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Forging a Career Path

High School Students and Recent Graduates Find Work at West Penn

A major barrier students face when looking for a job is a lack of experience, and few opportunities to obtain it.

Now, high school seniors and recent high school graduates interested in health careers can learn valuable skills while earning a pay check.

West Penn Hospital is recruiting students for two programs for high school seniors and recent graduates, offering them entry-level positions in various hospital departments.

High school students may work 10-hours per week during the school year and 25 hours per week during summer vacations in medical records, transport, environmental services or the dietary department.

High school graduates may work 32 hours per week and

are also eligible to receive training to serve as a support service associates or patient care associates.

Kristina Harris, a 2005 Schenley High School graduate, started working at West Penn during high school and continues to work part-time while taking classes at the Pennsylvania Culinary Institute.

"I'm trying to save some extra money, but it's also really good experience," Harris said. "The people are nice here and I learn a lot."

The student employment program is a project of The Western Pennsylvania Hospital Community Partner-



Kristina Harris works in West Penn's Medical Records Department while attending culinary school.

ship's Resource Committee.

Funded by the Pittsburgh Partnership, the program is open to students who live in the city of Pittsburgh and meet specific income criteria.

Candidates must complete a hospital employment application and submit a resume. Interested individuals should call Geri Spara, West Penn Hospital Human Resources, at 412-578-5037.

"Stroll Through Time" with BGC

Are you ready for the coolest party Garfield has seen since...well, since the Garfield Administration?

Celebrate 30 years of neighborhood change at Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation's (BGC) anniversary gala and benefit, "A Stroll Through Time."

Join BGC on September 24

in St. Lawrence O'Toole social hall from 7 to 11 p.m. for refreshments and entertainment by *The Chuck Austin Quintet*, *The House of Soul* and the St. Lawrence O'Toole folk group *Sweet Rejoicing*.

Enjoy historic photography displays and enter a raffle for a chance to win several gift baskets, including one

featuring Steelers tickets.

Before the party, BGC will provide guided tours of new homes it has built in Garfield and buildings it has renovated in the Penn Avenue business district.

Tickets are \$25 each and must be purchased in advance. Call 412-441-6950 for reservations.

Upcoming Events

Prostate Cancer Screenings

West Penn Hospital and the UsToo Prostate Cancer Support Group are proud to provide free prostate cancer screenings on **Tuesday, September 20** from 3 to 5 p.m. All men age 45 and older should undergo annual screenings. African American men and men with family history of prostate cancer, should begin screening at age 40. For more information or to reserve a spot at this screening, please call Jennifer Davis at 412-578-7131.

Healing Workshop

Learn to "Understanding Healing" by using, expressing and living with color. Limited space is available for this free workshop, on **Thursday, Sept 22** at the Lower Bloomfield Unity Council's Unity Center, Cedarville Street. For more information or to register, please call Lower Bloomfield Unity Council at 412-621-2126.

Discussion Group

Are you interested in meeting with friends to discuss current events and a variety of interesting topics? Come "Talk It Up", over coffee with an informal discussion group at the Unity Center. Please call Lower Bloomfield Unity Council at 412-621-2126 for more information.

Health Care Job Interviews

Job seekers may participate in on-the-spot interviews for positions at West Penn Hospital on **Monday, October 3** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Candidates should bring their resumes to East End Neighborhood Employment Center (ENEC), 5100 Penn Avenue, to meet with a representative from West Penn. ENEC can provide resume preparation assistance.

The Hospital is seeking candidates for its Patient Care Associate and Support

Services Associate training programs which provide paid training and hands-on experience. Individuals who successfully complete the courses may be offered permanent positions. Classes begin on **Monday, November 7**. If you would like to apply but cannot attend the October 3 interviews, please call ENEC at 412-362-8580.

Medicare Part D Workshop

If someone in your life qualifies for Medicare Part D, plan to attend this program outlining Medicare's new prescription drug coverage options.

Elder Health will present this seminar on **October 12** at 1:30 p.m. in the West Penn Hospital Wintergarden and Conference Center. Light refreshments will be provided and free parking will be available in the Hospital's Aspen Street garage (with shuttle to hospital). For more information, please call Jennifer Davis at 412-578-5142.

Join a Community Partnership Committee

The Partnership is comprised of four distinct committees.

Members of the **Health and Wellness Committee** strive to increase awareness of health and wellness programs in the community and improve public access to health services.

The **Public Relations Committee** produces this newsletter and promotes the activities of the Partnership and its members.

The **Resource Committee** strives to

build relationships between the Hospital and local vendors and businesses and publicizes Hospital jobs to local residents through job fairs, school career days and other activities. The Resource Committee also promotes East End home ownership to Hospital employees.

The **Facilities and Environment Committee** is an

The West Penn Hospital Community Partnership strives to foster healthy neighborhoods and empower community members to affect their wellness, safety and living conditions.

ad hoc group that meets only when resident input is needed regarding the impact of Hospital projects on the surrounding neighborhood.

If you would like to join a Partnership Committee, please contact West Penn Hospital Administration at 412-578-5142 or visit the Partnership website at www.wpahs.org/wph/partnership.

ENEC Helps Job Seekers from New Location

The East End Neighborhood Employment Center (ENEC) is pleased to announce that it has moved to 5100 Penn Avenue, above National City Bank.

ENEC will showcase the features of this new location at an open house on **Thursday, October 6** from 3 to 7 p.m. Light refreshments will be served and the community is invited to explore the new facility, which is equipped with

internet access, fax, and phone service.

Through assistance with resume writing, job fair preparation and other services, ENEC has helped countless East End residents find employment.

Ex-offenders face many obstacles as they head back into the job market, but one recent ENEC success story shows that all job candidates should remain hopeful. By using the PA CareerLink

system an ENEC client with a criminal record got a job in a local restaurant's kitchen. Several months later, he received a positive performance review and was offered a promotion to Assistant Kitchen Manager, despite his criminal past.

Whatever your work history, ENEC will work to help you find gainful employment. For more information on ENEC, call 412-362-8580.

