

## LEED COUNCIL TRAINEES OBTAIN SKILLED EMPLOYMENT

We would like to say CONGRATULATIONS to following Computer Skills and Industrial Skills trainees who have not only graduated from one of the two Skill Training classes, Computer Skills and Industrial Skills, offered through the LEED but also being placed with several different companies throughout the Chicagoland area.

**Maria Gonzalez** is employed at **Sacred Heart** as a Case Manager. In her role as a Case Manager, Maria is responsible for reviewing medical charts to ensure compliance, collaborates with social workers to meet various patient needs and communicates with Spanish-speaking patients and assist physicians with basic translations. She would like to continue her education and become a Registered Nurse.

**Jose Trinidad** is employed at **E-Packaging & Fulfillment** as a Press Machine Operator. His daily duties include assemble machinery and equipment with AAA Technicians, clean up anilox rolls and dr. rolls and perform general maintenance and janitorial work as needed. He is currently enrolled in IC3, which is an advance computer training class, offered at the LEED Council.

**Eloisa Duarte** works at the **University of IL** Extension Program as a Program Assistant. She conducts nutrition education programs designed to help limited resource families gain practical skills in nutrition and to teach children the benefits of healthy eating. At work Eloisa takes advantage of every opportunity that comes her way. At work Eloisa has volunteered to be a select few to be mentors of women in prison. She believes it is rewarding and important to give back to the community.



**Osajie Ohikhuare** is working at **TTC Marketing Solutions**, a supporter of the **LEED Council** as a Customer Service Representative. On a daily bases he collects data on customer demographics, preferences and needs, measure and assess customer satisfaction on products and services and provides reports to help companies decide their position in the marketplace. Osajie wants to save his money to buy a vehicle for transportation.

**Tony LaRaviere** is employed at **Watermark Property Management**, a supporter of the **LEED Council**, as an Administrative Assistant. In his role as an Administrative Assistant, Tony is responsible for work order maintenance, entering payables into the accounting system, editing basic lease documents for

attorneys or property managers, maintaining contract records, insurance certificates and change orders, entering construction payables, preparing lien waivers and posting retained amounts. He hopes to continue his education in Business.

**Jesus Arellano** is employed at **Watersaver Faucet**, a **member of the LEED Council**, as an Assembler. He follows company procedures to guarantee quality of work. His daily work includes assembling the base of faucets to ensure the valve is tight so it won't leak. His career interest is to keep working and to advance at Watersaver Faucet by learning as much as possible in different areas of the company. In the fall he plans to continue to his education in Engineering Technology in CAD part-time as he continues to work at Watersaver Faucet.



**Derrick Davis** works at **PSI Marketing Consultants** as a Telephone Sales Representative. He is responsible for cold calling small, medium and large businesses to offer radio slot time for their commercials. Derrick has an entrepreneurship mentality as he wants to continue to work and save money so that one day he can open up a clothing resale shop in his local

community by the year 2010. He wants to give back to the community by offering affordable attire to individuals who can't afford clothes.

**Allen Anderson** works in the Traffic Control Department at **Chicago Scenic Studios**, a **member of the LEED Council**. In his new role at the company, he is able to use the skills he acquired in the Industrial Skills training program from the LEED Council. Daily duties include using their plumbing, and electrical skills to perform essential maintenance, knowledge of carpentry and using power and hand tools safely to build structures. Allen was a great trainee and had excellent attendance. During training he possessed leadership skills and was always helping the other students with class projects. In addition to working at Chicago Scenic Studios, Allen is also currently employed as a janitor part-time. Allen wants to improve his skills to further his career in carpentry.

**Lateef Waddell** works in the Traffic Control Department at **Chicago Scenic Studios**, a **member of the LEED Council**. In his new role at the company, he is able to use the skills he acquired in the Industrial Skills training program from the LEED Council. Daily duties include using their plumbing, and electrical skills to

perform essential maintenance, knowledge of carpentry and using power and hand tools safely to build structures. Lateef has some previous electrical and carpentry training and helped frame-out 15 houses for Habitat for Humanity. He's put his electrical training to work making repairs on several family owned buildings. He recently passed the test for the carpenter's apprenticeship program, but with classes not scheduled to open for over a year, he sought out LEED's training and job placement help. Lateef has a strong work ethic and is reliable and dependable.

**Shirlinda Jones** is employed at **Gold Star Solutions** which is part of Plexus Corp, a manufacturing company, as an Electronics Test Technician. In her role as an Electronics Test Technician, Shirlinda is responsible for testing pill counting machines to ensure the machines are functional and accurate. She tests each machine 100 times, upon each test conclusion she fills out and completes reports. Shirlinda plans on going back to college to continue her education.

**Isabelita Foster** is employed at **Extended Stay Deluxe** as a housekeeper. Her duties include cleaning rooms, refilling supplies such as towels, writing supplies and bathroom items. She ensures that each room is cleaned for the hotel guests. She wants to save money so that she can provide more for family. Furthermore, she is continuing her education by taking additional computer classes as she wants to have a job in which she works with computers.

**Jimmy Lee Ramsey** is employed at **C.H. Robinson**, the largest third party logistics (3PL) company in North America and a **member of the LEED Council**, as a Dispatcher. In his role as a Dispatcher, Jimmy Lee's primary role is to take incoming phone calls from drivers and coordinate them with the information about shipments assigned to them. This includes pickup and delivery information, loading time and locations, directions to warehouses and freight information. Jimmy Lee loves working at C.H. Robinson and has career aspirations with this firm.

**Lenore Rouse** is employed at **Marshalls** as a Merchandise and Stock Associate. Her duties include processing/preparing merchandise for the sales floor, maintaining cleanliness and organizational standards throughout the store and providing service to both internal and external customers. Lenore's aspiration is to continue her education in healthcare.

**Elicia Lewis** is employed at **EZLinks**, a company that provides direct access to tee times at golf courses worldwide, as a Reservation Agent. In her new role as a Reservation Agent, Elicia's primary role is to take reservations of customers seeking golf reservations at different golf courses nationwide. Elicia plans on returning to school to complete her Bachelors degree at DeVry University.

**Amelia Soto** is employed at **Dime Child Foundation** as an After-School Instructor. Her duties include teaching two after school Spanish classes to 5<sup>th</sup>,

6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. She is responsible for the education and general development of school age children. Also, she plans on becoming a substitute teacher for the Chicago Public School system.

**James Williams** is employed at **C.H. Robinson**, the largest third party logistics (3PL) company in North America and a **member of the LEED Council**, as a Dispatcher. In his role as a Dispatcher, James primary job is to take incoming phone calls from drivers and coordinate them with the information about shipments assigned to them. This includes pickup and delivery information, loading time and locations, directions to warehouses and freight information. This is the LEED Council's second placement at C.H. Robinson in the last month. He plans on finishing his education at Columbia College with a Liberal Arts degree.

**Mia Norris** is employed at **BBJ Linen** and because of her hard work, determination and the computer classes she took at the LEED Council, she received a promotion and is now a Supervisor of the Laundry Department. Her duties include receiving and processing orders received to the department and ensuring that the orders are completed in a timely manner. In addition, she oversees a staff of 54 employees. She just received great news that her employer will pay for her to go back to school. She plans on returning to school at Truman College in the winter of 2010 to pursue a degree in Management and a minor in Marketing.

The graduates are focused on the future and are now eager to show employers their new, highly marketable job skills and positive work attitudes.

Again we would like to say CONGRATULATIONS to all of the above mentioned! This is only the beginning for you!

We are also working with graduates from our last Industrial, Computer and Weatherization Skills training programs to obtain jobs. We also have a new group of students in Basic Computer Skills and in our new advanced MOS 2003 Word training and certification classes. Please help us with job leads for these many excellent job candidates.

**If you are looking for recruiting support for any job openings within your company please contact: Jennifer Raimer at 773-929-5552 x236 or email: jrleedcouncil@yahoo.com**