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Humphrey Graduate Soars in Airline Career

Jeanette Scott entered the TCU/IAM Advanced Training Program from **Humphrey JCC** in October, 2010. She immediately aligned herself with people striving for the same goal—a career in transportation; for her it was the airline industry. She wanted to be a flight attendant.

Jeanette was invited to two flight attendant information sessions in the St. Paul area. Neither of those sessions resulted in a second interview. Even though she was disappointed, the experience was a confidence builder for her. She knew what to expect. Jeanette presented herself as a mature, well-spoken young woman.



Jeanette Scott, Flight Attendant for Express Jet Airlines

Soon she had another information session invitation with Atlantic Southeast Airlines in Atlanta. This time she had her past experiences to draw upon. Jeanette came away from that session with a

job offer. The training was intense, tests everyday, and only one chance to pass. Trainees were being sent home, but Jeanette made it!

After she graduated, she paid her center a visit all dressed in her uniform. She spoke to the students and gave them this advice: get organized and have a plan, surround yourself with positive influences, and work hard every day. The number one thing she thanks TCU/IAM for is assisting her in building her resume and honing her interviewing skills.

Jeanette has been employed by IAM represented Express Jet Airlines (formerly Atlantic Southeast) since May, 2011 earning \$18.60 per hour.

Potomac Amtrak Train Attendant Success



Pamela Williams, Potomac TCU/IAM graduate and Train Attendant at Amtrak in Miami, Florida

TCU/IAM Potomac graduate Pam Williams has been hired by Amtrak as a Train Attendant in Miami, FL at \$17.48/hr. Pam is a transfer student from the **Westover Job Corps Center** where she completed the Information Technology trade. She has enjoyed relocating to Miami, FL and is really enjoying her training on board.

To work in On Board Services you must be at least 21 years old with a clean background. Train Attendants provide all passenger services in the diner, coach, and sleeper cars of the train. They must entrain and detrain passengers and assist with baggage. Train Attendants also help to set up and break down the dining car, assist in preparation of food and beverage services, and may train as a chef. In addition, they also work as Lead Service Attendant handling accounting and cash transactions.

This edition of the TCU/IAM Advanced Training Program's Newsletter Focuses on our Female Success Stories!

TRANSPORTATION PLACEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

ASHLEY WILHITE
Gary TCU/IAM
TTX
Railcar Repairer
\$15.46/hr

ASHLEY JOHNSON
Los Angeles TCU/IAM
AMTRAK
Ticket/Accounting Clerk
\$19.16/hr

NEISHA MARTIN
Potomac TCU/IAM
Long Island Rail Road
Coach Cleaner
\$17.01/hr

SHANN SHANKS
San Jose TCU/IAM
Amtrak West
On-Board Service Attendant
\$18.08/hr

SHAMILIA MILLER
Shriver TCU/IAM
Massachusetts Bay
Commuter Rail Road
Coach Cleaner
\$14.74/hr

QUENZETTA SARRATT
St Louis TCU/IAM
Amtrak
Lead Service Attendant
\$18.35/hr

JOSHUA MILLS
Excelsior Springs TCU/IAM
TTX
Carman
\$15.07/hr

MANDISA BLACK
Humphrey TCU/IAM
Amtrak
Coach Cleaner
\$15.46hr

APRIL CARTER-DAVIS
Atlanta TCU/IAM
Delta Airlines
Reservation Representative
\$10.06/hr

102 Students Transferred into TCU/IAM this Quarter!

ATLANTA REGION

Gadsden: 1
Homestead: 3
Jacksonville: 2
Kittrell: 1
Memphis: 1
Mississippi: 1
Montgomery: 2
Oconaluftee: 1
Schenck: 5
Turner: 1

CHICAGO REGION

Atterbury: 2
Cleveland: 1
Dayton: 1
Flint/Genesee: 1
Gerald R. Ford: 1

SAN FRANCISCO REGION

Columbia Basin: 1
Curlew: 3
Inland Empire: 5
Sacramento: 3
San Diego: 1
Timber Lake: 1
Tongue Point: 1
Treasure Island: 1
Wolf Creek: 4

BOSTON REGION

Delaware Valley: 4
Edison: 1
Grafton: 2
Hartford: 1
Northlands: 1
Penobscot: 1
South Bronx: 1
Westover: 1

DALLAS REGION

Cass: 2
Clearfield: 2
Shreveport: 1
Trapper Creek: 1

PHILADELPHIA REGION

Carl D. Perkins: 2
Charleston: 2
Earle C. Clements: 3
Flatwoods: 1
Great Onyx: 2
Harpers Ferry: 3
Muhlenberg: 9
Old Dominion: 1
Pine Knot: 3
Whitney M. Young: 3
Woodland: 6

Gary Graduate Finds Carman Career After Completing Rail Mechanical Service Worker Program



Ashley Wilhite came to Gary JCC from **Flatwoods JCC** in May of 2011. After completing her welding trade, she decided to advance her training with the TCU/IAM Rail Mechanical Service Worker program. She began the program very eager to learn and was very focused on her future. It did not take long for TCU/IAM Instructors Lane Shelton and Christie Scott to recognize we had something special amongst us with Ashley in the program. She was always very respectful, asked questions, and was diligent in her work ethic. Doing a quality job in everything she did was one of her priorities.

While completing her studies in the program, Ashley began to outshine all of her male counterparts. Mr. Shelton placed her in a leadership role as “Shop Foreman”. She maintained her “Foreman” status all the way up to her placement date. Under no circumstance did she allow the quality and safety of the program to diminish in any way. Ashley wanted to make sure that the high standards set for the program always remained at a high level of safety and quality. She was always up beat and smiling every step of the way. Ashley’s leadership will forever be a model for the Gary TCU/IAM program. Ashley completed the program this March and was hired at TTX in Louisville, Kentucky, as a carman making \$15.46/hr.

Shriver TCU/IAM Women Graduates Finding Success in Transportation



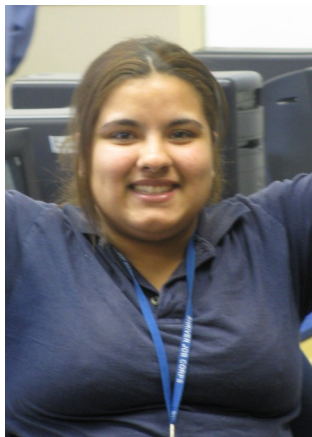
Sophia Merced

Grafton JCC Transfer
Placed at Amtrak in
Syracuse, New York
in September 2011
as a Ticket Agent
earning \$19.16/hr



Telisa Brown

Delaware JCC Transfer
Placed at Amtrak in
New York, New York
in July 2011
as a Lead Diner/LSA
earning \$20.02/hr



Amanda Roman

Homestead JCC Transfer
Placed at Amtrak in
New York, New York
in November 2008
as a Coach Cleaner
earning \$14.15/hr



Aisha Gailliard

Shriver JCC Graduate
Placed with Independence Air in
Boston, Massachusetts as a
Customer Service Representative
earning \$9.65/hr and has since
worked at Amtrak as an Assistant
Conductor and was promoted to
Qualified Conductor earning \$25
to \$28/hr.



London White

Muhlenberg JCC Transfer
Placed at Delta Airlines in
Boston, Massachusetts
in September 2011
as a Customer Service
Representative
earning \$10.50/hr (plus flight
benefits)



Ashley Oaks

Hartford JCC Transfer
Placed at Amtrak in
New Haven, Connecticut
in September 2011
as an Assistant Passenger
Conductor
Earning \$15.75/hour



Cierra Banks

Harpers Ferry JCC Transfer
Placed at Amtrak in
New Haven, Connecticut
in September 2011
as an Assistant Passenger
Conductor
Earning \$15.75/hr



Desiree Wright

Grafton JCC Transfer
Placed at Amtrak in
New York, New York
in November 2011
as a Lead Service Attendant
Earning \$18.08/hr

Gary and Potomac TCU/IAM Placements at Job Corps Data Center

Laura Edgard transferred from the Pre-Apprentice Electrician and Construction Facility Maintenance trades at **Oneonta JCC** to Gary TCU/IAM in September of 2010. her accomplishments at Oneonta JCC were many and she says that the transition to Advanced Training was easy because she “had her mind set to succeed.” Laura completed her training in January of 2012 and was hired as a Junior Quality Assurance Analyst for the Job Corps Data Center in Austin, Texas, making \$12.00/hr.



Laura Edgard, Gary TCU/IAM Graduate placed at JCDC in San Marcos, TX

Robert Oster transferred from the Business Technology trade at **Red Rock JCC** to Potomac TCU/IAM in July of 2009 and completed his training in March of 2010. Robert was placed as a Junior Quality Assurance Analyst for the Job Corps Data Center in Austin, Texas, making \$12.00/hr. He credits **Red Rock JCC** and the TCU/IAM program for his successful career and everything he obtained from the program helped him be able to be a greater part of Job Corps and give back through working at the Data Center.

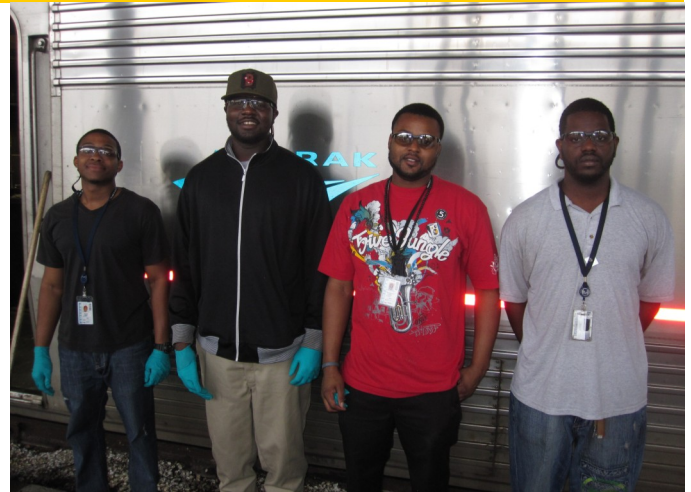


Robert Oster, Potomac TCU/IAM Graduate placed at JCDC in San Marcos, TX

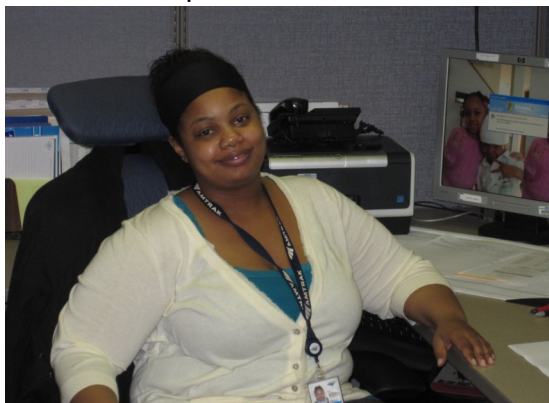
New Orleans Amtrak Placements

St Louis TCU/IAM LFER Michael Blumenkemper, Regional Coordinator Oscar Derderian, and Manager of Curriculum & Training Joel Hernandez, were able to visit the Amtrak Station in New Orleans in February to see a few of our students in action. They were able to meet Keyonna Dillard, a graduate of the St. Louis TCU/IAM Program who is now working as an Assignment Clerk; Ronnie Jones and Franchott Harris, Potomac TCU/IAM graduates; and Devante Norman and Byron Woods, Gary TCU/IAM Graduates who are Coach Cleaners. The four Coach Cleaners were all working the same Superliner Train.

With rising gas prices and the environmental impact of fossil fuel exploration and usage in the news almost daily, St. Louis TCU/IAM Advanced Training Program graduate Keeyona is doing her part to keep America moving. Keyonna is proud of working for a company that transports passengers greener and more efficiently than other modes of transportation.



Ronnie Jones (*Edison*), Devante Norman (*Whitney M. Young*), Franchott Harris (*Carl D. Perkins*), and Byron Woods (*Detroit*) - New Orleans Amtrak Coach Cleaners



Keyonna Dillard, St. Louis JCC graduate and New Orleans Amtrak Assignment Clerk

“Every time the price of gas goes up, moving people by rail becomes a smarter choice,” explains TCU/IAM instructor Michael Blumenkemper. “Amtrak was transportation for a record number of 30 million people last year, which means millions of cars off the roads as well.” The TCU/IAM Advanced Training Program and St. Louis Job Corps are committed to placing students in green industries and jobs, and Keeyona Dillard is proof the investment in America and America’s youth is well worth the cost.

It is great to see our former students hard at work, and there’s nothing more rewarding than seeing the expression on their faces when former instructors surprise them with a visit! The students are always appreciative of the guidance and support they receive from the staff while in the program.