

**KEVIN JACKSON, THE GOOD LIFE SOLUTION PROGRAM, CLASS OF 2018**

ONCE YOU JUST STRIKE THAT ARC, IT JUST FEELS LIKE IT'S SOMETHING DIFFERENT.

**KAYLA JEFFREYS, THE GOOD LIFE SOLUTION PROGRAM, CLASS OF 2018**

WHEN I COME HERE EVERY MORNING, I THINK, I LOOK FORWARD TO IT. I LOOK FORWARD TO BEING ABLE TO GO TO WORK WITH MY HANDS.

**TERRELL CAMPBELL, THE GOOD LIFE SOLUTION PROGRAM, CLASS OF 2018**

IT'S VERY FREEING TO KNOW THAT THAT YOU HAVE A SOLID FOUNDATION, A SOLID PATH. YOU KNOW EXACTLY WHERE YOU'RE GOING. BUT, I NEVER THOUGHT I WOULD GET A JOB STRAIGHT OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL. ESPECIALLY AS ONE AS GOOD AS THE ONE I'M GETTING IT AT NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING.

**JOE SABOL, TRADE DIRECTOR, NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING**

YOU KNOW, VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS FOR A WHILE HAVE BEEN MAYBE DEEMED AS THE LAST CHOICE. IT'S NICE TO KNOW NOW THAT WHERE WE'RE GOING WITH NEW HORIZONS AND SOME OF THE OTHER OPPORTUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN PROVIDED, IT'S BECOMING THE FIRST CHOICE.

**DEWEY RAY, PRINCIPAL, NEW HORIZONS REGIONAL EDUCATION CENTER, BUTLER FARM CAMPUS**

NEW HORIZONS IS A REGIONAL CAREER AND TECHNICAL CENTER. WE SERVE THE SIXTH-GRADER, PENINSULA SCHOOL SYSTEMS, WE HAVE APPROXIMATELY ABOUT A THOUSAND STUDENTS AT BOTH CAMPUSES AT NEWPORT NEWS AND HAMPTON AND WE OFFER TWENTY-SOME DIFFERENT PROGRAMS FROM COSMETOLOGY TO MANUFACTURING CAREER CLUSTERS, WHICH INCLUDES EVERYTHING FROM WELDING TO HVAC INSTRUCTION AND AUTOMOTIVE PROGRAMS. WE ARE VERY GOOD AT WHAT WE DO. WE'VE GOT EQUIPMENT, WE'VE GOT INSTRUCTORS WHO COME FROM INDUSTRY THAT BRING THAT TYPE OF BACKGROUND. SO THESE ARE STUDENTS WHO ARE LOOKING FOR, THEY'RE LOOKING FOR OPTIONS. THEY'RE LOOKING FOR OPPORTUNITIES AND NEW HORIZONS PROVIDES THAT. IT'S THE OPPORTUNITY THAT STUDENTS DON'T NECESSARILY HAVE TO GO TO A FOUR-YEAR UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE RIGHT OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL.

THIS PROGRAM IS CALLED THE GOOD LIFE SOLUTION. IT'S BASICALLY PUTTING STUDENTS IN A SITUATION WHERE THEY ARE EXPOSED TO A REAL-WORLD TYPE OF CURRICULUM, THEY GET THE REAL-WORLD SKILLS AND THEY HAVE REAL WORLD OPPORTUNITIES ONCE THEY GET OUT. AND STUDENTS THAT GRADUATE, THEY GET A JOB, THEY HAVE THEIR OWN PLACE TO LIVE, THEY HAVE THEIR OWN CAR, AND THAT'S WHAT WE CALL THE GOOD LIFE SOLUTION.

**KAYLA JEFFREYS**

THE GOOD LIFE SOLUTION PROGRAM, I THINK, IS AMAZING. THEY HELPED ME PREPARE FOR THE INTERVIEW. THEY HELPED ME MAKE MY RESUME. THEY HELPED ME WITH ALL THAT. AND I WAS DEFINITELY MORE PREPARED THAN I WOULD HAVE BEEN JUST GOING IN NOT KNOWING ANYTHING.

**TERRELL CAMPBELL**

IF YOU GET AN INTERVIEW YOU GO TO IT, YOU GET AN OFFER AND THEN, YOU KNOW, IF YOU'RE LUCKY YOU HAVE A JOB. REALLY, JUST PROPELS YOU FOR FROM WHAT YOU WOULD'VE BEEN DOING OTHERWISE TO HAVING A HEAD START IN LIFE, IS BASICALLY WHAT IT IS.

**MARK CLARKE, WELDING INSTRUCTOR, NEW HORIZONS REGIONAL EDUCATION CENTER, WOODSIDE LAKE CAMPUS**

I WANT YOU TO STAY FOCUSED, STAY BUSY.

IT PUTS A SMILE ON MY FACE WHEN THEY COME BACK AND SAID MR. CLARKE I GOT HIRED. I SAID, "WOW." WOW, THIS IS AWESOME WHAT THIS PROGRAM IS DOING.

**JOE SABOL**

WHAT A GREAT POSITION TO BE IN AS AN 18-YEAR-OLD KID TO KNOW THAT THERE'S THREE AND FOUR COMPANIES OUT THERE THAT WANT YOU AT THAT AGE, AT THAT LEVEL OF DEVELOPMENT. THAT'S A PRETTY SPECIAL PLACE TO BE.

**KEVIN JACKSON**

THAT'S CRAZY. YOU KNOW, I DIDN'T REALLY THINK THAT WAS POSSIBLE. BUT, YOU KNOW, I GUESS ANYTHING'S POSSIBLE IF YOU JUST STICK TO IT AND WORK HARD, YOU KNOW, YOUR DREAMS WILL COME TRUE.

**TEACHER**

WELCOME TO THE NEW HORIZONS 2018 ADVANCED TECHNICAL CAREERS ACADEMY GOOD LIFE SOLUTION SIGNING DAY.

**ED DUPREE, WELDING INSTRUCTOR, NEW HORIZONS REGIONAL EDUCATION CENTER, BUTLER FARM CAMPUS**

ON SIGNING DAY YOU THINK OF ATHLETES: THEY'RE GETTING THE HAT. THEY'RE GETTING THE BIG CONTRACTS. AND NOW FOR THE FIRST TIME WE'VE GOT CAREER AND TECHNICAL STUDENTS THAT ARE GETTING THE HAT, AND GETTING THE CONTRACT, THE HANDSHAKE. THEY'VE ALREADY GOTTEN THE JOB OFFER. THEY KNOW WHAT THEIR STARTING PAY IS GOING TO BE, THEY KNOW WHAT THEIR BENEFITS ARE GOING TO BE. THEY'RE EXCITED, THEIR PARENTS ARE EXCITED. IT'S A HUGE DAY.

**TEACHER**

TERRELL HAS APPLIED TO NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING, COMFORT SYSTEMS AND RYAN CONTRACTING.

**TERRELL CAMPBELL**

MY NAME IS TERRELL CAMPBELL, AND I'M EXCITED TO ACCEPT MY OFFER FROM NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING AS AN X11 FITTER.

WORKING ON AIRCRAFT CARRIERS AND SUBMARINES. IT'S SO COOL. IF YOU WOULD'VE TOLD ME I WAS DOING THIS AS A KID I WOULD JUST WOULD HAVE BEEN GIDDY. OH, IT'S CRAZY. IT'S ONE OF THE BEST OPPORTUNITIES I'VE EVER HAD IN MY LIFE. IF NOT THE BEST.

**JOE SABOL**

I'M REAL PROUD. I'M REAL EXCITED ABOUT THE RESURGENCE OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING. I'M REAL EXCITED ABOUT THE FACT THAT COMPANIES LIKE NEWPORT NEWS ARE FULLY PARTNERED WITH INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS NEW HORIZON, AND I THINK IT'S JUST EXCITING.