

GRAFTON JOB CORPS

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It's Not Easy Being Green

Last Monday Grafton Job Corps worked together to make the center a little greener. After lunch all the students broke off into groups around center to clean up the old debris from the winter, pick up any trash they found, pluck weeds from the flower beds and mulch the areas around center that are home to lots of native New England flora under the supervision and with plenty of help from the staff. Afterwards the cafeteria has some sweet frozen treats for everyone, with biodegradable sticks of course, and the student enjoyed the beautiful day out on the lawns. Over the next week Maintenance will be going through filling in any gaps and making sure our blossoming center has room to grow. Thank you everyone for your participation and hard work!



Student Spotlight

CPP Student of the Week: Eric Kot!



Eric puts forward a tremendous amount of effort and determination down in CPP. Eric works to ensure his success by taking advantage of his available resources, he utilizes staff support by asking appropriate questions and seeks guidance from his peers when he needs assistance. Eric uses his trade shadow opportunities to evaluate his career options and determine what pathway will align with his skillsets and future aspirations, he has decided to go into the medical assisting trade and looks forward to becoming part of the medical industry in the near future.

Not only is Eric responsible and determined, but he is an extremely talented artist. Eric works with various mediums to create all sorts of interesting art projects. He spends a lot of his free time perfecting his artwork and furthering his collection. He specializes in drawing cartoon characters - he can make anything come to life on a page! He is an excellent team player and easily makes friends and enjoys participating in group activities - especially monopoly.

Thank you for your hard work and determination these last 4 weeks, Eric!

Student Spotlight: Gameson Octavius!

Gameson completed Job Corps as a Security Student. While Gameson was still a student at Grafton he was able to get a Full Time Job Trade Match at Allied Universal Security Solutions. Gameson makes \$19.70 at Allied currently and is truly enjoying his job. We cannot be happier.



Around Grafton



Party Thyme

Students were invited to join our friends at Safe Homes at the New England Botanical Gardens. After dinner, the students got a chance to explore the upper gardens and learn about the different plant species native to Central Massachusetts. Before leaving, students had the opportunity to plant their very own Basil and lettuce seeds to bring home with them. The basil will take roughly a month to fully grow, whereas the lettuce can take up to two months!

New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill is a 200-acre four season botanic garden located in Boylston, Massachusetts. The Garden features 18 garden spaces, preserved woodlands, and miles of walking trails.



Tupaj's Tidbits

Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month

Did you know that May is Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month? Some people might not, so let me explain what it is in this week's Tupaj's Tidbits!

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month got its beginning in June of 1977 when two U.S. Representatives, Frank Horton of New York and Norman Mineta of California, introduced a resolution to the House to establish Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Week that was to be celebrated in the first week of May. The Senate followed suit when Senators Daniel Inouye and Spark Matsunaga, both of Hawaii, introduced similar bills. In 1978, President Jimmy Carter signed a joint resolution that established Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Week and the first celebration took place in 1979. In 1992, President George H.W. Bush designated the whole month of May to honor Asian Pacific Americans.



To honor the many Asian and Pacific Islander Americans, let's take a look at how some Asian and Pacific Islanders Americans have benefitted the United States.

- ◆ Patsy Mink- the first Asian American elected to the US Congress in 1964
- ◆ Elaine Chao- first Asian American woman and first Taiwanese American to be appointed to a Cabinet position when she was appointed Secretary of Labor in 2001 and Secretary of Transportation in 2017
- ◆ Ellison Onizuka- first Asian American in space
- ◆ Duke Kahanamoku- 5-time Olympic medalist in swimming between 1920 and 1924. Helped popularize surfing around the world
- ◆ Kalpana Chawla- first woman of Indian descent to go to space. One of seven crew members of Space Shuttle Columbia to die upon re-entry into Earth's atmosphere in 2003. Awarded the Congressional Space Medal of Honor posthumously. (pictured above)

Student Achievements

Math TABE Achievements

- ♦ Andrew Gaston
- ♦ Emmanuel Hyacinthe
- ♦ Brianna Lamson
- ♦ Nelson Perry
- ♦ Juliana Morin



Reading TABE Achievements

- ♦ Gregory Neptune III
- ♦ Uriah Pritchard
- ♦ Angel Rivera



High School Diploma and HiSet

- ♦ Adrian Resto Santiago
- ♦ Heaven McCauley
- ♦ Matthew Crawford

Trade Achievements

HIPAA: Mondely Destin (CNA), Jalizea Cartagena (CNA), Yamilhee Charles (CMA)

FEMA: Yamilhee Charles (CMA)

MHTC: Deidre LaBonte (CNA), Smeralda Remus (CNA), David Rutebuka (CNA), Heaven McCauley (CNA)

RAMSET: Joel Calcano

Completion: Arod Saldana (CNA)



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SGA PRESENTS

Mother's Day

Carnation Fundraiser

White: 3 for \$5 or \$1.75 each

Purple: 3 for \$6 or \$2.00 each



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Grafton Job Corps is Hiring!

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#AdamsWorkforceOutreachEvents



Set Sail for Success

A cavalcade of employers and Job Corps guests sailed into **Exeter** for its *Navy Shipbuilding Career Fair*. The event brought together 150 students across 22 Job Corps Centers. It featured major employers such as **General Dynamics Electric Boat** (longtime Exeter partner), **Portsmouth Naval Shipyard**, **Fincantieri Marine Group**, **Amtrol** (another Exeter partner) and military recruiters. **Matt Evans, Director of the NAVSEA Shipbuilding Industrial Base Task Force** kicked off the event, followed by employer presentations and visits to the Welding and Electronics Engineering Technician trades. Portsmouth Shipyard even met with students to discuss their skills. Of course, the event included catering from Exeter's Advanced Culinary crew. Other prominent guests included **Job Corps Regional Directors Aneta Hrebenko, Joel Thomas, Thony Martino** and **Acting Deputy Administrator Peni Webster-Lewis**. (Pictured top left: Center Director Shakisha Holley, Ms. Hrebenko, Adams Executive Director Jibu Kuruvilla, Job Corps Hall of Famer Blanca Maradiaga, Ms. Webster-Lewis, Mr. Martino and Exeter SGA leaders.)



Tour Time

Brunswick Admissions Services Manager Janita Beckles caught up with **U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris'** Economic Opportunity Tour! She joined **Atlanta Acting Regional Director Victoria Young** and **Contracting Officer Representative Charles Thomas** in networking with national agencies and community organizations such as the **NAACP, Atlanta Black Chambers, 100 Black Men of Atlanta, The National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Georgia Institute of Technology, Urban League of Greater Atlanta** and **Citizens Bank**. Other speakers included **U.S. Senators Raphael Warnock and Jon Ossoff** and **U.S. Representative Nikema Williams**.

She's a Starr!

Grafton Plumbing Instructor Starr Delgado is shining bright as **HBI's Instructor of the Year**. Ms. Delgado learned of her honor through a surprise ceremony that featured **HBI Vice President of Job Corps Gretchen Cantali**. She also received the prestigious *Philip Polivchak Award for Excellence*, making her the second woman to receive it, after Ms. Cantali. Ms. Delgado is a 2001 Grafton graduate and a testimony to how far Job Corps can take someone. Congrats Ms. Delgado for everything you do for the students and Job Corps!



From the President, Susan Sez

In **Adams'** tradition of innovations, the **Grafton Admissions team** has been selected to pilot the **MyJobCorps 2.0** program for Job Corps. The program's online application will allow applicants to see the status of their application throughout the process. Grafton recently welcomed national and Boston Regional staff, including **Regional Director Aneta Hrebenko**, to the campus and the **MassHire Central** offices to discuss implementation. We all look forward to seeing how the new program will streamline the application process!

