

GRAFTON JOB CORPS

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Grafton Job Corps Chronicle

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Always Cooking

The Career Support Service's Summit was held this week with our partners at MassHire. The Executive Director, Jeff Turgeon said

"Just wanted to say thank you for supporting our regional WIOA Partners resource summit yesterday. The GJCC culinary students hit it out of the park and the tasty treats were very much appreciated! The attendees were also happy to hear about the program and the many benefits it offers youth looking to advance their career development, and having Job Corps as a workforce resource in our region is tremendous."

Our Culinary students are very active in events in the greater Worcester Area and Grafton is proud that they and their food are so well received.



Student Spotlight

Lianna Gomes

Lianna Gomes came to Grafton Job Corps in October 2023. Within the first week, Lianna hit the ground running. She attended an SGA meeting where she advocated for the CPP students and provided alternative methods to making the process easier and more effective for new students. Since her time here at Grafton, Lianna's journey towards excellence was characterized by relentless hard work and dedication, earning her a myriad of accomplishments. Starting off as a Student Ambassador, Lianna demonstrated a love for her peers and a sincere heart to help in any way she could. Lianna also became very involved in the Student Government Association. Beginning her journey as Treasurer, Lianna climbed her way up becoming the SGA's Chief Justice and most recently being elected as President. Fueled by an unquenchable thirst for growth and success along with a fervent desire to effect positive change, it is easy to say that Grafton's Lianna Gomes has truly made her mark.



Learning the Ropes

Once a week our CPP students take a visit to the MassHire Career Center in Worcester. Mass Hire is a multi-service center that provides resources for job seekers. It is an amazing addition to our job corps curriculum as it can be a good stepping stone for our students after completing the program. They can provide advanced training opportunities and can help students with the job search process by providing them with one on one career counseling, and mock interviews. For our self starters they also offer courses on how to open your own business and learn how to do quickbooks. Our contact at MassHire is Mikayla and she provides an amazing experience for all of our students.

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Tupaj's Tidbits

Spotlight on Women's History Month: Amelia Earhart

March is Women's History Month and the beginning of my influential women series. I want to start off the series with an amazing woman who has been in the news lately: Amelia Earhart (who I happen to be related to).

Amelia's claim to fame was being the first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean. Though she did not pilot the plane, this was still a big deal. Amelia did set a record by flying at an altitude of 18,415 feet in 1928. In 1932, She crossed the Atlantic Ocean on her own! In 1935, she made the 2,408-mile journey from Hawaii to California solo and later that year, she flew for LA to Mexico City. Amelia set out to fly around the world in 1937. She began her journey on June 1 in Miami. She made it to New Guinea 28 days later. On July 2 Amelia headed to Howland Island, but never made it. It is believed that her plane went down about 100 miles from the island never to be seen again. Amelia made news again in February when explorers from Deep Sea Vision let it be known that they produced a sonar image that could be Amelia's Lockheed 10-E Electra. This story is still unfolding!



Piloting is not the only thing Amelia is famous for. She also encouraged women to forget social norms and pursue what they wanted. She helped found an organization of female

pilots called the Ninety-Nines where she was its first president. Lastly, she designed a clothing line "for the woman who lives actively".

Amelia was a pioneer in a field that was controlled by men. She pursued her dreams and did not let anyone tell her she couldn't do it. Thanks Amelia for your contributions to women!



Grafton Job Corps Presents

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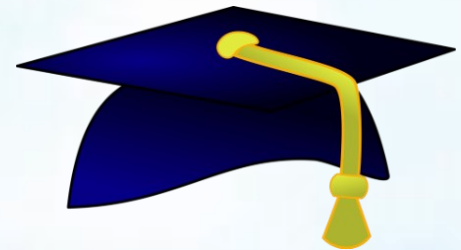
Student Achievements

Math TABE Achievements

- *Cameron Duquette*
- *Kyaisha Powell*
- *Abiezer Rivera*
- *Lisbeth Rivera Lopez*

Reading TABE Achievements

- ♦ *Lianna Gomes*
- ♦ *Jewelry Noblet*
- ♦ *Emanuel Ramos*





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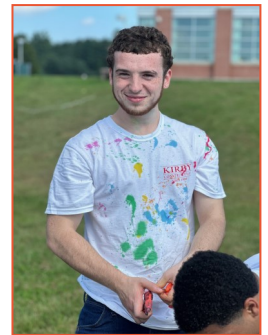
Graduates from **Delaware Valley's** newest Advanced Training program, Utility Locator Technician, are reaching new heights with **USIC** jobs. Graduates **Ramone Gayle** (pictured left), **Ricardo Sinclair** (pictured center) and **Jaylan Jones** (pictured right) all earned four credentials through the **MEA Energy Association** and were placed with **USIC**, making \$18.50 hourly. They can expect a pay increase after four months, eight months and then yearly. Jaylan transferred from **Muhlenberg**, while Ramone and Ricardo transferred from **Edison**. Way to soar, Eagles!

Essay Excellence

Brunswick Healthcare student **Wana Gerome** won over the Atlanta Region with her 60th Anniversary Essay on how Job Corps reshaped her journey! Wana competed against other Atlanta Region essays for the **NJCA Job Corps 60th Anniversary Student Essay Contest**. Wana wrote about her life as an immigrant child and finding Job Corps as a guiding light after dropping out of college due to financial burden and familial responsibilities. She praised Job Corps for empowering her with new skills and giving her a supportive community. Congratulations on your powerful essay, Wana!

Advancing with Amtrol

Exeter Welding graduate **Michael Zaccaria** aced his WBL with **Amtrol**, earning him a full-time position at \$24 an hour! Michael enrolled at Exeter in July 2022 and completed his GED within less than two months. He conducted 100 hours of WBL with Amtrol, impressing his managers into hiring him. Work that WBL into success, Exeter!



From the President, Susan Sez

We welcomed our Center OA/CTS leaders from throughout the country to discuss best practices for outreach, recruitment and placement, as well as the updated Zero Tolerance policy related to marijuana. The 4-day training in the Columbia Office was led by **Corporate OA/CTS** leaders **Jason Parry** and **Alonso Quezada** and featured a session entirely about innovative OA approaches. We look forward to seeing these new ideas put into action!

In other news, **Adams Family** members were able to catch a game and photo with **Northwestern University Basketball** star guard **Boo Buie**, brother of **Adams** star player **Glenmont Center** Director **Tracy Battle**.

