

Outcome Measurement System (OMS) results for the period ending June 30, 2017 show Job Corps services provided and student performance at more than 50% of MINACT operated centers are ranked overall in the top 50%. These locations are **Gulfport, Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks, Denison, and Finch-Henry** respectively. MINACT welcomes Denison Job Corps Center to our line-up and looks forward to serving students, staff, and the community as a good partner.

**Denison Job Corps Center** students assisted the Crawford County Chamber and Development Board with the *Red White and Boom* celebration of the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday. The event brought hundreds of guests to Yellow Smoke Park for lots of family fun activities including the Sidewalk Art Contest, the Sand Castle Contest, Sink or Float Cardboard Boat Race, and Glow n’ Splash Volley Ball. These contests were judged by students, and Job Corps accomplished the challenge of setting the in-water volleyball net. The students wore red shirts with “Volunteer Service Provided by Denison Job Corps” printed on the back for the community



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**Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks Job Corps Center** recognizes James Moore (pictured left) as an outstanding student. After attending Bridge Valley Community and Technical College, Moore came to Hooks Job Corps from Charleston, South Carolina and enrolled in the Clinical Medical Assistant trade. Back home he was also a volunteer fire fighter. He came to Hooks with a focus, and completed his trade and Work-Based Learning in a timely manner. Moore is currently awaiting acceptance to attend advanced training in the Licensed Practical Nursing program at Quentin N. Burdick Job Corps Center. Moore has been a great role model for other students and serves in the leadership position of Dorm Vice-President. He wants to be self-supporting when he completes Job Corps so that he can attend college to further his training and education to become a Registered Nurse.

**Finch-Henry Job Corps Center** and the B.F. Smith Adult Literacy Council have partnered to help students gain greater understanding in reading and comprehension. Reading Coach Karla Foster comes on-center to work with students on sight words, sentence structure, and comprehension. These students are making significant progress in reading comprehension, a major component of the program. In order for students to read, they must be able to recognize words and sound them out. Foster teaches a short-cut to the phonemic code, another key component. The approach includes the 21 consonant sounds and 16 vowel patterns necessary to read and improve independently. Finch-Henry students have welcomed the assistance of the Literacy Council by attending the eight week sessions that are provided. The benefits of this partnership have resulted in many students becoming better readers and obtaining their high school diploma or GED. Foster is pictured with students (L-R) Kitty Sandifer and Christopher Jones.



As part of Safety Appreciation Month, **Excelsior Springs Job Corps Center** celebrated police officers in two Missouri communities – Excelsior Springs and Kansas City. A luncheon was held in the Leon Myer East Patrol Station community



room for the Kansas City officers. The officers enjoyed barbeque and received a small gift as Cleveland White, Excelsior Springs Job Corps Manager of Security and Fire Prevention, expressed gratitude to the officers for their service to Excelsior Springs Job Corps Alternate Training Location and for commuting main campus students. Officer Rita Olson-Stawicki, Community Interaction Officer/Hostage Negotiator, has become a major advocate of the Job Corps program and offers assistance in many ways. She played a major role in coordinating the East Patrol station as the drop off/pick up location for Kansas City students who ride the Excelsior Springs Job Corps transportation bus to and from the

center. The community room at East Patrol Station has become the go-to location for hosting Excelsior Springs Job Corps Community Relations/Outreach events as well. White also demonstrated appreciation to the Excelsior Springs police officers by delivering a tray of cookies for the officers to enjoy, made by the Culinary Arts team. He expressed thanks for the relationship between the center and the department wherein the Chief of Police, Clint Reno, and his officers are fully engaged in assisting the Excelsior Springs Job Corps when needed and through participation in Community Relations Council meetings. White, wearing the bright yellow shirt, is pictured (left) with Kansas City officers where Olson-Stawicki is standing in the forefront; and (right) Excelsior Springs officers.



In an effort to reward success and encourage pride in accomplishments, **Shreveport Job Corps Center** is modifying and upgrading the male section of the dormitory to provide 16 Independent Living Dormitory Rooms. These rooms will be awarded to male students who have earned the sweet rewards of success and qualify for the luxury these rooms provide. Males who have resided on center for 200 days, submitted applications for residency in independent living, and have been approved by the Management Team will be considered. Eligible applicants must be mature males who have focused on their careers and have achieved Academic and Vocational success during their tenure. The qualified students must be at least 75% complete in Career Technical Training, working towards or have obtained a high school diploma/High School Equivalency Diploma, or currently enrolled in Career Transition Readiness. All rooms are double occupancy and furnished with a 32" inch flat screen television, microwave oven, refrigerator, and cable. Those who occupy these rooms will act as mentors for minor students who reside in the dorm. Tenured males have already been

instrumental in preventing negative incidents among minors, and in helping them to become acclimated to center life.



The **Gulfport Job Corps Center** Student Government Association (SGA) hosted *A Night to Remember* prom for the student body, with assistance from Leadership Coordinator Christopher Mosley. The prom was held at Westside Community Center, on Friday July 7, 2017, and included an evening filled with music, dancing, and dinner, which was prepared by the Gulfport Job Corps Food Services Department. The dance floor was never empty, and the evening culminated with the announcement of the 2017 Prom Court. The night was a great success and took a lot of work and dedication by the SGA. Staff members are much appreciated for donations of attire, shoes and accessories to help the students dress to make this night a success. The center also thanks the local community center that has accommodated this annual event for the last few years. The 2017 Prom Court is featured (L-R): Prince - Kendall Johnson, Princess - Gabrielle Grimsley, Queen - LaJulie Lewis, and King - Devontay Covington.



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The **Milwaukee Job Corps Center** Student Government Association (SGA) recently sponsored the purchase of Lemonheads candy as a fundraiser event being held by the Northwestern Mutual Insurance Company Diversity and Inclusion Council. The company sponsored a week long fundraiser for Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation (ALSF), a national childhood cancer foundation dedicated to raising funds for research into new treatments and cures for all children battling cancer. Since 2005, ALSF raised over \$140 million to fund more than 690 research grants. The ALSF founder Alexandra "Alex" Scott held her first front yard Lemonade stand when she was just 4 years old and gave the foundation its mission. By the time of her death in 2004, Alex raised \$1 million and inspired a legacy of hope and cures for childhood cancer. Thanks to Leadership Coordinator Adrienne Salabert and the members of



SGA, Milwaukee Job Corps contributed to raising over \$2,000 from the *Name the number of Lemonheads in the Jar* activity. This is an example of how Job Corps works for the community and demonstrates the spirit of giving. The Northwestern representative, Michelle Vick, who engaged the SGA in this fundraising event, is a Job Corps graduate as is her mother, Milwaukee Job Corps Business and Community Liaison, Vera D. Ford. Several SGA members who gave leadership to this project are pictured right (L-R): Jason Wilson, Anthony Johnson Jr., Dantral Wilson, Geovanny Ballester, Stella Hill and Jkeyah Swope.

**Gerald R. Ford Job Corps Center** students and staff welcomed South High School alum and former boxer, Floyd Mayweather Sr. to the center. He attended high school in the building that is currently the Gerald R. Ford Job Corps Center. Mayweather Sr. is a former professional boxer, boxing trainer, and father of boxing champion Floyd Mayweather Jr. During the visit, he spoke with students about his life story and how he overcame obstacles through boxing. The students were very receptive to his message of encouragement. Mayweather Sr. gave students the opportunity to ask questions. Directly following the question and answer session, he and his family had lunch with the student body and took pictures with them. Left Photo (L-R): Student Robert Hughes, Floyd Mayweather Sr. and Dewayne Jones, students Naushayah Taylor and Antone White; Right Photo: The



Mayweather family with Center Director Paulette Lewis (far right), and Business Community Liaison Patrick Coleman (third from right).



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