





# WIOA "New" Element Enrollment (FY18)

Labor Market: 77 Financial Literacy: Work Experience: 39 Postsecondary Prep: 28 Educ. & Workforce Prep: 37

#### **Celebrate Cake Day**



A creative event by Linda and Michelle at WCAC to encourage socialization. Students baked desserts and the winner received prizes donated by Dress for Success.



Dorothy



(L to R) Joyeuse (QCC) and (WIOA student)

### **Be Your Best You II**

In an effort to continually increase post-secondary education opportunities by providing resources in advance to Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act students the CMWIB, in collaboration with Quinsigamond Community College (QCC), held the 2<sup>nd</sup> "Be Your Best You" event on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Nineteen WIOA students interested in post-secondary education attended to learn about the college process and hear from two former WIOA student speakers; Maggie and Victor. Maggie obtained her High School Equivalency Diploma from WCAC and with staff support enrolled in QCC's Business and Journalism program. Victor obtained his CNA and HHA certificates from the Fieldstone School and with staff assistance enrolled and graduated from UMass, Amherst with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology. He plans to enroll in graduate school to become a doctor.

We are proud of all our students for their efforts to move forward under difficult circumstances and equally proud of staff who assist them. Special thanks to QCC staff Dawn Kiritsis, Joyeuse Uwamahoro, Theresa Vecchio and Rebecca Brownstein

# **Advanced Training to College**

Dorothy Osei obtained her CNA at the Fieldstone School and is now enrolled in the RN program at Quinsigamond Community College. "As I continue my education to become a Registered Nurse, I will always hold dear to my heart where, when and how my journey began."

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#### **Congratulations**, Lucy!



Lucy Julu attended the WIOA Fieldstone School's CNA program several years ago. We are proud to report that Lucy continued her education and obtained her BSN/RN degree and is now working full time. We wish her the very best!

#### **Community Service Bracelet Project**



WIOA WCAC students made bracelets from broken necklaces provided by Dress for Success. Students donated them to local women's shelters for Mother's Day.



**Emily Fresolo** 



Clair Trudeau

### **Successful Career Pathway Exploration**

After completing the 11<sup>th</sup> grade, Clair Trudeau left school for various reasons and decided to enroll in the WIOA WCAC HISET Career Pathway Program where she obtained her HiSED in January, 2018.

"My views about education and career planning have changed since I enrolled in this program. It helped me decide what I want to do in the future. I am going to study to get a Certified Medical Administrative Assistant Certification, and I plan on getting a full-time job in healthcare and attend college in the Fall to become a Nurse Practitioner or a Pharmacist."

## HiSED's Gateway to College

Emily Fresolo attended the WIOA You Inc.'s HiSET and career exploration program in Whitinsville. She obtained her high school equivalency diploma (HiSED) and is attending QCC. She plans to enroll in a bachelor's program to explore a degree in Zoology.

"For the first time I made the honor roll. It feels good to succeed. The HiSET program opened my eyes, and I think about school differently. If it wasn't for this program I would not be here."

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