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SGA School Spirit Essay

“What has Penobscot Job Corps Academy given me?”

When I think of what PJCA has given me, it really boils down to a whole new outlook on my life, and more importantly, my future. In a time when every road seemed to lead to a dead end, I took a leap and enrolled at PJCA. I thought it would be just a place to live for free until I found a way to get my feet under me, but it became so much more. It became the way to get my feet under me. I didn't really know all Job Corps had to offer before enrolling but now I know it has given me an opportunity at a real career. I set out to learn a couple useful tools, but have got so much more. I am getting free training, learning a lot of useful tools I can use with a computer, and I have noticed my professionalism grow since I enrolled. Furthermore, Job Corps is going to pay for more, advanced training when I leave here. I am going to get training in a direct field, at a Transportation Communications Union training site, to obtain a union job working with railroad companies. A career field that will come with a great paying job, benefits, and in this economy, stability. Not just a job like all the others I have had, but a career. Something I can live off, and hopefully work my way up the ladder as I progress in my career. Would I recommend PJCA to a friend or family? That depends on the person. If the person is motivated and serious about making something of themselves, then absolutely. There are so many other doors that were opened other than the one I have chosen that may be right for someone else. However, I did recommend it to a friend and he was not motivated as I am so it did not work for him. For the right person, with a good attitude PJCA is a great opportunity to better yourself, both academically and professionally, as well as develop the stepping stones to a great career.