



Former Graduates of the GED to College Success Program

District 1199C Training & Upgrading Fund Alumni Newsletter for Youth

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Welcome to the Alumni Newsletter

Get ready for monthly newsletters filled with great information to help you on your journey.

Happy New Year! In 2015, the Training Fund will be offering a variety of relevant workshops, activities, and special events geared towards YOUR NEEDS AND INTERESTS. That being said, we want to introduce you to this alumni newsletter where you can stay in the loop about what is happening here at the Training Fund. Every three months we feature one alumnus, so come by or call us to share your story of what you are doing now. We heard you loud and clear that you want to stay connected; this newsletter will do just that.



She is ready for her future

Daily Quote

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of the future. -

Eleanor Roosevelt

Find out about upcoming Workshops



Positive Change? An Alumni's story

Georgian Blake

When talking about perseverance and determination, Georgian Blake is often the name that is mentioned. She was a model student from the very start. She started her journey by successfully completing the Youth Nurse Aide Training Program with academic excellence, clinical excellence and perfect attendance. Not only was she committed to her advancement; she also was willing to help her fellow classmates grow personally, academically, and professionally.

Shortly after, she secured employment as a Nurse Aide and matriculated into classes with the College & Career Readiness department to get her GED. Not only did she obtain her GED but she scored exceptionally high.

Her next stop was to Community College of Philadelphia where she just graduated & fulfilled her dreams of becoming a Registered Nurse.



What are you Listening to?

Here is a list of some of the songs the alumni students were caught listening to this month:

#1 Hold You Down by Chris Brown

#2 Come Thru by Drake

#3 Happy by Pharrell

#4 Feeling Good by Nina Simone

#5 The Climb by Miley Cyrus

Mrs. Sarah (GED to College Coordinator) recommends checking out Black Star by Talib Kweli and Mos Def



Talking to a college representative

College Tips

The time has come to fill out your FAFSA (**Free Application for Federal Student Aid**). If you need help filling out the FAFSA, please **contact Sarah Robbins** at ext. 5107 where she can connect you with a FAFSA specialist. If you have left school and have not started paying back your loans please come to the Training Fund to speak with one of the Youth Coordinators who can assist you with your next steps. Remember the earlier you fill it out your FAFSA the more MONEY you can get. After you fill out the FAFSA, be on the look out for your Student Aid Report (SAR) and award letter.

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She is the truest example of how the Training Fund can assist in every phase of making your dreams a reality. We provide support from education to training, to meaningful employment.

You go girl, we are so proud of you

What's Happening at the Training Fund This Month

Come out to any one of our events this month! There are plenty of ways to benefit from all the resources the Training Fund has to offer.

February 21st- Penn State Annual FAFSA Completion Workshop -See page 4 for more details.

February 26th- Open Mic Thursday at 6:00-8:30 p.m.-Call Mrs. Nia for details at x.5513

February 26th- Black History Program 12:30-2:30 at the Training Fund

February 27th- Getting a Job Workshop- See page 4 for more details.

February 28th-Letters to Trayvon Martin- See page 4 for more details.

March 27th -Alumni workshop about trade programs in healthcare- See page 4 for more details.

Come by and share with our new students. They can learn so much from your experience.



Are you Ready to Work?

Here are a few tips to help you find a job.

- 1. Create a list** of places where you can find employment. Use a variety of sources to find full or part-time employment. Options include:
 - Career Centers
 - Job websites
 - Recommendations by networking contacts
 - Employment Agencies
- 2. Gather Your Information.** Most employers are going to ask you to fill out a job application either online or onsite. Fill out a general application on your own. Remember to have someone proof read it. Keep that application on you as a guide when you start to fill out applications.
- 3. Apply in Person.** Applying in person is often the best way to land a job. Often businesses will have a place for you to apply onsite. Be **READY** with a strong pitch and be dressed for an interview, you never know what can happen.

Workshop for the Month of February and March: **JOBS, MONEY AND FUN**

Get Help Filling Out Your Financial Aid

Application with an Expert: Penn State Annual FAFSA Completion Workshop

When: February 21, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Where: Training Funds auditorium

Speak to a Job Specialist: Christine Covington-Hoess, the Training Fund's new job developer (a person who helps you to find employment) will be hosting a workshop on finding employment.

When: Friday, February 27, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Where: Training Funds auditorium

Letters to Trayvon Martin: A celebration of black males and boys

When: February 28, 2015 at 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Where: Arcadia University- We will be leaving the Training Fund at 5:00 p.m. in the front of the building.

Trades, Trades, and Trades- Come learn about trades that are in the healthcare and hospitality industry that pay well and are rewarding. This workshop will offer a number of trades that provide short-term training programs, where you can enter the workforce quickly.

When: March 27, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Where: Trainings Fund auditorium

Please call Mrs. Nia Dixon to RSVP for any of the above events. 215-568-2220 x5513

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For more help with
employment, come by and
speak to one of the
coordinators.

Computer Lab Times

Lab times open for alumni students:
Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

