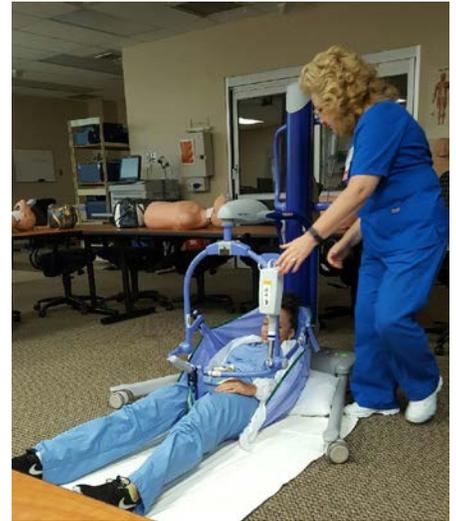


**Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks Job Corps Center** Clinical Medical Assistant classes taught by Petrina McKinney and Gyndra Guy recently had the opportunity to tour Baptist DeSoto Hospital. This was an excellent and exciting opportunity for the students to explore many opportunities in the medical field. They observed a surgery being performed from the observation area, and visited the Intensive Care Training Unit where nurses are trained for specialized care. The unit has a mannequin connected to a computer to simulate many incidents that can happen to a patient in intensive care. Student Sicarrio Hankins experienced performing CPR on one of the mannequins. The students also observed the Cancer Unit which has a new radiation therapy machine that has pinpoint accuracy for radiation treatment. With student Taylor Wilkins portraying the patient, a nurse demonstrated how a lift swing is used to move or bathe patients (pictured below). The students enjoyed their interactive tour and many of them are exploring their options in the medical field. Pictured: Students observing the surgery center, and student Sicarrio Hankins performing CPR.



**Shreveport Job Corps Center** held an Outreach and Admissions (OA) Open House with friends and neighbors from the surrounding neighborhood. Members of the Shreveport Police Department's Neighborhood Assistance Team were there to support and encourage the students who participated with displays of various career training areas. Youth from the Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club were astounded by the information they received as each specific trade area provided an in-depth explanation of their training. Student Rakeisha Turner shared her training in the Painting Trade and the opportunity to enhance her work skills by participating in off-center Work-Based Learning. The visitors were fascinated with the opportunities that Job Corps provides. Staff members were eager to allow students to continue showing how much they have accomplished through intense guidance and training in their respective trades. The Open House went well. Pictured: OA Counselors Brenda Johnson and Shaqueta Thomas; Office Administration Students Shaqueta Myers and Reykijoun Miller with Shreveport Police Department representatives; and attendees getting information from students Rakeisha Turner and Antonia McNeal.



**Finch-Henry Job Corps Center** welcomed guest presenter Mia Rice, a Prevention Specialist from Communicare, a local treatment center for surrounding counties, as she focused attention on alcohol and tobacco use. These two substances were identified as alternatives that young adults turn to when they are unable to use drugs such as marijuana.



Rice along with the Finch-Henry Trainee Employee Assistance Program (TEAP) Specialist, Monica Robertson, focused on reasons why complete sobriety is the healthiest decision versus seeking substitutes. The students were encouraged to make decisions that will best benefit them in mind, body and spirit. Rice utilized interactive tools that allowed students to experience how being under the influence can impair vision. The local Upsilon Tau Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. sponsored the presentation as part of the Stop Tobacco Use Now campaign. The chapter donated healthy refreshments and door prizes for the students during the presentation. Pictured with Rice (center)

surrounded by students (l-r): Zachary Walton, Donovan Bradford, Jaccare Bolton, Derryonta Martin, Javantavous Davison, Deon Walls, Donyaa Ervin, Timothy Carr, Jessie Hill, Sigourney Smith and Jameka Williams. Far right is Robertson and far left is Counselor Lakenna Bean, both members of the sponsoring organization.

### The **Milwaukee Job Corps Center**

Cement Masonry and Welding classes have joined forces in initiating a Career Technical Skills Training (CTST) project wherein they are building a wall and a fence for the Tyler Eckelberg Memorial Garden. The garden is extremely important to the Center because it started in memory of a staff member who lost his life in a car accident. As the students work on this project they are learning excavating, pouring footings,



form setting systems cutting, bending and tying rebar, and actually pouring concrete. This project is providing these students with actual job experience and enhanced skills for real world work.

**Gulfport Job Corps Center** recently partnered with the Boyington Nursing Home in Gulfport Mississippi to assist with their annual *End of the Summer Fling*. Students in the Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Class were the life of the event as they assisted with registration, blood pressure checks and serving the elderly of the Gulf Coast with lunch, all while showing Gulfport Job Corps style hospitality. Leslie Bucklar, Director of Community Development solicited the help of the CNA class to partner with this event twice a year. The students Love having the opportunity to give back to the community and to our senior residents of the Gulf Coast. Pictured (l-r): Top row – Assistant Director of Community Development Lisa Smith, and the CNA Class with Instructor Natonya Murray; bottom row Business and Community Liaison Lisa Floyd-Etienne, Career Development Specialist Tina Craft, and Work-Based Learning/Attendance Coordinator LaYosha Hill.



**Gerald R. Ford Job Corps Center** Culinary Arts student had the pleasure of being introduced to Jessica Ann Tyson of JT



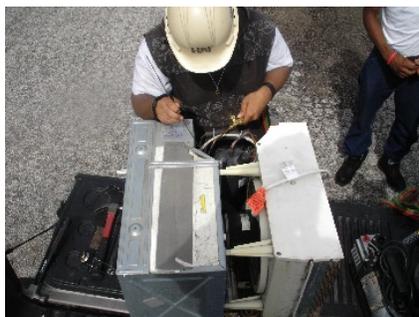
and Associates as part of a collaboration discussion between the two entities wherein Ford Job Corps Culinary Arts students would be utilized in her new restaurant coming soon to the local community. The students are very excited to hear about the venture and looking forward to working alongside Tyson. This is a great Work-Based Learning opportunity that will eventually transition into regular employment for some qualified students. Tyson is pictured (front center) with these excited students: Malika Jones, Terena Taylor-Thomas, Gabriel Knight, Taylor Thomas, Tyrone Smith, Quentin Bogya, Kimberly Loaiza, Theodore Chandler, Raymoun Harris, Michael Williams, Matthew Rogers, Kenya Witcher, Christopher Jones, Kheyon Brouster, and Tyler Wiley; Instructor, Chef Donald Ram is far left.

**Quentin N. Burdick Job Corps Center** has a phenomenal Automotive Career Development Program. In addition to industry education and promotional activities, Burdick Job Corps has partnered with the Automobile Dealers Association of North Dakota / North Dakota Implement Dealers Association Career Development Manager of North Dakota, Monty Montenegro. He will be working to fill specific dealership positions with qualified individuals who have been trained through Job Corps. Montenegro has been conducting and helping to develop and supervising an effective recruiting program at Burdick Job Corps that will meet the hiring needs of the 240 dealerships throughout the state of North Dakota. This help the community find qualified workers, and help to

place students into successful careers. Pictured: Montenegro conducting an on the spot interviews with automotive student Tatanya Gentry; and speaking to the Career Transition Readiness class about opportunities in the Automotive Industry.



**Excelsior Springs Job Corps Center** Building Construction Technology (BCT) Heating Ventilation/Air Conditioning (HVAC) students participated in a hands-on workshop at the Alternate Training Location (ATL) in Kansas City, Missouri. On a very hot and humid Missouri day, the BCT students were an integral part of cleaning and repairing window unit air conditioners for classrooms and staff offices at the ATL. Hands-on training is a very important part of the HVAC Certification students earn, because the experiences helps to ensure they have skills that are workplace ready. The workshop was facilitated by BCT Instructor Kevin Fry. Skills learned in the HVAC certification class include: HVAC math, tools and equipment, alternating current, copper and plastic piping, solder and brazing, ferrous metal piping, basic electricity, service technician maintenance skills, metering devices, compressors, heat pumps, leak detection, evacuation, recovery and charging, safety, electric motors, refrigeration, heaters and boilers, and air treatment devices, just to name a few. Pictured (l-r) are HVAC students in training: Japal Berger, Jalvin Williams, Keegan Shewell, Ray Mullican, Isiah Jordon, Richardo Vegas, and Brad Finney (not pictured); and Jordon and Mullican working on a unit.



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