



CAREER CENTER NEWS

Save the Date!

Warren County Career Center is hosting a Job Fair at Crandall Public Library on October 10th from 9:30a-12:30p. This event is free and open to the public. Call the Career Center for more information.



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More Than Able

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month

Each October, we take time to celebrate the contributions of people with disabilities to the workforce, business community, and economy. Although the State of New York has made much progress in ensuring employment opportunities exist for people of all abilities, there is still room for growth in the areas of inclusion, representation, employee advancement, and leadership. The theme for NDEAM 2024 (National Disability Employment Awareness Month) is “Access to Good Jobs for All”.



Did you know.....

One in four Americans has a disability and 70% of disabilities are not visually apparent. A wide range of health conditions or impairments may qualify a person as disabled.

For more information, please visit the following resources:

- JAN.org
- disabilityin.org
- ACCES VR
- Office of Disability Employment Policy

Annual Hospitality Workforce Celebrates Success!

Approximately 350 people gathered at Six Flags Great Escape on Monday, September 9th for the 3rd annual workforce celebration for the hospitality, retail, and tourism workers of Warren County. The tradition of a free night of rides and fun at the end of summer season is also an opportunity for workers to recognize their peers by nominating them for awards in different categories.

In anticipation of the award winner announcement, the crowd gathered at Center Stage to listen to music, enjoy refreshments, and receive free raffle prizes. Twenty-five businesses donated thousands of dollars worth in prizes for the winners, to include overnight stays, gift bags, dinner certificates, and admission tickets. Aside from the raffle winners, this year's award winners are:

Emerging Leader

- Stephen Potvin, Sans Souci

Team Spirit

- DeAnna Wardwell, Wiawaka Women's Center
- Dan Palmer, Fort William Henry
- Kamari Edmondson, Erlowest and Sun Castle Resort
- Paige Russell, Home 2 Suites Hilton Queensbury Lake George

Patience of a Saint

- Dylan Krieger, Sagamore Resort
- Povilas Dadurka, Erlowest and Sun Castle Resort

Excellence in Customer Service

- Madison Paquin, Six Flags Great Escape
- Emily Rainwater, Coastal Society

Lake George Royalty

- Gabriel Allen, Adirondack Adventure Center

Sales Extraordinaire

- Ryan Steininger, Adirondack Adventure Center

Frank Dittrich Hospitality Award

- Rachel Poladian, Marine Village

Honorable Mention for the Frank Dittrich Hospitality Award:

- Kristin Stroebel, The Sagamore Resort
- Liz Bentley, Home 2 Suites Hilton Queensbury Lake George



2024 Attendees riding the Bobcat Rollercoaster



Excited raffle winner heading to the stage

The charity of choice this year was Family Services Association of Glens Falls, receiving \$1010 from proceeds from guests, donations, and food sales.

Building Skills, Shaping Futures: Summer Jobs Propel Youth into the Workforce

The Warren County Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) wrapped its season on August 9th with a celebratory picnic and awards ceremony at Crandall Park. The program, funded by TANF, places teens aged 14-20 at worksites throughout the county to provide an opportunity to gain valuable work experience. This year's program saw 34 youth complete their work experience at 19 businesses, nonprofits, and municipalities. For many of the youth, this was their first work experience and they displayed much growth during the six week program, picking up new skills and building relationships with worksite supervisors and coworkers making positive connections within the community.

Worksite supervisors, members of the Warren County Board of Supervisors, community members, friends, and family came together to celebrate the success of SYEP participants. All youth received certificates of achievement recognizing their hard work this summer and additional awards were handed out to youth who excelled in categories related to specific employability skills. This year's winners were: Corey R. for Communication, AJ V. for Perseverance, Hannah M. for Communication, Allen L. for Respect, and Brandan K. for Responsibility. Ashley C. from Queensbury, a second-time participant, was named Employee of the Summer for her time spent at World Awareness Children's Museum.



SUNY student Stephanie Brown addresses attendees of the SYEP picnic

SYEP underscores the significant impact of providing youth with valuable work experience and community engagement. The dedication and hard work of each participant, coupled with the encouragement of their worksite mentors and supporters, pave the way for future successes and continued community involvement.

Thank You 2024 SYEP Worksites!

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| Black Walnut Books | Adirondack Adventure Center | Johnsburg Public Library |
| Unleashed Pet Grooming & Spa | MT Returnables | Horicon Public Library |
| Warren County IT Dept. | Lake George Escape Campground | Stephenson Lumber Co. |
| Warren County Historical Society | Home 2 Suites | Town of Chester Transfer Station |
| WSWHE BOCES | The Queensbury Hotel | Aramark |
| World Awareness Children's Museum | Nemer Ford | Barn & Brick Antiques |
| | Glens Falls Family YMCA | |

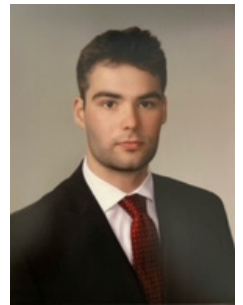
SPOTLIGHT on SUCCESS



Megan Comitini is currently a sophomore working on her Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from SUNY Poly Tech in Utica. Sponsored by the Department of Workforce Development as a paid intern, Megan has been employed with the Warren County Department of Tourism since November 2023. Working alongside 10 fellow employees, as well as Director, Heather Bagshaw, Megan has been instrumental in assisting with the Lake George Area Travel Guide. Megan often spoke with Town Supervisors in order to obtain accurate information regarding events happening within Warren County.

Says Megan, "I think the most underrated events are the ones that involve food trucks. The variety of food that is offered, not only at the Shirt Factory but all over the county, is so underrated." Check out the travel guide here <https://www.visitlakegeorge.com/travel-guide/>

Broderick (Brody) Hamilton is a Queensbury High School Class of 2022 alum and current University of New Hampshire student pursuing a dual degree in Business Administration and Economics with a concentration in Finance. The Career Center was proud to support his education by sponsoring a paid internship at Glens Falls Economic Development this summer. Brody completed his summer internship on Friday, August 16th and had plenty to share about his time in Glens Falls. "It was a very productive experience with the city of Glens Falls. I worked on many different projects but the downtown revitalization project was my primary focus. This project provided me with valuable insights into how the government promotes urban development and gave me a deeper understanding of the intricate connections between local and state governments."



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