

# SEASON'S GREETINGS

*Wishing you health and happiness this Holiday Season and prosperity in the New Year.*



## Department of Labor's Mobile One Stop Bus Helps Appoquinimink Adult Education Students Look for Jobs

On November 14, 2017 the Department of Labor's Mobile One Stop bus visited adult education students at the Middletown High School site. Students were able to register on the JobLinks website, begin creating their resumes and research job opportunities.



For more information about resources available through the Department of Labor, visit [www.delawareworks.com](http://www.delawareworks.com)

## Congresswoman Lisa Blunt Rochester Visits Red Clay

Submitted by: Kellie Tetrick, Principal



At the end of the 2016-2017 school year, adult education students and staff were asked to write their federal representatives to



Congresswoman Lisa Blunt Rochester and Veronica Contreras

encourage them to maintain funding of adult education. Like all centers, the Red Clay center started a letter writing campaign and wrote hundreds of letters to our Senators and Representative. Principal, Kellie Tetrick and site coordinator, Ronald Robinson decided to take the initiative a step further and decided to invite Congresswoman Lisa Blunt Rochester to be the commencement speaker for the graduating class of 2017. Mr. Robinson reached out to her local office and while she was not available on that date, her office suggested the Congresswoman visit our school. We agreed on November 27th at 9:30 AM as the date. As you can imagine, we were thrilled and we started planning the exciting event.

In all of the years that Ronald Robinson has worked at the Red Clay Center, he said Lisa Blunt Rochester is the highest ranking state official to visit the site. Since Congresswoman Rochester serves on the House of Representatives Education Committee, it was exciting that she was coming to meet the staff and adult students to

hear about the importance of adult education in Delaware. The center was decorated for the visit in a Fall Fest theme. Students and staff graciously brought in light food and sodas for all to enjoy as they talked to each other and the Congresswoman about issues surrounding adult education in Delaware.

When Congresswoman Blunt Rochester entered, the room came alive with excitement! She was welcomed by all and she chatted with students and guests as we drank coffee and ate brunch. Ms. Tetrick briefly shared with the group the different programs and initiatives that the Red Clay Center offers but then turned the floor over to the Congresswoman. We were all thrilled that the Congresswoman wanted to hear from all of the students and visitors. She listened intently as each person introduced themselves and discussed their role in the school or community. She took notes and asked them questions which individually engaged each person.

Next, Mr. Robinson shared with the group the accomplishments of Congresswoman Blunt Rochester and presented her a small award from our school for her to commemorate her visit. Finally, the group went to the classrooms where classes were being held for all of the students in attendance to meet the Congresswoman. To create a dialogue, the students in the classes were prepared with questions for the Congresswoman to answer. Also, ESL Coordinator, Polly Marcus's class, presented the Congresswoman with a poinsettia. During this time the Congresswoman shared her personal experiences including the death of her husband, raising children, and living in other countries. One message which really resonated with all of the students, visitors and staff was her phrase "See it, Believe



it, SAY IT, and then Do it." She not only applies it to her life and running for office but also for our students with educational goals.

After the Congresswoman left, the students, visitors and staff were overwhelmed with how warm, inviting and motivating the visit was. Some students have had a renewed excitement toward their studies, some want to read the Congresswoman's book, but all were thrilled to have such an important person take time for them and our school.



Red Clay students and staff with Congresswoman Lisa Blunt Rochester

## DTCC Owens Wraps Up Community Outreach Project



Ellen Simmons, the OASIS Team Member for Delaware Technical Community College Owens Campus, hosted an annual food drive to benefit the Brandywine Counseling and Community Services program. With help from program students and staff, she was able to collect 525 items to be donated to the program!

Congratulations, Ellen and DTCC Owens!

## Integrated English Literacy & Civics Education (IELCE)

Submitted by: Michael Grossman, Education Associate, DOE

The Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education (IELCE) program provides instruction to adult English language learners, including professionals with degrees and credentials in their native country. This program enables participants to achieve competency in the English language and acquire the basic and



more advanced skills needed to function effectively as parents, workers, and citizens in the United States. Services include instruction in literacy and English language acquisition and instruction on the rights and responsibilities of citizenship and civic participation. The IELCE program is currently offered in combination with integrated education and training activities at both Polytech and Sussex Tech Adult Education.

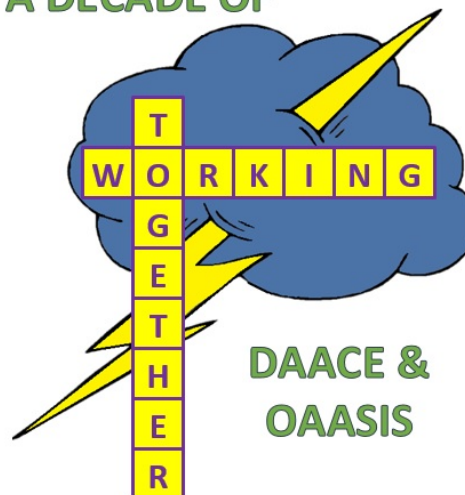
Pictured here is Janetta, an IELCE student from Polytech who has now completed C.N.A. training and passed her state licensure exam! Congratulations, Janetta!

## 10th Annual DAACE/OAASIS Literacy Summit

The 2018 DAACE/OAASIS Literacy Summit will be held Saturday, April 14, 2018 at the Polytech Adult Education and Conference Center in Woodside.

**Call for Presenters!** The Summit Committee is seeking innovative and influential individuals and/or organizations to present 50-minute workshops for staff and students. Potential topics include, but are not limited to best practices, curriculum, goal management, technology integration, student activities, financial literacy, WIOA, diversity, time management, counseling, etc. Interested candidates should complete the Presentation Proposal Form, [found here](#), and submit to the ACE Network no later than January 31, 2018.

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## OAASIS and GACEC Team Up for Heart 2 Heart Hugs



The Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens (GACEC), the Organization of Adult Alumni and Students in Service (OAASIS), the Delaware Department of Human Resources, the Division of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families, Central Middle School, Dover Church of Christ, the Office of Lt. Gov. Bethany Hall-Long, Delaware State University Pinnacle Honor Society/Zeta Phi Beta, and the Camden Super Walmart have teamed up again for the Heart 2 Heart Hugs campaign! This campaign is designed to benefit homeless and foster children in Delaware by bringing awareness to and accepting donations for the children in our communities. Items being accepted include: blankets, scarves, coats, mittens or gloves, snuggies, pillow pets, sleeping bags, pajamas, slippers, hats, hand warmers, socks, sweatshirts and sweatpants, and any other warm and fuzzy that may help a child

feel loved and appreciated. For more information, and a list of drop off locations, please click [here!](#)

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