

## **Berkshire Workforce Board Honors Area Businesses and Elects FY2023 Officers**

*Lenco Armored Vehicles, Berkshire Health Systems, and Lenox High School intern recognized*

**June 9, 2022, Pittsfield:** The MassHire Berkshire Workforce Board held its annual meeting on June 9, 2022 virtually via zoom. As a state certified High Performing Workforce Board, the BWB highlighted several accomplishments including career readiness programming; training in manufacturing, healthcare & hospitality; employer assistance, rapid reengagement activities, and more collaborative efforts in meeting the demand for more highly skilled workers.

**FY22 Highlights** - During FY2022 the BWB leveraged over \$3.5 million which assisted 800 employers, 2800 job seekers, and 2500 youth with their workforce needs. The Board convened the Berkshire Skills Cabinet, ignited the Market Maker initiative, and implemented training in healthcare, manufacturing and hospitality as part of its Berkshire Workforce Blueprint. More than 120 organizations received labor market data from the Board which helped to generate \$1.6M in new resources. This investment of public funds is a critical piece of the economic and workforce development strategy of Berkshire County.

**FY2022 Workforce Impact Awards** presented to:

- 2022 Workforce Ambassador – **John Lipa** Linden Consulting & General Dynamics retiree – for his 30-year commitment and leadership on the Board, at the state level and strong civic engagement in the community.
- 2022 Youth Ambassador – **Teagan Far**, intern at Berkshire Workforce Board from Lenox High School – for generating labor market reports and igniting a marketing campaign where she developed flyers, banners and career trees.
- 2022 Employer of the Year – **Susan St. John from Berkshire Health Systems** – for her 35+ years teaching, guiding and advocating for students and trainees through their healthcare career ladders.
- 2022 Employer of the Year – **Lenco Armored Vehicles** - for being strong supporters of our manufacturing initiatives including providing company tours, work-based learning experiences for students, and for providing opportunities to help get people back to work.

In other business, the Board of Directors elected the FY2023 officers which include:

President:	<b>Eva Sheridan</b>	Jane Iredale
Vice President:	<b>Michael Taylor</b>	City of Pittsfield
Vice President:	<b>Albert Ingegneri, III</b>	BHCS - Salisbury Estates
Youth Council Co-chair:	<b>Doug McNally</b>	Frosthollow Associates
Youth Council Co-chair:	<b>Bryan House</b>	District Attorney Office
Treasurer:	<b>James Brosnan</b>	McCannTechnical School
Asst. Treasurer:	<b>Beth Petropulos</b>	MountainOne
Secretary:	<b>Chelsea Tyer</b>	Neenah Paper
At-Large:	<b>David Moresi</b>	Moresi & Associates

The Board voted on the Workforce Business Plan for FY2023 which can be found on its website [www.MassHireBerkshire.com](http://www.MassHireBerkshire.com). The Berkshire Workforce Board is a high performing workforce board that creates and sustains powerful connections between businesses, education providers and jobseekers. The Board addresses critical labor market issues and serves the oversight and policy-making body for federally funded employment and training services in the region.

Berkshire Workforce Board retiring member John Lipa (after 30 years)



Berkshire Workforce Board retiring member  
Jerry Burke from Hillcrest Educational Centers



Berkshire Workforce Board Intern from Lenox High School – Teagan Far  
2022 Youth Ambassador (pictured with BWB Youth Program Specialist Kat Toomey on right)



2022 Employer of the Year – Susan St. John from Berkshire Health Systems (in the middle with her students)



2022 Employer of the Year – Lenco Armored Vehicles

