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TERC Newsflash

Seneca Nation of Indians Seneca Nation 477 Program Recognized By Nancy Toth Director, Allegany Territory

The Seneca Nation 477 Program, one of two primary grant funded programs with the Training & Employment Resource Center was a recipient of a program award this past fiscal year. Nominated by Jeffrey Barwick, BIA Workforce Specialist for our program, wrote "there are many reasons why the Seneca Nation and their P.L. 102-477 program and staff at various locations deserve this award. They are located away from metropolitan areas and have developed their facilities and a training center at both territories for the participants served." Mr. Barwick was on-site in 2019 and toured the projects accomplished by the Seneca Training Center's Construction Technology Program, basic and advanced trainees. Jim Ray, Project Mgr/Instructor, facilitated much of the renovation projects. Most notable, the renovation of the old SN Court House (Allegany); and the repurposing and renovation of 8 trailer units transformed into the Cattaraugus TERC which allowed the programs to be under one roof. The results led Mr. Barwick to nominate the Seneca Nation for this annual award, one of five grantees nationwide to be honored. The award was announced at the Annual NINATEC conference last Sept. 2021. Lori Stafford was also recognized for her 26 years of dedicated service to the 477 Program! Congratulations Lori!

Allegany 477 Program Staff

Nancy Toth, Director Patti Brisley, Youth Services Coordinator Pamela Bowen, Employment Counselor Tari Squires, HSED Instructor

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Training & Employment Resource Center would like to congratulate Matthew John on achieving his goal of obtaining New York State **Commercial Drivers License**. Mathews dedication & perseverance helped him become the first enrolled member to complete North **Collins Drivers License School and** obtain his CDL-A.

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CDL Training

NYS CHANGES TESTING SERVICE FOR HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY

New York State has recently changed the testing service for obtaining the High School Equivalency Diploma (HSED). The new testing service has been known to be less stringent and typically has had more success for individuals obtaining their diploma. You might ask, "Why do I need a High School Equivalency credential? 1.) Most employers require you to have a HSED before being hired. 2.) It can lead to increased earnings over those that do not have a diploma which can provide financial security for your family. 3.) It can provide self-satisfaction; you feel so much better when you have obtained your diploma. 4.) It opens the door to advanced training and/or higher education just to name a few.

Did you know these famous people were GED recipients: Peter Jennings, ABC News Anchor, Dave Thomas, Wendy's Restaurant founder, Chris Rock, Comedian, Jim Carrey, Comic Actor, Waylon Jennings, Singer and guitarist, Michael J. Fox, Actor and Activist, and Ben Nighthorse Campbell, former US Senator from Colorado, Jessica Simpson, entertainer and Paris Hilton, socialite?

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