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QUARTERLY REPORT

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DECEMBER 2022

MARYLAND 2.5%

ANNE ARUNDEL 2.6% COUNTY

CAREER X PARTICIPANTS VISIT THE **U.S. COAST GUARD YARD**



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Building Success



Mr. Guzman was unemployed and seeking employment opportunities when he came to AAWDC. He had been attending Heritage Community Church in Severn and expressed an interest in working there. In partnership with Heritage Community Church, Mr. Guzman was placed in a Work and Learn in the maintenance department. During his work and learn, Mr. Guzman learned event set-up, maintenance, and housekeeping skills. After successfully completing his training, Mr. Guzman was hired by Heritage Community Church.

Featured Highlight

CAREER X TRIP TO THE U.S. COAST GUARD YARD

AAWDC's Career X course prepares high school students to enter the workforce after graduation. During the first semester of school, students receive essential soft skills training, build their resumes, and explore different career paths. AAWDC took Career X students on a field trip to explore career opportunities at the U.S. Coast Guard Yard in northern Anne Arundel County. Students toured a ship, large-scale guns, and a manufacturing and machine shop to learn in-person what jobs are like on a day to day routine.

> "This is a lot better than I thought it would be."

"I enjoyed touring the ship"

Notable Highlights

PARTNERSHIP WITH ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY DPW

AAWDC partnered with Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works (DPW) to meet their needs for CDL drivers and Service Technicians. A customized training cohort began in September for 6 individuals who needed to earn their CDL for their roles with DPW. All students completed their training and earned their CDL. A second cohort started in November for 7 additional employees who needed to earn their CDL for their positions. .O.P.E. Project

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THE DECEMBER HIRING EVENT

AAWDC partnered with the Maryland Department of Labor to host The December Hiring Event at the Anne Arundel County Career Center. Twenty-one businesses attended the event and met with 41 candidates looking for new or better employment. The businesses were very happy with the event and the quality of candidates. Most of the businesses followed up with candidates after the event to move forward in the hiring process.

JOANN REEPING RECOGNIZED BY BWI MARSHALL AIRPORT

AAWDC's BWI Recruitment & Sourcing Specialist JoAnn Reeping was recognized for going above and beyond by BWI Marshall Airport. JoAnn was nominated for the Baltimore Washington International Marshall Customer Care Program Award for exceptional customer service. The airport has over 12,000 badged employees who are eligible for this award but JoAnn's hard work and dedication to the businesses at the airport ultimately made her stand out above everyone else.

More Highlights

AAWDC STAFF PRESENT AT NAWDP'S YOUTH SYMPOSIUM

AAWDC's Youth and Young Adult Services team attended NAWDP's Youth Symposium in Charlotte, NC. Our VP of Career Development and Community Services and Young Adult Services Manager presented a workshop titled "Demand Driven Youth Services Delivery System" at the conference. The session was well attended, a number of attendees stayed after the session to ask questions and some connections were made for follow-up meetings.

MARYLAND SAVES INFORMATION SESSION

Business Solutions partnered with Maryland Saves to host an informational workshop for County businesses. The session discussed Maryland Saves, a new program to help individuals automatically save for retirement. Sixteen business representatives attended the event to learn more and get answers to questions about the program and requirements.

RESUME WORKSHOP FOR OLD MILL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

AAWDC's Youth and Young Adult team spent two days at Old Mill High School conducting resume workshops for approximately 600 students at all academic levels. The workshops prepared students for mock interviews scheduled in December.

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