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FOR YOUTH TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT  
YOUTH WORKFORCE CENTER (YWC)



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## ESSENCE JONES – BETHEL HIGH SCHOOL

Essence Jones is currently a senior at Bethel High School in Hampton, Virginia. Essence was referred to the WIA program by her School Counselor and has been a participant in the Youth Workforce Center for eight months.

Essence's first YWC activity was a summer enrichment activity held at the Youth Career Café, located in Patrick Henry Mall where she learned career readiness, interviewing techniques, and resume writing skills. After completing the summer program and armed with newly acquired job search skills, Essence was eager to find part-time employment. With the assistance of her case manager, she began completing applications and interviewing. Additionally, Essence realized she needed to become more self-sufficient and one way to do that was to get her driver's license so she could have transportation to and from work. Seeing Essence's commitment to improving her life, the WIA program funded Essence's "behind the wheel" training and Essence received her driver's license. Essence's eagerness to work landed her a work experience at the North Hampton Community Center in Hampton as a Junior Recreation Aide. Essence immediately began saving money for her ultimate goal – a car, which she now drives to work daily. Essence is currently doing well in school and is enjoying working with the school age children at the Community Center where she assists with homework, recreational activities, and classroom arrangements.

Essence says, "The WIA is an excellent program, it has helped me become more successful in life and helped me accomplish my short-term employment goal and my long-term career goal. My long-term career goal is to enlist in the Military (Army), attend college and major in Criminal Justice".

The YWC congratulates Essence on a job well done and we thank the staff at Bethel High School for their continued support of the Youth Workforce Center.



*Essence Jones*

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“One way to keep **m**omentum going is to constantly have greater goals.”

*Michael Korda*

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Ricardo Hamilton

## RICARDO HAMILTON - WOODSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

Ricardo is a senior at Woodside High School in Newport News, Virginia. Ricardo is interested in pursuing a career in the Building Trades. In preparation for this career choice, Ricardo is enrolled in a second-year Carpentry class at the Woodside Lane Campus of the New Horizons Regional Education Center.

Ricardo was recommended for the WIA Program by staff at Woodside High School because he was struggling with a math class which is needed to complete his graduation requirements. Since being a part of the WIA In-School Youth Program, Ricardo has been tutored at Woodside and has pulled up his math grades! To help him remain on track for graduation, math tutoring will continue as needed.

As a current participant in the WIA Program, Ricardo will be able to receive tutoring and other services as needed to support his successful completion of a June 2014 diploma. In addition to tutoring, Ricardo has opportunities to participate in Leadership Development Sessions sponsored by the WIA In-School Youth Program. The next Leadership Development Session Ricardo plans to attend will be held on February 22 and is entitled, "The Teenager's Roadmap to Success" being presented by Darryl Ross, a renowned motivational speaker.

When asked what is the greatest benefit of participating in the WIA In-School Youth Program? Ricardo responded, "The program has helped me improve my study skills and focus more on my weak areas of math and reading."

Stay focused and continue the good work Ricardo! The YWC congratulates Ricardo on a job well done and we thank the staff at Woodside Lane High School for their continued support of the Youth Workforce Center.

## MOTIVATION

Motivation is the desire to do things. It's the difference between just waking up and waking up with a purpose. It's the crucial element in setting and attaining goals. The good news is **you** have the power to influence your own level of motivation. So don't just "wake up," but figure out what you want, power through any obstacle and start being who you want to be today!

## UPCOMING ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

**February 22**

**April 7**

**May 3**

**June 18**

**June 28**

**Teenager's Roadmap to Success – Darryl Ross, Presenter**

**Norfolk State University College Tour**

**Life after High School – Bryant and Stratton Presenter**

**In and Out-of-School Awards Ceremony – NHREC-BF Campus**

**Budgeting/Personal Finance – Bryant and Stratton Presenter**

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