



INTO THE WORLD OF WORK

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Changing Lives One Job At A Time

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We placed 177 people in new jobs and internships during 2018!

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CAREERS provides the tools and job opportunities for individuals with disabilities who want to succeed in the workplace.

Keeping up with the needs of our clients has always been our main goal and last year was no exception. **On Course for College** is our newest program to help high school graduates as they navigate the transition from high school to college. We assist them with the admission process and provide the tools they need for academic, and eventually job success. By helping them with health and financial aid forms, registration and course selection, we provide a positive start to their college career. We can also provide ongoing one-on-one social support and services tailored to the unique and changing needs of each student, including problem solving, coping skills and stress management.

We assist students by personalizing access to information including tutoring and other accommodations, to prevent the college experience from being overwhelming. Students establish and achieve academic goals and can look forward to enhanced relationships with peers and improved social and interpersonal skills, resulting in opportunities for meaningful long-term employment.



We expanded into Dutchess County at the request of the NY State Education Dept. (ACCES-VR) and are currently working with students at Dutchess Community College as part of our **On Course for College** program. We also provide job placement and on-the-job training for individuals with disabilities who want to work.

Our **School-to-Work Transition Program** has expanded and includes partnerships with school districts including Mt. Vernon, Mahopac, Mamaroneck, Dobbs Ferry, Lakeland, White Plains and Putnam Valley. Internships at local businesses help students learn the skills they need to find employment once they graduate.

Cindy (left) participated in our **Project Search Program** at Montefiore Medical Center, with rotating internships in food service, reception and medical administration. After graduation, we secured a job for her where we worked with her on a number of issues including travel training and anxiety. Having the chance to try a variety of jobs while still in high school helped Cindy gain the confidence she needed to succeed in the next chapter of her life.

Interested in our services? Contact **CAREERS Support Solutions**

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CAREERS Employment Specialist Maggie Smith presents to Curry's Gwenn Campbell.

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Karen Brown, Board President accepting her plaque from Lisa Bernardo, CAREERS client.



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CAREERS new Board Treasurer Alex Hart from Hart Vida & Partners and CAREERS client Jessica Ekkback from Tops Friendly Market.

Tonja Inlaw from New York Presbyterian with intern Robert Lovett and Kim Flynn.



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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2018 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AWARDS RECIPIENTS



Employee of the Year – Peter Marshall receives his plaque from his Employment Specialist, Allison Scorca.



Supervisor of the Year – Ellen Bloom (center) Director of Marketing at NY Presbyterian Hospital, receives her plaque from Employment Specialist Maggie Smith and intern Robert Lovett.



Employer of the Year – Scott Bennett receives the Employer of the Year Award on behalf of Turco's from Employment Specialist Tanya Morton.



Outstanding Workplace Support – Melissa Peluse of Stop & Shop with Employment Specialist Allegra Palevich and client and Stop & Shop employee Robin Scheer.



Outstanding Workplace Support – Employment Specialist Maggie Smith, Marion Grimes and Andrew Grimes congratulate Barbara Guenkel and Barbara Benzinberg of Stop & Shop.



Outstanding High School Transition Support Award – Nina Capitelli of Mt. Vernon High Schools receives her award from Program Coordinator Jen Retacco and Employment Specialist Damon Ragin.



Outstanding High School Transition Support Award – Gwen Canfield accepts a plaque on behalf of Debbie Gabrione (from ACCES-VR) from CAREERS client Tom Adimari and Program Coordinator Jen Retacco.



Outstanding Internship Support – Janet Cecere of S & H Uniform (right) with CAREERS Allison Scorca and one of her clients and S & H employee, Lyle Davidson.



Outstanding Parental Support – Debbie Arvonio receives her plaque from her son Chris and his Employment Specialist Karen Holubis.



Outstanding Advocate Award – Dr. Alyssa Brown (center) with her niece, Robin Scheer and CAREERS Allegra Palevich.

Personal Achievement Awards

- Nick DeTorres*
- JoAnn Gilleo*
- Lukas Guzman*
- Chris Hoch*
- Mariah Scarnatti*

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- Jackie Newburg*

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