Workforce Development Newsletter
Spring Quarter 2021

How the Worker Retraining Program Helped Me
Jeremy Jones is a student in the Environmental Horticulture program at LWTech. Prior to beginning at LWTech, his job was eliminated due to COVID-19, so he began to explore his options. He attended the weekly LWTech Workforce Funding Info Session which was offered virtually via Zoom on Tuesday at 1 p.m. There he met the Worker Retraining Coordinator, Jayne Heyde. Jayne shared the benefits of the Worker Retraining program with Jeremy and let him know that he would indeed qualify for the program since he was receiving unemployment insurance benefits. He completed the Workforce application process and almost immediately received financial assistance for his tuition and books. “The Workforce staff has been very helpful, and Jayne specifically was extremely helpful. Being able to receive these benefits lifted a weight off my shoulders. It enabled me to balance the cost of going to school while not having to work full time.” – Jeremy Jones, 2021

Center of Excellence for Veteran Student Success
The Veterans Services team is dedicated to the educational, health and wellness, and transitional needs of today’s veterans. We connect veterans to federal, state, and county resources (i.e., housing, counseling, and employment services). We are more than a center of learning; we prepare our students for what lies beyond.

• Get started today with the LWTech Veterans Center of Excellence Checklist HERE
• If you have any questions before getting started contact the Veterans Center at Veterans@LWTech.edu or call (425) 739-8213

Scholarships and Funding
• LWTech Fall Scholarships are open. Apply now.
• FAFSA and WAFSA applications open for 2021 – 2022.
• Check out Washboard.org for scholarship opportunities.
• Look at our RISE center page for LWTech scholarships.

Learn more about Workforce Programs
• Learn about Workforce Development programs and eligibility guidelines to qualify for tuition, book, and supply assistance. Go HERE to watch a video.
The Start of Forever
Vanessa Bjornoy, WFD Student Ambassador and BASDesign Student
Just recently in one of my classes my professor said something that stood out to me. “This is the start of forever.” I do not think it has fully dawned on me that this is my last quarter along with many other students. Moving forward in life can seem daunting and I do think about it a lot, though it is also exciting. Knowing that I get to go out and use my skills to better the world in my own way is something that is pushing me forward. It is something that should push everyone else forward as well. No matter what you are working towards, or where you are heading it is important to know that you play a huge part. Not only in the workforce you may be moving into, but also the people in your life.

This quarter is the last for some, and a big step forward for all. Things may seem hard, and work may be piling up. It is important to do your best, but it is also important to take a step back and take care of yourself. Remember to take time for yourself, go for a walk, indulge in a hobby, whatever allows you to rest your mind.

I started my journey at LWTech in Fall of 2019, and now in Spring of 2021, I will be graduating with my Bachelor’s in Design. To all my peers that will be starting a new chapter this June, I am excited for all our joint success, and for everyone else, you are not far behind. Keep your head up, work hard, and push towards your goal. I know everyone will persevere and do great.

Workforce Student Ambassador – Pre-Graduation Tips for Success
- Solidify close connections with your professors.
- Keep on top of your coursework for the homerun.
- Make sure your LinkedIn profile is set up.
- Make an appointment with the ERC for your resume, interview practice, and more!
- Step back and relax from time to time.

Federal Food/EBT Recipients Get Access to These Amazing Things
There are many resources around Seattle and the Greater Seattle Area that can provide people with low cost, or free tickets to public, museums, zoos, events and more. Just click the images to be re-directed to their websites for more information, or click HERE.

Check out Community Resources Available to Eligible Students
- Washington Connection
- Hope link
- Orca
- YWCA
Basic Food, Employment, and Training (BFET)

The BFET program provides aid to LWTech students receiving federal Basic Food Assistance (food stamps) from the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS).

Students on BFET may Receive.
- Funding for books and supplies (up to $250/quarter)
- Funding for tuition, if available
- Childcare Assistance through Working Connections Childcare (DCYF)
- Career and educational advising and planning
- Referrals to college and community resources
- Support in navigating DSHS
- Assistance with accessing other forms of financial aid.

Eligibility
You may be eligible to participate in the BFET program at LWTech if you:
- Are receiving federal Basic Food Assistance from DSHS
- Are not receiving Temporary assistance for Needy Families (TANF) from DSHS
- Are enrolled in and certificate or Associates degree (including AAS, AAS-T, and transfer degrees) and/or basic skills courses (ABED, ESL, GED, HS+)
- Are not enrolled in a BAS program.
- Have applied for the 2021-2022 FAFSA/WASFA (basic skills students do not need to complete the FAFSA/WAFSA to be considered for BFET)

Applying for Food Benefits
- Check out our “Applying for Food Benefits” Video to see how you might be able to get support! Go HERE to watch a video.

Applying for TANF
- Take the “Start Next Quarter” survey to see if you may qualify for BFET or any of our other Workforce Development programs
- If you have any questions about the BFET program or how to apply for food assistance, please contact WFD@LWTech.edu or call (425) 739-8339

Student Lingo
StudentLingo is a series of online, interactive workshops focused on helping LWTech students achieve their academic and career goals. Choose from different categories. Sign in HERE and check out this quarters recommended videos.

Recommended Videos
- Exam Prep and Strategies
- Final Exam prep
- Cover Letter and Resume
- Mastering the Interview
Have any Questions? Contact Us.

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