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NTRPDC update



SERVING BRADFORD, SULLIVAN, SUSQUEHANNA, TIOGA, AND WYOMING COUNTIES

Health Career Fairs Engage Students



Students explore careers in physical therapy with Memorial Hospital's Physical Therapy staff.

In Celebration of Health Careers Week in November 2009, two health career fairs were held in the Northern Tier to introduce students to the many opportunities in this industry.

Approximately 285 students

explored careers in Emergency Medical Services, Nursing, Direct Care, Medical Records, Occupational Therapy, Respiratory Therapy, Surgical Technology, Radiology, and more.

Many health care professionals were on hand to discuss their jobs. Participants included representatives of:

- Arnot Ogden School of Nursing
- Bradford County Manor
- CareGivers America
- Chesapeake Energy
- Corning Community College
- CRI
- Endless Mountain Health Systems
- Greater Valley EMS
- Guthrie Healthcare Systems
- Helpmates
- Lackawanna College
- Luzerne County Community College
- Mansfield University
- Memorial Hospital
- Montrose Minute Men
- NHS of Northeast PA
- Northeast PA AHEC
- Northern Tier Career Center
- Northern Tier Counseling
- PA National Guard
- Pennsylvania College of Technology
- Robert Packer Hospital
- Southtown Veterinarian Hospital
- Tyler Memorial Hospital
- U.S. Navy
- Wilkes University

Upcoming Meetings

County Outreach Meetings *all start at 9 a.m.*

- Bradford County – January 29
- Sullivan County – February 5
- Susquehanna County – February 19
- Tioga County – February 26
- Wyoming County – March 5

Workshop Series: **Your Business and the Marcellus Shale: Voices of Experience** February 3, 10, 17

All sessions will be held in the NTRPDC Conference Room from 8 a.m.—9:30 a.m.

For more information and to register, please call our toll-free number at 888-868-8800 or e-mail info@northerntier.org.

Health Career Fair Sponsors

- Northeast Health Care Industry Partnership
- NTRPDC and the Northern Tier Workforce Investment Board
- Bradford County Action
- Towanda High School
- NTIEC
- TREHAB
- Elk Lake High School
- Susquehanna County CTC

Recent Loan Closings

Seven loans totaling \$500,000 were closed in November and December.



Kennedy Home Center in Wellsboro received a \$100,000 loan to acquire Patterson's Home Center.

- \$100,000 Small Business First loan to **Kennedy Home Center** in Tioga County for acquisition costs. Twelve jobs were retained.
- \$25,000 First Industries Fund loan to **Moose's**
- \$25,000 First Industries Fund loan to **Quality Insulation Solutions** in Tioga County for the purchase of equipment. Two jobs will be created.
- \$100,000 Small Business First loan to **Equine Veterinary Services** in Susquehanna County for the purchase of real estate. One job will be retained.
- \$25,000 micro-loan to
- \$25,000 Small Business First loan to **Robert T. Griffis & Sons** in Susquehanna County for expansion costs. Two jobs will be created and six will be retained.
- \$200,000 Small Business First loan to **VanBlarcom Farms** in Bradford County for expansion of their dairy facility. Four jobs will be retained.

Munchies in Bradford County for the purchase of equipment. Two jobs will be created and six retained.

Earl-Ogle Company in Susquehanna County for start-up costs. One job will be created.

“The grant will pay for 50 percent of the eligible costs”

Incentive Grants Available

Three incentive grants are available to help improve and retain businesses and to help expand the capacity of local governments in the Northern Tier Region.

The **Small Business Training Grant** provides up to \$1,000 to businesses with 100 employees or less to help them participate in training and position them for future growth. The grant will pay for 50 percent of eligible costs.

The **Small Business Internet Grant** helps businesses with 100 employees or less utilize the

Internet in conducting business. Purchases must assist in moving the business toward emerging technologies that use the Internet for business. The grant will pay for 50 percent of eligible expenses, such as Web site development, up to \$1,000.

The **Municipal Hardware/Software Incentive Grant** helps municipalities to

become more efficient through the use of technology in their daily operations by helping them purchase computer equipment and software. Grant assistance is available up to \$750 or 75 percent of the total purchase price.

Visit www.northerntier.org for grant information and application guidelines. (Click “What’s New” then “Grant Opportunities”) or call 1-888-868-8800.

Overseas Trade Representatives to Visit

NTRPDC's Export Development Program to host 14 overseas authorized trade representatives.



On Monday, March 22, 2010, NTRPDC will host trade representatives from 14 countries:

- Australia
- France
- Germany
- India
- Israel

- Japan
- Korea
- Netherlands
- Russia
- Singapore
- Spain
- United Arab Emirates
- United Kingdom
- Vietnam

Participants will have the opportunity to meet one-on-one with the trade reps to discuss their business. Authorized trade representatives offer a variety

of free services including market entry strategy, business contacts, trade show assistance, trade lead assistance, in-country assistance, translations, and market overview.

There is no charge to attend this event, however, pre-registration is required. To receive more details about this opportunity, please e-mail Cindy Krise, NTRPDC Export Development Program Manager, at krise@northerntier.org.



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Student Health Care Hero Named

Tunkhannock Area High School senior Brittany Brown was honored for her volunteer work with Tunkhannock Ambulance Association.

Brittany Brown has been a Junior Volunteer with the Tunkhannock Ambulance Association for the last two years assisting senior members when dispatched to emergencies. Over the course of a year, she has given more than 250 volunteer hours to the association.

Brown was selected as the Northern Tier Workforce Investment Board's local winner of the second-annual Student Health Care Hero Award, which recognizes

Pennsylvania students in grades 9-12 who contribute to the health care field through volunteer service or paid, part-time work in a health care setting, and are committed to pursuing a health care career.

After receiving local honors, Brittany was selected as one of four statewide regional winners. Brittany was presented with a \$200 Wal-Mart Gift Card as the local winner and an additional \$100 cash prize by Fred Dedrick, Deputy Secretary for Workforce



Brittany Brown with her parents and Fred Dedrick, Deputy Secretary of Labor and Industry.

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Helping Needy Families

NTRPDC staff donated over \$500, which was matched by NTRPDC funds, to purchase toys and other holiday gifts for needy Towanda-area families.

NTRPDC's Paulette Potter and Kim Barnes on their way to the Towanda Family Center in December 2009 with holiday gifts.



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