



# Glenmont Job Corps Center Panther Press

February 19, 2016

## Important Upcoming Dates

- 2/24-25: Next OSHA Class
- 2/26: Pastor Charles Daniels CPP Guest Speaker
- 2/26: Automotive Industry Breakfast

## Management Vacancies

### Corporate Offices

Internal Auditor (Columbia)  
 Technical Assistance Manager:  
 Student Management (Columbia)  
 Corp. Accounting Analyst (Columbia)

### Atterbury JCC

Dorm Supervisor

### Gadsden JCC

Recreation Supervisor

### Glenmont JCC

Property Officer

### Joliet JCC

Wellness Manager

### Little Rock JCC

Wellness Manager  
CTT Manager

### Kittrell JCC

Recreation Supervisor  
Purchasing Agent  
Human Resources Manager

### New Hampshire JCC

Center Shift Manager  
CTT Manager

### Red Rock JCC

Food Service Manager  
Finance Manager  
CTS Director (Philadelphia)

### Shriver JCC

F&A Director  
Wellness Manager  
Food Service Manager

### St. Louis JCC

OA/CTS Director  
F&A Director  
Food Services Assistant Manager

### Woodland JCC

Dorm Supervisor

### Woodstock JCC

Finance Manager

## Glenmont Job Corps Center Celebrates Quarterly Graduation



Job Corps program and of our students. He said to the graduates, "It would have been easy for you to walk out the door, but you didn't and that has brought you to today." He also spoke of how important it is for each and every one

of us to put out our best each day and how if we follow our passion, we will find happiness. Finally, he said that though we are bombarded with negativity from TV news reports, that he sees the positive potential of the future.

instructed to give the rose to a staff member that was special to them during their time at Glenmont Job Corps Center. The ceremony concluded with the Security students retiring the Colors. All graduates, family and friends then gathered in the Red Brick Café for a celebratory lunch, prepared and served by GJCC Culinary students and Chef Beth Koster, including sliders, cheese pizza, and more. A cake and an assortment of desserts were also served.

On Friday, February 19, 2016 Glenmont Job Corps Center held its quarterly Graduation Ceremony. We were honored to have Congressman Chris Gibson join us as our guest speaker for this event.

While the families celebrated together, Finance and Administration Manager Mr. Mauro, Social Development Director Mr. Tracy Battle, and Business Community Liaison Ms. Ann Marie Morin, took Congressman Gibson on a quick tour of the center's new dormitories. The Congressmen was very impressed by the new construction. Congressman Gibson, who is a great supporter of Job Corps, said, "I believe every person should live up to their God-given potential."

Ms. Maye's MAA students did an excellent job decorating the auditorium for the event, creating a festive atmosphere. The Procession of Graduates started at 1pm. Then, the Posting of Colors was skillfully done by GJCC Security students. Recreation Supervisor Mr. O'Brey led the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem was sung by student Deon Wagner.



When the Congressman was finished, graduate Brandi-Denise Belle took the stage. She spoke of her appreciation for all who helped her through. She encouraged her classmates to realize that they have a long road ahead of them and although they may make some mistakes, it is important to carry on with a positive attitude. She encouraged graduates to use the skills they have learned at GJCC to deal with difficult situations.

We are very proud our graduates and all of their accomplishments! We wish them much success in the future.



Guests were greeted by Center Director Ms. Deborah Snape, who then introduced Congressman Chris Gibson. Congressman Gibson spoke about how proud he is of the

It was then that the graduates had the honor of walking the stage to receive their diploma and a rose. Graduates were



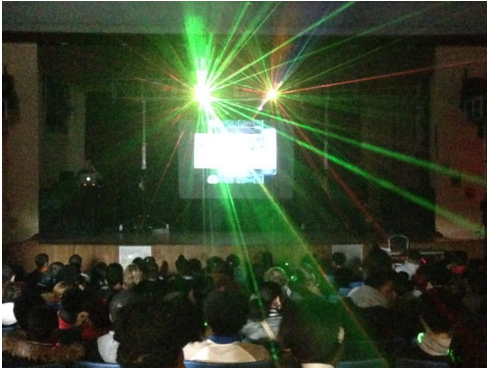
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## Road Radio USA Provides a Powerful Message for GJCC Students

On Thursday, February 11, 2016 the Wellness Department in conjunction with TEAP Specialist Torson Fullard sponsored a substance abuse assembly. The Center had Road Radio USA

provide a phenomenal interactive presentation on the effects of substance abuse. The lights and music at the beginning certainly drew all students and staff into the mindset of the message regarding the use of drugs and alcohol and its effect on them. At the end, a recording was played of a mother telling everyone of the grave drunk-driving accident her son was involved in, which killed his best friend. She also detailed what her

son went through after the accident because of his poor choices. There was no sound to be heard in the auditorium from students or staff when she was speaking. We are certain that this presentation touched many students. If we were able to curtail poor choices from our students, then we have made a difference. Student and staff responses after the assembly showed that the message of abusing alcohol and drugs is a



bad choice to be made. Thank you to the Wellness Department and TEAP for organizing this presentation for the students of Glenmont.

## Facilities Maintenance Students Visit DC 9 Painters and Allied Trades Union Apprentice Classroom



As a result of connecting with District Council #9 Painters and Allied Trades Union's business representatives during last month's Facilities Maintenance Industry Breakfast, Glenmont Job Corps Center Facilities Maintenance students were able to visit the Union's apprentice classroom in Menands, NY. on Thursday evening, February 11. Facilities Maintenance Instructors Mr. Chestnut and Mr. Bartley escorted 14 of their students on the trip. While there, students were able to see firsthand how an apprentice learns during their instruction period.

FM student Ahmad McPherson was very excited and motivated as a result of what he learned at the DC 9 classroom. He said, "It was amazing! We learned about the phases of the glazing process and learned about doing drywall. We found out that you are an apprentice for three years and after that you can move into welding." During the visit, the students also got to see the type of job opportunities that exist in their field, which encouraged them to be more serious about their training at GJCC.

Mr. Chestnut and Mr. Bartley are excited about the union's interest in our students and the

possibility of referring GJCC graduates to District Council #9 Painters and Allied Trades Union in the future. We thank Mr. Chestnut and Mr. Bartley for taking the time to make this visit possible.





## Glenmont JCC Representatives Create Partnership with Schenectady County Community College

On February 18, 2016 Business Community Liaison Ms. Ann Marie Morin and Academic Manager Ms. Kathleen Popow met with Schenectady County Community College's Vice President of Student Affairs Ms. Martha Asselin, SCCC Director of Admissions Mr. David Sampson and SCCC Associate Director of Admissions Ms. Kathleen Dowd Freese.

Initial contact was made with the college one of the breakfast meetings held at Glenmont Job Corps Center. Mr. Sampson and Ms. Dowd Freese were so impressed with our culinary students that she requested a

tour of our lab kitchen. Ms. Dowd Freese then became interested in partnering with GJCC immediately and a meeting was arranged to discuss a partnership.

The meeting took place on the SCCC campus. In addition to discussing our programs here, the group discussed the possibility of Glenmont students transferring to SCCC as part of our ACT program. While there are many opportunities there for our students, we focused primarily on their AS Culinary degree program.

Ms. Popow and Ms. Morin were



**Pictured left to right: Martha Asselin, Kathleen Dowd Freese, Ms. Kathleen Popow, David Sampson, and Ms. Ann Marie Morin.**

given a tour of the culinary classrooms and kitchens by Mr. David Brough, Dean of the School of Hotel, Culinary Arts, and Tourism. The tour was impressive. They walked through their many kitchens for cooking and baking, the bakery where baked goods are for sale. SCCC is in the process of developing a beverage brewing program as well. As Ms. Morin and Ms. Popow passed through the classrooms, it was clear that our culinary students would be well-suited for SCCC's

Culinary degree studies. SCCC also hosts a four-year Culinary degree program through a cooperating college, which students can earn while attending SCCC.

As a result of this visit, GJCC has started to work on developing a Memorandum of Understanding with SCC to enable our students to transfer into programs of study offered there.



## Art Club Redesigns Green Mile Bulletin Board



In the Recreation Department's Art Club, students are currently working on a new bulletin board display for the Green Mile. Students are creating shields of the Job Corps logo along with shields representing Academics and each of the trades offered here at Glenmont Job Corps Center. The new bulletin board display should be up by the end of March 2016.

When students are finished with this project, Ms. Morin will be giving instruction on painting

techniques and students will be able to choose the subject of their own painting from a number of different images. Art Club is open to all GJCC students. There are a number of creative activities to take part in, including adult coloring books, graffiti art, drawing, painting, and sculpture. Any student interested in being creative is encouraged to stop by the art room Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30. Come join the fun!





## 16 Security Students Pass 8-Hour Security Guard Course

Security/MilCap Instructor Mr. Mosso is proud to announce that all of the sixteen students who took their 8-Hour Security Guard course last week passed, successfully earning that certification! Congratulations to all of these hardworking students on achieving this important step towards beginning a career in security: Krystal Baker-Doran, Raliek Calvin, Deansel Flores, Frantz Lacrete, Ronald Martin, Anthony McLeod, Alfredo Mitzin Rescalvo, Sheldon Pitts-Garcia, Catherine Reyes, Alexandra Rizzo, Christopher Roque, Jalisa Shepherd, Carson Thompson, Dominito White, Shahadah Williams, and Christian Winters!



## SGA Holds Fundraiser Selling Valentine's Day Gifts



Glenmont Job Corps Center student leaders held a Valentine's Day fundraiser where they sold carnations, cards and candy. Students Dajah Hills, Joshua Croskey-Propst and Elizabeth Ramos worked diligently to assemble the carnations and gifts to Glenmont staff and students. Pictured left, Center Director Ms. Snape loved her carnations that were delivered to her! The fundraiser was a success and everyone enjoyed their gifts. Thank you all for your support!



Pictured above, student leaders work hard to assemble gifts for the Valentine's Day fundraiser.

## Congratulations to Security's Newest Graduate!

Corporal Kavita Bridgelall is a completer of the Security/MilCap trade. She entered into the classroom with a focus and determination to make things happen. She was instrumental in assisting others achieve their goals. Cpl. Bridgelall will be certainly missed. All the best to her and all of her endeavors.



## Meet the Security/MilCap Leadership Team



## IT Matters: How Piracy Ruins Your PC

*Computer and Software Technology Information that You can Use.*

*"We've all done it."*

You hear it all the time. When someone starts talking about how they just downloaded the latest Star Wars movie and somebody else responds that it's piracy. "We've all done it," is the usual excuse.

A study by The American Assembly at Columbia University has found that 46% of American adults would be considered copyright pirates under US law. So, about half of American adults have admitted to downloading a song, movie, or software illegally, used a site to capture YouTube or even just copied a CD you didn't pay for to your iTunes. All of these things are considered piracy.

So why discuss this in a column about computers? Because piracy is also dangerous to your PC.

While software and music piracy have been popular over the last 20 years, downloading a software package, video or music file comes with a lot of risk. Most bittorrent or similar services out there are full of files that are fake or contain Trojan horses (dangerous files hidden within other files). For example, imagine you just downloaded a copy of ProStudio because you want to make some new beats. You install the software and then have to run a 'crack.' When you run that crack file, usually a small process is started that moves other files to your system or opens up doors on your PC to allow someone from the outside to take control of it. This can result in slower PC performance, pop-ups or other advertisements showing up on your machine, or worse, a complete hijacking of your computer. Some of the worst computer hijackings involve viruses that alert your PC that

you were the victim of a Department of Justice inquiry and it was found you have been criminal; however if you send them money as your fine, it promises your PC will be unlocked. These 'moneypak' viruses are programs that start on your PC the minute you power it on, rendering your computer useless unless you're willing to pay hundreds of dollars to some hacker who says he'll login and release your PC for you. One of the newer and by far worst of all hacks is an 'encryption' virus, which installs software that locks all of your data, rendering your files completely unreadable by any technician unless you pay money to the person who put it on your machine to 'decrypt' the PC. This means you could lose everything on your hard drive: pictures, music, emails, etc. Even professional virus removal services like Geek Squad or other reputable businesses have a hard time cleaning these type of viruses.

So, why doesn't antivirus software catch these threats? Antivirus companies rely on reports from their users and the internet to report when they get a new virus. However, those who indulge in frequent piracy end up not wanting to report the issue to anyone, as scrutiny can lead to serious legal issues. (KimDotCom, a known pirate, just agreed to pay 400 million in damages due to piracy!) If you get infected with a bad file that you obtained illegally, you won't want to draw attention to it, so these viruses are rarely reported. This is why piracy is so dangerous.

To be fair, the music and movie industry are slow to change. They didn't hop onto the online music business until Apple forced their way in 8 years ago. Before that, the only way to get digital music was to usually

pirate it, and only recently did sites like Vudu and Netflix make it easier to watch movies on various devices. Those type of services now make it very affordable to enjoy our multimedia the way we want to.

Software is another issue entirely. Titles like Adobe Photoshop, any music recording software, or Office can cost hundreds of dollars. Of course, that pricing is super inflated, but unfortunately pirated software with their 'keygen' files are the biggest source of these type of viruses. I highly recommend avoiding them at all costs! It's best to research paid software products that are less pricey. I am available to help you look for any of them if you need.

The truth is piracy seems like a great way to get something for free, but in reality it usually ends up causing many serious issues. There are so many other, safer ways to use the internet to get files and software you want legally and cheaply, that pirating files just isn't worth it anymore.

Next week, we will discuss great ways to save money by using internet technology to maybe do away with the cable company.

Thanks for reading,

Mr. Benson  
IT Manager

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**Pirating music, videos, and software can cause your PC irreparable damage.**



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***What is Job Corps?***

*Job Corps is a no-cost education and vocational training program administered by the U.S. Department of Labor that helps young people ages 16 through 24 improve the quality of their lives through vocational and academic training. Funded by Congress, Job Corps has been training young adults for meaningful careers since 1964. Job Corps is committed to offering all students a safe, drug-free environment where they can take advantage of the resources provided. Job Corps' mission is to attract eligible young people, teach them the skills they need to become employable and independent, and place them in meaningful jobs or further education.*

***“A Community Working Together to Achieve  
Success.”***