, and gets up at 3:00 a.m. by choice because he is committed to his goals. His next goal is to pay his car off within two years while continuing to save and build toward his next venture.

Today, Emmanuel is an **Electrical Helper at Varco Mac** and is working through **IBEW**. What makes his story especially rewarding is that the skills he learned in BCT are the same skills he is using on the job today. The lessons Mr. Talley taught him including bending pipe and laying panels—have transitioned directly into his career. Emmanuel started at **$17.60 per hour**, advanced to **$19.56 per hour**, and now earns **$20.43 per hour**. Because of his strong work ethic, he is consistently offered opportunities to work overtime. When asked what advice he would give students currently enrolled in BCT, Emmanuel kept it simple:

- **Ask questions.**
- **Learn everything you can.**
- **Take advantage of the preparation available to you.**
- **Find a mentor now.**

Emmanuel emphasized that **mentors are important** and encouraged students to establish those relationships early. He also shared a message of gratitude for **Job Corps**, saying that the program prepared him for the workforce and helped give him the foundation he needed to succeed. Emmanuel's journey is a powerful reminder that career and technical education is not simply about learning a trade it is about developing skills, building relationships, setting goals, and putting in the work to turn those goals into reality. Keep going, Emmanuel! Your BCT family is proud of you and excited to see what your next venture will be!


WOODLAND JOB CORPS CENTER
HIGH SCHOOL GRAD!
Class OF 2026
Christian Deford
Congratulations


YOU TABED UP!
ANGEL BOSTICK
AMAR LEWIS
DANAY BOWENS
DONALD CHAPMAN
GOOD JOB!
ISAIAH ATKINS
CAMAURI CAMPBELL
AMANI SALTERS
DORA FOSTER
SHELLENCIA HENDERSON
ALLONTE FREEMAN
EDWARD BURGOS
IYANIA JACKSON
JANYCE HOLDER
NOAH ENGLISH
TRUTH GRIFFIN
JATYRA REYNOLDS
CAMBRIA LATTIMORE
XAVIER MILES
DAMONTE PARKER
CYDNEE MARTIN
SEAN BERRY

WELCOME NEW WARRIORS

Michael Jones Mahki T Harris Yonathan T Dawit

Issac Jones Kyra N Johnson NaTori ODoughty

Jahlil D Berry Kavon K Posey



🏆 Monthly CSIO Awards


Kamari Bowe


Kailani Sims


Tunde Olounufemi


Keon Hill


Anthony Contreras


Hudson Levy

The students were super excited to be acknowledged, but the staff were even more proud! What made this month's celebration especially special was seeing students cheer for and celebrate one another like never before. There was so much joy, encouragement, and genuine pride in the room. Our Student of the Month Awards are something we take great pride in because there's nothing better than seeing students recognize their own accomplishments while their peers and staff celebrate them right alongside them. We are so proud of our students and all they continue to accomplish!

🏆 Monthly CSIO Awards Cont.


Jose Menjivar


Jordan McKnight


Jaylen Mercer


Jordan Washington


Tevion Herring


Andrew Stanford


Ky'Aila Gossom


Zari Banks


Kailani Sims


Bryan Vilacorta Melgar


Tunde Olounufemi

Food Service Committee Meeting: Student Voices at the Table!









Our Food Service Committee Meeting, led by Chef Tony, was a great opportunity for students to share their thoughts, ideas, and preferences about the meals and food services provided on center. The conversation focused on healthy eating, nutrition, and building healthier lifestyles. Students actively participated and provided valuable input about the foods they enjoy, their favorite meals, and ideas for making the dining experience even better. One exciting idea discussed was hosting taste tests, giving students the opportunity to try new foods and provide feedback.

Our students had some great ideas, and their voices are an important part of creating a food service experience that meets their needs and encourages healthy choices. Chef Tony also reminded the committee about the suggestion box, encouraging students to continue sharing their ideas, recommendations, and feedback. Because when it comes to serving our students, their voices belong at the table!



This Month's Theme: "Spelling Champ!"



Each month, our students take on a new theme designed to challenge them, build confidence, and strengthen skills that support their academic and career goals. This month, students were challenged to spell commonly used words and demonstrate their understanding of their meanings. The words included vocabulary commonly heard and used in the students' trades, as well as sight words and other words studied as part of their TABE preparation.

It wasn't just about spelling a word correctly it was about knowing the word, understanding its meaning, and connecting it to real-world learning. And let's talk about Mr. Duckett! 🎤😂 He brought some serious game-show-host energy to the celebration! "Come on down!" had everybody ready to participate and cheer each other on. He definitely knew how to keep the excitement going! And, of course, our students made it a celebration!

Congratulations to all of our Spelling Champs! Keep learning, keep growing, keep challenging yourselves—and most importantly, keep celebrating one another!







WOODLAND JOB CORPS

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

SGA ELECTIONS

YOUR VOICE ★ YOUR CAMPUS ★ YOUR FUTURE

MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Be the change you want to see. Vote for the leaders who will represent **YOU!**



- ☑ LEADERSHIP
- ☑ ADVOCACY
- ☑ EVENTS
- ☑ OPPORTUNITY
- ☑ STUDENT VOICE

ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD

OCTOBER 6TH, 2026

DURING BOTH LUNCH PERIODS

GET INVOLVED.
GET HEARD.
GET RESULTS.

WOODLAND JOB CORPS SGA

WOODLAND JOB CORPS STUDENT STORE

WOODLAND JOB CORPS SGA

Snacks • Drinks • More!

GOOD FOOD GOOD VIBES

CANDY

- Original Skittles
- Wildberry Skittles
- Tropical Skittles
- Sour Skittles
- Original Starburst
- All Red Starburst
- Milky Way
- Original M&M's
- Peanut M&M's
- Twix
- Snickers
- Hershey bar
- Reese's
- Hershey almonds
- KitKat
- Gushers



CEREAL

- Confetti cake Rice Krispies
- Chocolate Rice Krispies
- Original Rice Krispies
- Oreos
- Nutter butter
- Chips ahoy
- Pops cereal
- Froot Loops
- Apple Jacks
- Frosted Flakes
- Cocoa Krispie's



SNACKS

- Party cake little bites
- Chocolate chip little bites
- Jumbo white honey buns
- Jumbo iced honey buns
- Cool ranch Doritos
- Sour cream and onion lays
- Sour cream and onion ruffles
- Dill pickle lays
- Cheddar sour cream ruffles
- Harvest cheddar sun chips
- Classic lays
- Bbq lays
- Nacho cheese Doritos
- Original Cheetos
- Spicy nacho Doritos
- Sweet spicy Doritos
- Original Fritos
- Cheddar jalepeno Cheetos
- Chili cheese Fritos
- Flaming hot Cheetos
- Flaming hot Funyuns
- Flaming hot limon Cheetos
- Flaming hot fries
- Flaming hot nacho Doritos
- Fuego takis
- Blue heat takis
- Nitro takis



DRINKS

- Ghoulaid berry koolaid
- Tropical punch koolaid
- Grape koolaid
- Cherry koolaid
- Fruit punch Gatorade
- Lemon lime Gatorade
- Orange Gatorade
- Big lemon lime Gatorade
- Big cool blue Gatorade
- Big Fruit punch Gatorade



PRICES

Candy	$1.50	Big chips	$1.50
Cereal	$1.50	Honey buns	$1.50
Small Gatorade	$1.25	Little bites	$1.00
Big Gatorade	$2.00	Mini Rice Krispies	$.50
Koolaid	$1.00	Gushers	$.50
Small chips	$1.00	Cookies	$1.50

FUEL YOUR DAY!

WOODLAND JOB CORPS SGA

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National Hispanic Heritage MonthNational Hispanic Heritage MonthNational Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated annually in the United States from September 15 to October 15. This 30-day period honors the history, culture, and invaluable contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America.





Wellness

8 Simple Ways to Age Well

HEALTHY AGING MONTH 2025



Move Every Day

Even a 20-minute walk helps. Try strength training 3x a week.



Eat Healthy

More fruits, veggies, beans, and whole grains. Less red meat and junk food.

Sleep Well

Stick to a sleep schedule. Avoid screens and caffeine before bed.



Go Outside

Fresh air and sunshine reduce stress and improve your mood.

Stay Connected

Spend time with friends or join a group. Being social boosts mental health.





Check Vision and Hearing

Get tested every few years. Small changes can make a big difference.



Care for Your Teeth

Brush, floss, and see a dentist. Good oral health helps your whole body.



Get a Yearly Checkup

See your doctor once a year to stay on top of your health.

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.