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## **NJ PLACE PROGRAM UPDATE SUMMER 2010**

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### **NEW APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM PARTNERS**

NJ PLACE is proud to welcome two new registered apprenticeship program partners into our family -- the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, District 15 and Corporation for Re-Employment and Safety Training (IAM CREST) and American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) District 1199J's NJ Health Care Employers Training and Development Fund.

### **IAM CREST**

IAM CREST offers a four-year automotive technician apprenticeship program in collaboration with auto dealers which provide on-the-job learning and Union County College which provides the related classroom instruction at its Scotch Plains facility. IAM CREST recruits its apprentices primarily through its Youth Transition to Work (YTTW) program. With NJ PLACE's facilitation, IAM CREST and Union County College signed an articulation agreement recognizing all 36 credits for the UCC-provided courses which comprise the apprenticeship's related classroom instruction, as well as 9 credits for the apprentice's on-the-job learning. Qualified apprentices simply need to complete the 21 credits in general education along with their apprenticeship program to receive an AAS in Automotive Technology.

IAM CREST also offers a diesel technician apprenticeship program in collaboration with trucking companies and Hudson County School of Technology. We look forward to having this program evaluated for college credit and facilitating articulation agreements with our state's community colleges in the near future.

### **NJ HEALTH CARE EMPLOYERS**

AFSCME District 1199J's NJ Health Care Employers Training and Development Fund collaborates with hospitals and healthcare facilities in North Jersey on a certified nursing assistant (CNA) apprenticeship program. Similar to IAM CREST, the Fund recruits its apprentices through its YTTW program, concentrating on youth in Hudson, Essex, and Union counties. Through YTTW, the Fund provides pre-apprenticeship training during the students' senior year of high school. In the summer, students receive foundation skill training to prepare them for college-level work, as well as 90 hours of CNA training at Essex County College. NJ PLACE has already facilitated discussions between the Fund and ECC regarding this training, and we're looking forward to having the full apprenticeship program evaluated for college credit and incorporated into NJ PLACE in the near future.

## **NJ PLACE Featured in ACE on-line publication**

The American Council on Education has just published a [feature article on NJ PLACE](#) in their on-line publication Center Point. The article showcases one of our recent program graduates, Carpenter Donte Boyer, as well as quotes from Dr. Sue Schurman (Faculty Director for NJ PLACE), Dr. Peter Contini (President of Salem Community College), Peter Ielmini (Chairman of the NJ Building Trades Apprenticeship Directors Committee), and Jeanine Nagrod (Executive Director of NJ PLACE). Thanks to everyone who contributed to this article and helped to highlight our program to a national audience.

## **NJ PLACE COLLEGE GRADUATES**

Congratulations to the following NJ PLACE participants who graduated with associate degrees from our community colleges this year:

### **Winter graduates:**

Marc, Skobbeko, Electrician, Ocean County College  
Bill Dargen, Carpenter, Mercer County Community College

### **Spring graduates:**

Donte Boyer, Carpenter, Mercer County Community College  
Alan Wolenter, Jr., Carpenter, Middlesex County College

They join our first program graduate on record, Thomas Peregman of the UA, who earned his associate degree from Ocean County College in May 2009.



**Donte Boyer**

Special recognition goes to Donte Boyer, who made NJ PLACE history by becoming the first program graduate to take advantage of our new Bachelor degree pathway at Rutgers' School of Management and Labor Relations. We wish Donte great success as he begins his studies at Rutgers SMLR this fall, and look forward to the day he earns his BS in Labor and Employment Relations. You can read more about Donte's experience in [ACE's article about NJ PLACE](#).

If you have information on an NJ PLACE graduate who isn't listed here, please contact us at [njplace@work.rutgers.edu](mailto:njplace@work.rutgers.edu) so we can update our records and share the good news.

*New Jersey Pathways Leading Apprentices to a College Education (NJ PLACE)* is a statewide initiative helping people apply their apprenticeship education from participating programs toward a college degree at any of New Jersey's nineteen community colleges. Unlike traditional philosophy, NJ PLACE does not promote apprenticeship as an *alternative* to a college education, but as an exciting and promising *pathway* to a college degree!

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