# Adult Education Monthly Newsletter

August 2026

## Program Spotlight
## HVAC

Welcome to our first official Program Spotlight!! This month will feature our brand new adult program: HVAC.

I briefly spoke about this program in last month's newsletter, but I wanted to feature it, and all of the hardwork that's been put into it by staff and students!

The HVAC program teaches students the core technical skills needed to prepare for entry level technician jobs. As well as hands-on instruction on equipment repair!

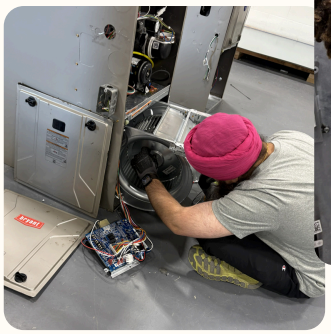
Through a grant with Atlantic City Electric and the support of the Cumberland/Salem/Cape May Workforce Development Board, 12 students are able to gain the training necessary to enter the HVAC field. Our HVAC instructor, Nick Roman, chose to dedicate his time this summer to teaching these students. Thank you so much, Nick!!

This program aligns with the U.S. Department of Labor-Approved Registered Apprenticeship Programs. Up to 144 hours of Related Instruction (RI) may be credited for students looking to apply!











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If you like trivia...
I do a Trivia Tuesday every week!

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# HOSTING: SIEMENS!

Last month, from July 13th to July 24th, we were thrilled to welcome Siemens, a global leader in engineering and robotics, to use our very own Salem County Vocational Technical School campus! Headquartered in Germany, Siemens chose our campus to host their Siemens Mechatronic Systems Certification Program (SMSCP).

During this two-week class, their team utilized the campus' mechatronics lab to teach technical knowledge and instructional strategies to participants in order for them to deliver SMSCP at their own institutions.

Emily Howarth, who is a U.S. Program Manager for Siemens, was the instructor for this program. A group of us stopped by the first week to meet her and the participants in the training program.




This group included:

- Edward Ramsey, Salem County Commissioner, Liaison to: Tourism, Cultural & Heritage, and Economic Development; Public Works
- Paul Collier, Salem County Commissioner, Liaison to Health and Human Services
- Sean Sepsey, Director of Economic Development for Salem County
- Jake Buganski, Director of Cultural Affairs and Tourism Information Services of Salem County
- Jack Swain, Superintendent/President of NJ Council of Vocational Schools
- Jason Helder, Principal of SCVTS
- Maria Alleva, Director of Adult Post-Secondary and ABE/HSE/ESL Programs
- And yours truly, Amy Payne, Secretary for the SCVTS Adult Education Department

Thank you to Emily and Siemens for this extraordinary opportunity for SCVTS and Salem County!

To read more about this program, click here!










# Student Spotlights

## Adrian Lafferty

MA Instructor, Francis Walsh: "Adrian had the determination and drive to be committed and make a huge change in his future. Working two jobs and taking on full time classes is no easy task. With some positive reinforcement and encouragement his perseverance paid off! He is a true success story and should be proud of the achievements he has made!"





## Jamal Stevenson

HVAC Instructor, Nick Roman: "Jamal has picked up the basics of HVAC quickly and does a great job. He's a fast learner, manages his time well, and stays on task to get his work done. He comes class ready to work, follows directions, and continues to improve his skills everyday. I believe he has a lot of potential to be successful in the HVAC field."

## A special note...

Congratulations to all of the adult welding students who passed the WTTI Test!!

- **Zachary Brooks**
- **Matthew Bryan**
- **Zoe Bunch**
- **Julianna Ferrell**
- **William Kelley**
- **Chris Moreno**
- **Jeremy Siska**
- **Robert Spinner**
- **Evangelene Tenneson**
- **Cassius Warner**
- **Haluk Yilmaz**

## UPCOMING PROGRAM START DATES*

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| Dec. 7 | CNA<br>Certified Nursing Assistant |
| Jan. 27 | CNA (Evening)<br>Certified Nursing Assistant |
| Sept. 15 | MA/PHL<br>Medical Assistant/Phlebotomy |
| Aug. 19 | CHHHA<br>Certified Homemaker-Home Health Aide |
| Sept. 15 | Welding<br>Basic, Level 1, and Level 2 |
| Sept. 23 | Industrial Technician |
| Oct. 13 | Automotive Technology |

*Be on the look out for other fall program details soon!

## Meet the team!

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