

Rappahannock Goodwill Industries Youth Success Story – George Washington

Brandon is a recent high school graduate with disabilities and minimal work experience. Brandon expressed a strong desire to obtain credentials and a career in the healthcare industry. Brandon has a family member who serves as his mentor who also works in the healthcare industry.

The Case Manager provided support throughout Brandon's training. She served as a "patient" for Brandon to demonstrate the proper techniques for blood draw. Brandon was very professional, introducing himself, asking for identifying information from the "patient", preparing the supplies, and finding the vein. The Case Manager also provided support to Brandon while he was studying for his exam.

The training provider reported that Brandon took advantage of extra study time after class with a fellow student. In two short months, Brandon completed the Leadership, Financial Literacy, and Phlebotomy and IV Therapy training, and then passed his exam.

Brandon is now practicing these skills in an externship at a local primary care facility. Brandon is scheduled to begin the Certified Medical Assistant training on 8/1/23 prior to pursuing employment in healthcare. Brandon is well on his way to achieving his goal of a successful career in the healthcare industry.

Rappahannock Community College Youth Success Story – Northern Neck

Program participants Ashton, Emily and Erika took part in the Summer Career Adventure Program on 3D printing held at Rappahannock Community College. During the weeklong activity the participants learned valuable skills in not only the technology of 3D printers and printing, by building their own 3D printers, but they also learned about entrepreneurship. Ashton is hopeful to continue her work by applying the skills she learned during the camp to help her sell her artwork and 3D creations. Each participant took home the printers they built, along with enough materials to continue practicing what they learned in the hands-on classes.

Rappahannock Community College Youth Success Story – Middle Peninsula

Program participant Deja, has been chipping away at a certification in CompTIA A+ for the past several months, and will be sitting for her certification test by the end of August. Deja was an inaugural participant in the first Summer Career Adventure Program that focused on Cybersecurity, and she has been working hard to gain industry recognized credentials and experiences in order to begin a career in the field.

Eastern Shore Community College Youth Success Stories – Eastern Shore

Ja'la is an out of school youth who recently completed training and earned her Certified Nursing Assistant certification. Ja'la had a hard upbringing. She lived in a home with a family who had other children. Knowing that she did not want to stay in her situation, Ja'la, with the assistance of her case worker enrolled in the certified nursing assistant program at Eastern Shore Community

College. Ja'la excelled and made it through the course with exceptional grades. Ja'la participated in graduation and went on to pass the state board licensure examination. She is now working full-time as a fully credentialed Certified Nursing Assistant. Her dream came true and she is looking ahead to achieve more goals. Her dreams are big and we are very proud to have been a part of this stage of professional career development.