

PROGRAM UPDATES

STUDENTS FIND FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT

Four students in our woodshop program received great news in March. The Huntington Housing Authority was interested in hiring them as contractual laborers to work with their Maintenance Department.

Tim White, CCYEP Program Coordinator and Terry Henry, HHA Maintenance Supervisor interviewed each student and they began their new jobs on Monday, March 25th.

Those students are Brandon Sergeant, Brandon Cooper, Troy Cooper, and John Dixon.

Several other students have begun full time and part time jobs as a result of enrolling in the CCYEP program. We are proud of all our students.

STUDENTS SPEAK AT MARSHALL

Two years ago, Tim White, Program Coordinator went back to college to get a degree in Criminal Justice Administration. His current class on Wednesday evenings is Criminal Justice. Professor Steve Jerrell had read various stories and watched news coverage of the CCYEP program and asked Tim if some of the CCYEP students would come and speak to the students in class about their lives and how programs like CCYEP help troubled youth.



Three students, Brandon Cooper, Misti Holderby and John DeBerry agreed to address the class and they did a fantastic job. Both the professor and the students were impressed as well as shocked by some of the things the students said about their lives and some of the negative things they did or happened around them. Yet, they all were pleased and proud of them for how they are turning their lives around and make a better future for them selves. Several students came up to Tim after class and wanted to volunteer or do their internship with CCYEP.



WIA DAY AT THE CAPITOL

Each year, program across the state that are funded through the Workforce Investment Act are invited to spend the day at the Capitol and showcase their programs to the legislative delegates and visitors from across the state.

CCYEP hosted a booth and displayed and sold items made in the woodshop program. For many of these students this was their first time to be in Charleston and see the capitol complex.

While there they were able to tour the capitol and meet several delegates and talk to them about CCYEP and how important it is to continue to fund these types of programs. They were able to meet delegates Jim Morgan, Evan Jenkins and Don Perdue.



The highlight of the trip was attending a press conference in Governor Joe Manchin's office and presenting First Lady Gayle Manchin handmade gifts made by our students in the woodshop class. Tim White presented Mrs. Manchin a set of wooden coasters for their residents and a business card holder for the Governor's desk.



Immediately after the press conference, Mrs. Manchin led the press and visitors to our booth and admired the other handy work of wood crafts on display.

A visitor from the state of Washington purchased a cutting board to take home as a souvenir of our program and of the state of WV.