



# TCU/IAM Advanced Training

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## JOB CORPS WORKS! Current students tell their story...

### San Jose JCC & TCU/IAM Student

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*Malorie Soulier—  
current San Jose JCC student*

I grew up in a small farm town in Eastern Washington. I enrolled in **Tongue Point JCC** in March 2011, where I successfully completed Finance and Business while obtaining my high school diploma and GED. I have learned a lot from Job Corps through my experiences and training, and I have acquired self-confidence. Along with the life skills that I implement while in Job Corps, the office and computer skills will assist me in any career I set out for.

I started TCU/IAM in August 2012, and I am taking the Amtrak and Airlines modules. TCU/IAM is educating me in the transportation industry and has helped me learn to be proud of what I achieve. I am working towards getting a job as a customer service representative in Amtrak or Airlines. A great experience I had with TCU/IAM is working with Caltrain. I learned what it is like to work on a train, to be up early in the morning and late at night, and how to be responsible and punctual. Job Corps and TCU/IAM have taught me valuable skills and work ethics and lessons that will help me in whatever goals I set for myself in life.

If it wasn't for Job Corps, I wouldn't be who I am now—confident, responsible, and independent. I wouldn't have the great career opportunities available and probably wouldn't be ready for a career. Job Corps has and is continuing to help me find my true potential.

### JOB CORPS GETS RESULTS

**85% of Job Corps graduates are employed, enlisted in the military or enrolled in higher education within 6 months of graduation**

#### TRANSFORMING LIVES

- Financial literacy training
- Residential living and social development programs
- Counseling and mentoring

#### BUILDING SKILLS

- Industry-recognized certifications and credentials
- Leadership development

#### LAUNCHING CAREERS

- Internships with employers
- Real experience and hands-on training

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## TRANSPORTATION PLACEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

**JON MILLAR**  
Gary TCU/IAM  
Union Pacific  
Freight Car Repairer  
\$22.48/hr

**CYON PRIESTER**  
Los Angeles TCU/IAM  
Bombardier  
Rail Laborer  
\$17.92/hr

**CHRISTOPHER LOVE**  
Potomac TCU/IAM  
AMTRAK  
Customer Service  
Representative  
\$19.65/hr

**FIONA NACHBAR**  
San Jose TCU/IAM  
Skywest Airlines  
Ramp Agent  
\$12.35/hr

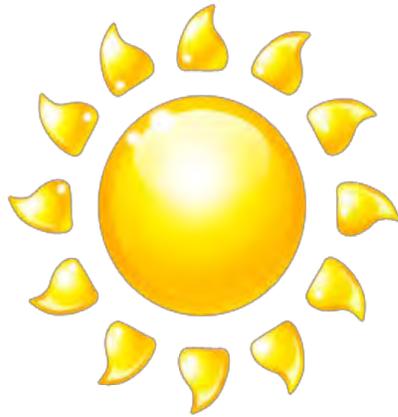
**LUIS ARIAS**  
Shriver TCU/IAM  
AMTRAK  
Coach Cleaner  
\$16.09/hr

**REGINALD SMYRE JR.**  
St Louis TCU/IAM  
Norfolk Southern  
Railcar Repairer  
\$13.63/hr

**ANDREW GANTT**  
Excelsior Springs TCU/IAM  
TTX  
Railcar Repairer  
\$10.00/hr

**KATY SIKORSKI**  
Humphrey TCU/IAM  
G2 Secure Staff  
Ticket Counter Agent  
\$10.83/hr

**DESHAYLA JENKINS**  
Atlanta TCU/IAM  
Airserv  
Passenger Agent  
\$7.75/hr



## Job Corps and TCU/IAM...

Bringing sunshine to  
the lives of thousands  
of students.

### Gary JCC & TCU/IAM Student

My name is Jaymi Phillips and I am a student in the TCU/IAM Program at the Gary JCC. Before coming to TCU/IAM, I completed Hotel Management and Office Administration trades at the **Red Rock JCC**. Before Job Corps, I was working and barely making ends meet. I was always getting in trouble with no direction in life. I decided I wanted to turn my life around.

Since I have been in Job Corps, I have matured a lot. I

have learned how my actions affect not only myself but those around me as well. I learned the best way to handle situations was not always with an iron fist or a sharp tongue. I have learned that being a leader means reacting to difficult situations in a professional manner. It is not always what you say that matters, but it is what you do.

Since I started TCU/IAM, I have witnessed several students attain life changing careers in the transportation



*Jaymi Phillips- current Gary  
JCC student*

industry. This motivates me to do my best at all times. It is my plan to use the skills Job Corps has given me to not only keep my job but help me advance into a career.

### Humphrey JCC & TCU/IAM Student



*Angelika Pace- current Humphrey  
JCC student*

I currently attend **Humphrey JCC** and this center is amazing. The staff is supportive, the students are respectful, and the vocational trade fits my learning style perfectly. I never thought I would be standing at the top of this mountain at this age. Job Corps has brought me to the realization that anything and everything is possible, just put your mind to it. Job Corps has changed my life for the better, and I am glad my mother told me about this program. I wouldn't be this far in life without the help of Job Corps providing me with an education and life experience. I hope to be an inspiration to many, especially to my younger siblings. But the overall skill I have acquired from Job Corps is to explore new dimensions of life through faith and perseverance.

## Los Angeles JCC & TCU/IAM Student



*Frederick Aguilar– current Los Angeles JCC student*

My name is Frederick W. Aguilar. I came to the **Los Angeles Job Corps Center** to change my life in many ways. Three of those reasons are my personality, my skill set, and my future. My personality was different before I came to the Los Angeles Job Corps Center, almost the complete opposite. I used to do nothing around the house and just freeloaded off of my sister and my mother.

I lacked so much discipline. My set of skills as far as being able to land a career needed plenty of work to polish them to what they have become today. My future was bleak; my existence felt unimportant. In the end, I felt that coming to Job Corps was the best choice I have taken in my life.

With the skills, discipline, and motivation I learned while being a part

of the Los Angeles Job Corps team of cared-for students, I feel much more confident about who I am, what I can do, and where my possibilities can take me. As of now, they are endless. Music, film, office clerks, construction, teaching, and mentoring are just some careers that are open to me. It is because of Job Corps that I can become someone great in life and for my future family.

## Excelsior Springs JCC & TCU/IAM Student



*Carl Grace– current Excelsior Springs JCC student*

I am currently a student in the TCU/IAM program at Excelsior Springs JCC. I transferred from the **Earle C. Clements JCC** where I trained for a year in their welding program. It is during this time, that I became exceptionally skilled in the welding process of SMAW, MIG, Self Shield, and I received my OSHA 10 certification. Also while training, my respectable instructors saw fit to elect me as the Shop Foreman.

I owe a great deal to Earle C. Clements and their trustworthy staff. Without them, I would not have been ready for the challenges the TCU/IAM program presents. Currently I'm receiving Railway Educational Bureau Training, Railroad Safety, and Blue Flag Safety and resumé building. I chose to advance my training in order to earn a career. TCU/IAM is providing me with all the necessary skills to accomplish all of my career goals and with their continued effort I believe they shall continue to make every American citizen's career goals come true.

## Atlanta JCC & TCU/IAM Student

I enrolled at **Atlanta JCC** on May 30, 2012. Before I entered the Job Corps program, I felt like I was at a standstill. I worked hard for long hours and made just enough money to be broke. Keeping up with my rent and bills and purchasing groceries and other necessities was becoming increasingly strenuous. My mind was at the breaking point. I had to find a better way to live my life. Since enrolling, I have accomplished more than I expected to accomplish on my own. I completed the Finance and Business trade and received certifications in Microsoft Office Word, Excel, and PowerPoint and I learned a plethora of skills that would benefit me in the work place. If it was not for Job Corps, I would not have been able to realize how these skills are necessary in becoming successful in my chosen career.

Since entering in TCU/IAM, I have a more organized outlook on what I want to do and where I want to go after completion. It has given me a much needed confidence boost, and has me anxious to conquer the challenges that the world has in store for me! When I complete, I will be ready to begin the next chapter of my life with stability, knowledge, and high spirits. I would recommend this program to anyone looking for a second chance at success.



*Helen Collazo– current Atlanta JCC student*

## St. Louis JCC & TCU/IAM Student



*Hodaviah Mapuatuli– current  
St. Louis JCC student*

My enrollment in Job Corps at **St. Louis JCC** has been an experience filled with many achievements. I've obtained certifications in forklift, OSHA 10, and CPR. In addition to these credentials, I have been honored with multiple student of the month awards and a certificate of completion in the International Masonry Institute. With these previous accomplishments came the promising opportunity of the TCU/IAM program.

The TCU/IAM Advanced Training Program has many training opportunities in the field of transportation, and I highly encourage other young adults to pursue this training. I attend classes every day eager and motivated to inch a step closer to my career goals. The self-paced program provides me with experienced one-on-one instruction as well as team-based assignments which are helping me prepare for the position I am pursuing. TCU/IAM also offers assistance with placing me on interviews. I have personally witnessed ecstatic students obtain employment within the career fields they were pursuing and look forward to following in their footsteps to success. The TCU/IAM motto begins with "Our Cause is People". The TCU/IAM program is all about its students and their goals.

## Shriver JCC & TCU/IAM Student

I came to **Shriver JCC** in January 2013. I waited approximately 7½ months to get entry into the TCU/IAM program. Normally, many would lose their patience and eventually quit, but I didn't and I'm glad because I see nothing but opportunity.

Many young people my age don't have the chance to

get our foot in the door with jobs like the one I am pursuing thanks to the program. I hope to work for AMTRAK someday. I don't care what state the job may be in; I just want to work for AMTRAK as a locomotive engineer. I do know that first I have to start at the bottom and work my way up, maybe as a Coach Cleaner or Lead

Service Attendant, as long as the opportunity to climb the ladder exists.

I believe anyone is capable of anything as long as they put their mind to it. That's why I am grateful for the TCU/IAM program. I can chase after my dream for success, which might not have been available to me if I didn't stay in Job Corps.



*Gevonne McIntosh– current  
Shriver JCC student*

## Potomac JCC & TCU/IAM Student



*Kevin Carranza– current Potomac JCC  
student*

I enrolled in the HVAC program at **Potomac JCC** in February of 2012 after hearing good things through my brother who is also enrolled in Job Corps. When I started, I did not have a High School diploma or GED, but I earned it through Job Corps. I learned about the TCU/IAM Advanced Training Program and the transportation jobs at Amtrak other students were being hired in when graduating, and I wanted the same opportunity.

My goal is to complete the TCU/IAM program in about 6 months. I am focusing on my class work and haven't quite decided what industry I want to work in. Amtrak has better benefits; medical, dental, vacation time and more. The airline industry has good benefits too, and being from Honduras a big benefit would be having the opportunity to fly for free or for next to nothing. What I like about TCU/IAM is the education; it's solid, and you have the opportunity to get a better job.