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YOUTH EXPERIENCING SUCCESS



An initiative of the Delaware County Youth Council

HIGHLIGHTS THIS ISSUE:

Call for Nominations-Excellence in Youth Awards
Health Care Hero Awards
Health Careers Week

10th Annual Excellence in Youth Awards Call for Nominations

The Delaware County Workforce Investment Board, Youth Council and its partnership with County Council, wish to recognize outstanding youth, adults and employers who go above and beyond the call of duty in our schools and community. If you know of someone deserving of a nomination, please contact:

Stephen D'Avanzo at 610-447-1432
for a full list of criteria materials

Click below for the forms:
[Youth Award Nomination Forms](#)

Nominations are also available at
www.delcoworks.org.

Nominations are due **February 25, 2011 at 5:00 P.M.**

Join our e-newsletter by contacting:
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Health Care Hero Award

The Delaware County Workforce Investment Board (WIB) sponsored a series of activities as part of a statewide Health Careers observance which included recognizing high school students who have volunteered or worked part time in a health care setting. The Student Health Care Heroes Awards replaced an essay contest held in previous years for students in public, private and parochial schools. This year students had to be nominated.

On November 30th, two students were presented Certificates of Official Recognition from County Council & the Workforce Investment Board at the County Council meeting in Media, PA.



1st place:

Chris Jallah who is a senior at Penn Wood High School participated in the PathWays PA -Summer Youth Work Experience Program designed to promote health care career exploration for high school students. Chris is looking forward to applying to colleges this fall where he can pursue rewarding health care training opportunities. In addition to being a dedicated student, Chris's future goals include playing football and a career in health care. This past summer Chris's had the opportunity to work in the health career arena at Manor Care as an assistant in their Recreation Services department.

2nd place:

Joshua Powell who is a senior at Academy Park High School and is looking forward to applying to colleges this fall where he can pursue rewarding health care training opportunities. In addition to being a dedicated student, Joshua's future goals include either a career in nursing or in physical therapy. His mother also works in healthcare and has been a motivator, encouraging Joshua to pursue his dreams. Joshua participated in the PathWays PA Summer Youth Work Experience Program. The PathWays PA program made it possible for Joshua to complete his second summer working with the PT department at Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital. The following students received honorable mention: Jessica Bailey, Academy Park; Janea Cotton, Academy Park and Anita Greene, Penn Wood

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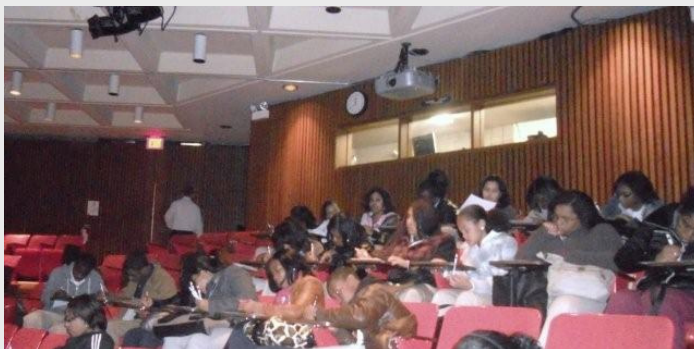
Health Careers Awareness Week Events



For the seventh year, the Delaware County Workforce Investment Board sponsored career awareness events in Health Care and Applied Engineering throughout November.

Aimed at showcasing the wide range of rewarding careers available in health care for 6th to 12th graders, all county public, private and parochial schools were invited, in fact, more than 1000 students participated.

Events included Health Career and Job Fair, Health Care Hero Award, High school Career Fair and Middle School Presentations. Feedback from the events was overwhelmingly positive; educators felt more comfortable discussing emerging careers in the sciences field



Student Spotlight

Beginning in September 2010, the Delaware County Youth Council partnered with the Delaware County Times highlighting outstanding students who go the extra mile. Criteria for these students include being a Delaware County resident, active in schools clubs, actively volunteering in the community and mentoring others. Good deeds and exceptional stories may also be published.

To date, the following students have been featured:

Jamie Gorson, Radnor High School
Amanda Outterbridge, Chester High School
Joshua Powell, Academy Park High School
Ryan Stone, Springfield High School
Shelby Klooster, Chichester High School
Chris Jallah, Penn Wood High School
Jessica Bailey, Academy Park High School
Anita Greene, Penn Wood High School

If you know of an outstanding student deserving of a nomination, or would like additional information, please contact

Madeline Bialecki at 610.447.1433 or StudentSpotlight@delcoyouthcouncil.org

Upcoming Events

January 5th
Youth Council Meeting

February 25th 5:00 P.M.
*Deadline for Nominations
Excellence in Youth Awards*

For more information regarding the Youth Council or questions, please submit inquiries by

[Clicking Here](#)

Re-Engaging Delaware County's High School Dropouts: A Summit for Community Action



On October 20-21, the Delaware County Regional Career Education Partnership, the Delaware County Workforce Investment Board and Youth Council sponsored a county-wide summit, *Re-Engaging Delaware County's High School Dropouts: A Summit for Community Action*.

This summit brought together all key stakeholders, including youth, families, educators, service providers and businesses to discuss best practices and strategies for engaging the County's high school dropouts with work and educational opportunities.

The Summit was held at Penn State-Brandywine-Based on the discussed during the Summit; participants identified a number of potential next steps for action to address Delaware County's needs around re-engaging dropouts. By clicking on [Next Steps](#) you will be able to see where the group is at today.

Read more about the summit: [Delco Times Article](#)



If you would like any information on how you can get involved please email:

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