

GRAFTON JOB CORPS

**BUILDING
FUTURES**



**CHANGING
LIVES**

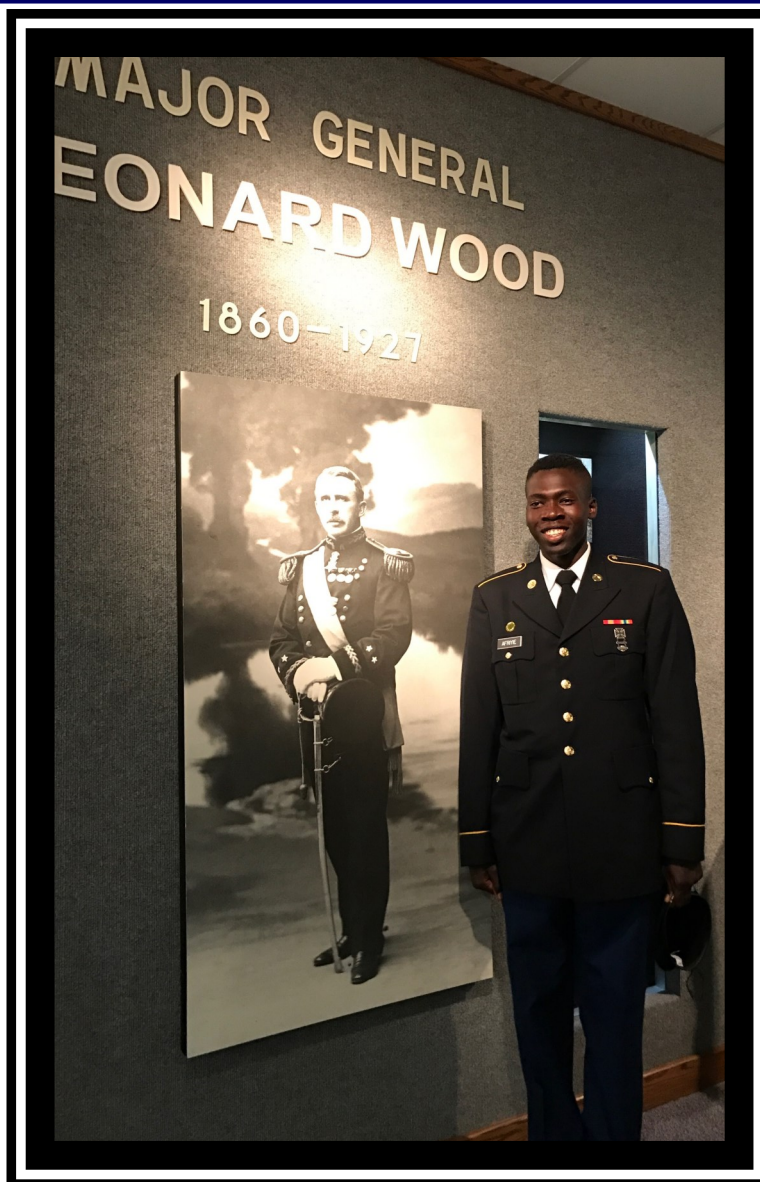
The Grafton Job Corps Chronicle

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Private Isaac Afriryie

Former Grafton Job Corps graduate, Isaac Afriryie, completed 19 weeks of Basic Training at Fort Leonard Wood Military Base in Missouri on July 20th as a Private 31B Military Police. He was sworn in for five years and will spend the next two years at Fort Stuart in Georgia. He explained that he relied on the comradery of his “battle buddies” to succeed through Basic Training. He relied on one in particular because “it’s not something you can do alone.”

Isaac enrolled at Job Corps on May 24, 2016 and was enrolled in HiSET courses as well as the Culinary Arts program and completed all within that year. He speaks highly of the Job Corps program and says that the program is not one that should be taken for granted because “anything is possible.” Isaac is pictured at Military Entrance Processing Station by a portrait of Major General Leonard Wood whom the Basic Training Base is named after.



National Night Out

[National Night Out](#) is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. It was held on August 1st this year and Grafton Job Corps participated in both the Grafton and Worcester events.

Student Government Association (SGA) students, Peer Leadership Coordinator Michelle Cook, Outreach/Admissions Manager Amber Polisher, and Admissions Counselor David Tirendi participated in Worcester's activities held at Fuller Family Park. The free event featured entertainment, food, games, children's activities, and many community services and booths. Several local elected officials stopped by the Job Corps table and showed their support: Mayor of Worcester Joseph Petty, Congressman Jim McGovern, and District Attorney Joseph D. Early Jr. to name a few. Pictured (left to right): Raynel Ramirez, Elba Soto, DA Joseph Early, Aliana Roman, Edmaryann Lopez, and Francesca Peugero.



Grafton Job Corps also joined forces with the Town of Grafton. Culinary Arts students were accompanied by Culinary Instructor Kevin Hutchings and cooked and served hot dogs for the event. Protective Services Students were accompanied by Career Technical Training Manager Sonya Hazzard and provided security patrol for the event. Human Service Worker (HSW) students were accompanied by Instructor Christine Baker manning our information booth (see a link to our interview "in the news" section).

Protective Service student Mercedes Merced said that she had fun and was proud to represent Job Corps. She further remarked, "I'm not from Massachusetts so it was nice to be out in the community and learn more about the town that I (attend Job Corps) in." The collaboration between Grafton Job Corps and the Town of Grafton is one that will continue to grow as more of our students are immersed into the community and showcase their skills.



On August 5th, Student Government Association (SGA) students (left to right) **Ahjenea Davis**, **Brianna Brewer**, **Ashley Schachter**, **Shawna Smith**, and **Samendja Geneste** attended the [American Student Government Association \(ASGA\)](#) Conference in Boston, MA.

SGA President Brianna Brewer remarked, “It was helpful to converse with other SGA groups and see what they do so that we could get new ideas to bring back to our center.” Grafton Job Corps was the only non-collegiate SGA present which only encouraged Brianna more, “In the words of Oprah, ‘Surround yourself with only people who are going to lift you higher.’”



In addition to networking opportunities, multiple classes and a variety of topics were offered. Two in particular stood out. “13 Steps to a Super Government” with Butch Oxedine presented great ideas to increase interest and participation from the student body. “Leadership Reloaded: Skills for Effective SG Members” with Christopher Irving explained skills that have a lasting impact. Both Mr. Oxedine and Mr. Irving accepted invitations to come and speak at our Center in the future.

Brianna also found personal and leadership growth from another class offering titled, “Change Agents; Diversity Training for SG Leaders”. “(The participants) were “raw and honest and it not only taught me that everyone has a bias, including myself but it also taught me that not all biases are purposeful,” she reflected. “I walked out of that session realizing that the excuses “That’s the way it’s always been” and “That’s how we’ve always done it” are dangerous and need to be challenged more effectively. It was definitely an eye-opener and I’m glad that I went, because I left with a better understanding of the world from other points of view.”



Our **Ribbon Cutting** received some local coverage in *The Grafton News*:

<http://www.thegrafftonnews.com/articles/job-corps-launches-new-culinary-building/>

As well as on the Facebook pages of *Senator Michael Moore* and the *Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce*.



Student Matthew Pellegrino was interviewed by the Grafton Cable Station during Grafton’s Night Out on August 1st. Catch him at 24:30 on their video link: <http://grafton.cablecast.tv/Cablecast/public-site/index.html#/show/2592?channel=1>

We also received a mention in the *Globe’s* coverage of the Gospel Love Tone’s Tour:

<https://www.bostonglobe.com/news/bigpicture/2017/08/02/the-gospel-love-tones-keep-spreading-good-news/71tPoSsuU4AdTo33NDscEK/story.html>

Welcome New Students!



Pictured (left to right): **Antwaine Semidey**, **Mikaeel Lafontant**, **Amaryllis Molina**, **Jerry Fleming, Jr.**, **Serenity Booker**, **Christopher Ruiz**, **Dontre Mosley**, and **Matthew Gardiner**;
Not Pictured: **James Wood**

Welcome New Staff!



Pictured (left to right): **Anthony Cruz** (Safety and Security Advisor), **Meghan Morrow** (Assistant Cook), **Kelsie Chapman** (Residential Advisor), **Tyshonna Chase** (QLRE Food Service Assistant), **Maryjo Blair** (Food Service Assistant), and **Angeline Pacheco** (Residential Advisor).

Achievements



CPP



of the Week!

Nate Henson is from Hyannis, MA. Having already achieved his high school diploma and driver's license, his goals include achieving his Electrical Wiring Certification and moving on to advanced training, possibly in solar panel.



With his intellect, maturity, strong work ethic, and will to succeed, Nate should be able to achieve his career plan of becoming a Master Electrician and perhaps owning an electrical services company. He has proven to be an extremely competent and outstanding professional performer who is a great asset to the center. We welcome Nate and wish him the best of luck now and in the future!

CTT COMPLETERS

CULINARY ARTS

Ryan Bond
Remi McMillan
Domonique Perry
Tiffany White

ELECTRICAL WIRING

Pontso Paynter

CERTIFICATIONS

MANAGING AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR

Kendell Calhoun
Jackie Campos
Ronza Gross
Patrice Howard
Christian Lani
Anne Murray
Whisper Olson
Matthew Pellegrino
Ashley Schachter

CUSTOMER SERVICE CERTIFICATIONS

Bishop Bennett
Tahira Cox
Jeanine Nyiranetza
Gadriel Ortiz
Mentajia Womack
Danasia Yarbrough

3.0 & Above Club

LITERACY

Ashley Alvarez – 1.3 gain
Gita Bhattarai – 2.7 overall gain
Karrian Cameron – 0.2 gain
Kevon Campbell – 2.5 overall gain
Rico Gonzalez – 2.1 gain
Tyseph Hodges-Austin – 4.1 gain
Steven Jean Gilles – 0.6 gain
Amos Kinyanjui – 2.1 overall gain
Marshall McLaughlin – 3.9 gain
Mercedes Merced – 0.6 gain
Raynel Ramirez-Garcia – 5.2 overall gain
Antoyne Selman – 2.4 gain
Devon Van-Dyke – 5.3 gain, Achieved his **12.9!**

NUMERACY

Gabrielle Bayer – 5.2 gain (completed Math!)
Jean Berrios-Marquez – 3.6 overall gain
Domonique Perry – 2.4 gain
Artkeyma Strickland Majors – 4.3 overall gain
Patricia Torres – 1.3 gain

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CORPORATE: Internal Auditor, Director of Procurement, Property Manager, Accounting Analyst

Atterbury: Dorm Supervisor, Career Development Supervisor, Career Transition Manager

Cascades: IT Pathways Manager, Center Shift Manager, Wellness Services Manager, Safety/Security Manager

Delaware Valley: Center Shift Manager

Exeter: Education & Training Manager

Glenmont: OA Manager

Grafton: none

Joliet: Maintenance Supervisor, BCL/CTR Manager

Keystone: Food Services Assistant Manager

Kittrell: Dorm Supervisor, CTT Manager, Center Shift Manager

New Hampshire: Counseling/ CPP Manager

Sacramento: Center Shift Manager, HR/Admin Manager, Dorm Supervisor, Wellness Manager

St. Louis: Social Development Director

Treasure Island: Academic Manager

Woodland: Recreation Supervisor

Woodstock: none

Additional Grafton Vacancies:

LPN (part-time), Recreation Specialist (part-time), Residential Advisors, Residential Coordinator

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Hassan Honors NH Grads

National Neighbors

Glenmont WBL Takes the Fast Track

GRANITE STATE GATHERS GREAT GRADUATION GUESTS



Center Director Tamer Koheil reports that New Hampshire's second graduation was a star-studded affair, with more than 500 guests, including U.S. Senator Maggie Hassan. Sen. Hassan joined Manchester Mayor Ted Gatsas and New Hampshire Employment Security Commissioner George Copadis to honor the Center's 50 graduates in attendance. "The graduates of the New Hampshire Job Corps Center are an integral part of our state's future

success and represent the type of workforce we must continue building to boost our economy and our state," Senator Hassan said. Mr. Copadis distributed business cards to the graduates, while Mayor Gatsas handed them proclamations of congratulations from Manchester. Nice work, New Hampshire!

CENTERS CULTIVATE COMMUNITY COOPERATION



Insiders report that *Adams Family* Centers were securing the scene in this year's National Night Out celebrations. This event strives to strengthen the relationship between communities and their local law enforcement. Woodstock and Kittrell participated in their first National Night Out events, with Woodstock Security students helping Randallstown, while Kittrell assisted the Henderson Police

Department and Vance County Sheriff's Department. St. Louis had its Carpentry students setting up the event and Culinary Arts students serving food. The Treasure Island Development Authority asked for Treasure Island Security volunteers, continuing an annual tradition. Grafton's National Night Out efforts were enough to earn a shout out from the [Worcester County District Attorney's Office](#) and [Grafton Police Department](#).

SECURITY STUDENTS HIT THE HOMESTRETCH



BCL Ann Morin reports that Glenmont is off to the races with a new summer employment opportunity at the Saratoga Race Track. Students Albert Hinds, Jordine Chung, Kristi Fudge and Branden McMillian will earn \$13 an hour for a 6-hour day, providing security for the track, which draws more than 1 million visitors throughout the year. Each of these students has recently obtained their Security Guard license and is eager to put their skills to the test at the track. Great going, Glenmont!