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Potomac Trainees Visit Local Airport During Women of Aviation Week for "FLY IT FORWARD"



Janay Morant preparing for her 1st flight during the event



Janay Morant and Kelsey Paul pose in front of one of the aircrafts on display



Student Kelsey Paul in the pilot's seat of a US Air Force helicopter

Fly it Forward is an event sponsored by Women of Aviation Week, that aims to introduce as many women to aviation as possible during the week that the first ever female pilot, Raymond de Larouche,

received her pilot's certificate in 1910.

Janay Morant was able to take flight during the Fly it Forward event on March 10, 2012 at the Frederick, MD Municipal Airport. She is pictured

giving the thumbs up before a Cessna aircraft takes off for her first small aircraft flight. In 2011, the event provided free rides for 185 women who had not experienced general aviation aircraft.

IAM Visits TCU/IAM's Advanced Training Program at Gary Job Corps Center

The TCU/IAM Gary Job Corps Program was recently honored with a visit by TCU/IAM National Vice Presidents David Steele, Arthur Maratea and General President of the TCU/IAM Carmen Division, Richard Johnson. Special guests were IAM General Vice President Robert Martinez, Jr.,



IAM Grand Lodge Representative Ramon Garcia, TCU/IAM National Vice President David Steele, TCU/IAM National Vice President & Carmen Division National President Rich Johnson, TCU/IAM Training Services Department Senior Executive Director Diane Dettmann, Gary TCU/IAM LFER Wesley Fleming, IAM General Vice President Robert Martinez, Jr.



Carman/Machinist students Yonik Joseph and D'John Thomas doing a hands-on demonstration

and Grand Lodge Representative Ramon Garcia. Our visitors learned about our Carmen and machinists training through a tour of our facility as well as the Gary Center machinist vocation. Also viewed was a

replica rail track recently laid at the Center to preclude the arrival of an actual rail car to enhance hands-on learning. In the welding bay, a hands-on demonstration was observed as students showed safety procedures in assembling a train coupler. We are most appreciative of the visit by GVP Martinez and GLR Garcia. We look forward to exciting new career opportunities for our graduates in the airline, aerospace, and machinist industry as a partner with the IAMAW. A special thank you to Center Director Lonnie Hall for an exceptional tour of Gary JCC conducted by him and his staff.

TRANSPORTATION PLACEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

HECTOR ESTRADA-DELGADO

Gary TCU/IAM
AMTRAK
Train Attendant
\$17.65/hr

JINGYI LI

Los Angeles TCU/IAM
Matrix Aviation Service
Reservation Agent
\$10.75/hr

SKYYLA FRAZIER

Potomac TCU/IAM
AMTRAK
Train Attendant
\$17.01/hr

XIAOWEI JU

San Jose TCU/IAM
AirServ
Cabin Service Agent
\$10.00/hr

MIKHALE MONTAQUE

Shriver TCU/IAM
AMTRAK
Ticket Agent
\$19.36/hr

TIMOTHY ADAMS

St Louis TCU/IAM
TTX
Railcar Repairer
\$15.07/hr

JESSICA WALLACE

Excelsior Springs TCU/IAM
Canadian Pacific Railroad
Clerk
\$24.81/hr

BRITTANY SMITH

Humphrey TCU/IAM
Compass Airlines
Flight Attendant
\$15.38/hr

ASHLEY ORELIEN

Atlanta TCU/IAM
Delta Airlines
Customer Service Representative
\$10.82/hr

82 Students Transferred into TCU/IAM this Quarter!

ATLANTA REGION

Homestead: 1
Jacksonville: 2
Lyndon B. Johnson: 1
Montgomery: 8
Schenck: 3

CHICAGO REGION

Cincinnati: 2
Cleveland: 1
Dayton: 1
Gerald R. Ford: 1
Joliet: 1
Mingo: 1

SAN FRANCISCO REGION

Curlew: 1
Inland Empire: 2
Sacramento: 3
San Diego: 3
Sierra Nevada: 1
Timber Lake: 1
Tongue Point: 3

BOSTON REGION

Delaware Valley: 3
Edison: 1
Exeter: 1
Glenmont: 1
Grafton: 1
Northlands: 1
Oneonta: 1
Westover: 4

DALLAS REGION

Cass: 1
Clearfield: 2
Little Rock: 1
Shreveport: 1

PHILADELPHIA REGION

Carl D. Perkins: 4
Earle C. Clements: 1
Flatwoods: 2
Frenchburg: 1
Harpers Ferry: 5
Muhlenberg: 2
Old Dominion: 1
Pine Knot: 1
Pittsburgh: 1
Red Rock: 1
Whitney M. Young: 3
Woodstock: 6

Excelsior Spring's Alumni Promoted to Trainmaster on Amtrak Acela

Jarett Brigham is a great example of another TCU/IAM student climbing the ladder of success. He began his career with Amtrak in September of 2006 as an On Board Service Attendant on the Auto Train making \$14.33/hr. Just over 2 years later in December of 2008, he was promoted to Assistant Conductor on the Auto Train and then promoted to Conductor just months later in June, 2009. In April, 2012 he was promoted again to an Instructor in the Operating Practices Department in Washington, DC. Just a month later he was promoted to Trainmaster for Amtrak in New Haven, CT making \$77,000 a year.

Jarett credits Job Corps for helping him succeed in his career, "The tools that you pick up there before becoming a part of working America prove to be invaluable." stated Brigham, "While I do celebrate my success, I have not forgot where I came from. I encourage all of the students in the Job Corps program to continue working hard and to never give up!"



Jarett Brigham, Memphis JCC transfer continues to rise

Humphrey Students Visit Minnesota Transportation Museum



HH TCU/IAM students, Kelvin Pierson, Juan Rios and Trenton Powell

Humphrey TCU/IAM students visited and volunteered at the new Work Based Learning site in May. A group of 4 students participated in a

crew training program where they learned the United States Operating Rules (USOR). They all passed the test and have completed the first phase of the brakeman training program!

A student that participates in this volunteer crew would obtain a deeper understanding of the following:

- Air brakes / Test
- Initial terminal test of train
- No cell phone rule
- Switches and switching
- Radio rules regarding pushing/pulling
- Fouling points
- Securing equipment e.g. setting handbrakes and placing chocks

San Jose Students Visit United Airlines

In April, San Jose TCU/IAM trainees had the opportunity to visit with United Airlines at the Mineta San Jose International Airport. United Airlines provided TCU/IAM a real-time, interactive tour of its daily operations. They boarded a 737 and sat in first class while employees told them what it's like during a typical day working with United.

While touring the different areas of operations, our students got a chance to observe overall daily duties for positions in which they study here at TCU/IAM, which include customer service, airline safety, and ramp agent. Our tour concluded with a word from United Station Manager Mr. Urban who provided resourceful career information

and advice for students seeking aviation careers in the future. It was an excellent overall experience and very informational for the students.

All of this was possible thanks to United Operations Supervisor, Juan Castellano, a former Potomac TCU/IAM graduate, that served as tour guide. Juan transferred to Potomac JCC from **Cassadaga JCC** in January 2004. He completed the TCU/IAM program that following November and began his airlines career at Air Wisconsin as a Gate Agent.



1st row from left to right: Mr. Juan Castellano, Ms. Erika Sarmiento, Malinda Ligow, Estela Estray, Sarah Portillo, Iren Guerrero, Graciela Sabalvaro, Ramona Lane, Beatrice Salgado, Yanessa Tinch, and Ms. Erin O'Malley-Minchell. 2nd row from left to right: Timote Tuivaiti, Beryl Wheaten, Ivan Alvarado, ZeJun Qu, Sonia Heer, Erica Garcia, and Corie Ferguson.



San Jose TCU/IAM student Ivan Alvarado sitting on United Airlines TUG



San Jose TCU/IAM students boarding the 737



United Airlines Representative giving demonstration of flight take-off procedures to students

Field Trips and Guest Speakers Encourage TCU/IAM Students

In May, former LA TCU/IAM graduates who are current Amtrak employees visited the Los Angeles program and talked to the students. Current students got to hear where these alumni are in their careers and learned tips on how to be more prepared for their interviews. The students also talked with Station Manager Rolando Corleto, who answered questions on Station operations and opportunities within Amtrak.

Amanda Arellano, a 2011 graduate and LAJCC student



Amanda Arellano- Crew Base Secretary, Amy Lo- Service Manager, Paul Dickinson- LFER, Lupe Valencia- Crew Base manager (alumni) and Rolando Corleto- Station Manager

was recently promoted to Secretary I for the Crew Base. Amy Lo, 1992 graduate and LAJCC student is now an OBS Service Manager. Lupe Valencia, 1988 Graduate/ LAJCC student is the Crew Base Manager for Amtrak in LA.

In May, Shriver TCU/IAM students visited the Southhampton Street Amtrak Yard in Boston, MA. They received a tour from the Assistant Superintendent, Roger Sampson and Superintendent, Chris Purcell. The students heard about Amtrak history. They toured the Carmen shop where they learned about the importance of safety and about the parts of the train. They also got to do a walk through of the Amtrak Acela train.



Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Roger Sampson leading tour of Shriver students

TCU/IAM trainee, Lillian Bachanas, said she “thought it was an important part of her training curriculum because it was great to view first-hand the opportunities within Amtrak and it was encouraging for a lot of students to know they made the right career choice”

Amtrak’s Assistant Superintendant Visits Atlanta TCU/IAM

In June, Amtrak Assistant Superintendent, Karen Shannon, visited the Atlanta TCU/IAM program. During her visit she spoke with the instructors as well as with the students regarding interviewing, placement, and future opportunities with AMTRAK.

She was very impressed with the students’ appearance and demeanor and also stated that she gained a better understanding of what our program is about through her visit and would encourage other AMTRAK personnel to visit our centers. Ms. Shannon met with the staff and gave key points regarding how to better prepare our students for the application and interview process with AMTRAK. She had an opportunity to look over a few curriculum items and offered some suggestions. She also provided Atlanta LFER Felicia Hill with a few websites to utilize for updated information such as Equipment Identification.

The key points she made during her speech with the students were:

- Be dressed and be on time
- Cleaning is a part of the JOB TA/SA
- Have students apply for jobs that are a good fit for them
- Have a desire to exceed customer expectations
- Do not come to interview with cookie cutter answers
- Be original
- Show your personality
- Use common sense
- You only have 5 minutes to sell yourself
- 30%-40% of the workforce is set to retire over the next 5 years
- Amtrak invests a lot in training and development of its employees



TCU/IAM trainees, Robin Cox, Junette Francis, Amtrak Assistant Superintendent- Karen Shannon, Swaine Roach, Angel Harris, and Yvette Dean