

## Flood Announces Funding for Northampton County Recreational Projects

Rep Ann Flood

HARRISBURG – Rep. Ann Flood (R-Northampton) is thrilled to announce three recreational projects in Northampton County have been awarded a total of \$198,035 through the Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program (GTRP). These grants will support efforts to enhance public spaces and improve outdoor recreation for residents in the 138th Legislative District.

**Lower Mount Bethel Township** will receive \$77,625 to reconstruct a 1,200-foot section of the Lower Mount Bethel Township Trail System, which was severely damaged by flash floods in July 2023. Repairs will strengthen the trail's resilience to future flooding and reconnect it for public use.

**Pen Argyl Borough** will receive \$76,708 for the first phase of renovations to its 83-year-old pool, which will be transformed into a year-round regional aquatic center with a spray playground that doubles as an ice rink in winter.

**Washington Township** will receive \$43,702 to create a new dog park featuring separate areas for large and small dogs, a double-gated entry, benches and waste stations. The park will provide a safe, welcoming space for pets and their owners.

"These grants reflect a commitment to improving our communities by creating safe, functional, and modern recreational spaces," said Flood. "From rebuilding damaged trails to transforming a local facility into a regional aquatic center, to providing a dedicated space for pet owners, all of these projects are excellent new ways to help bring the community together. I'm excited to see these initiatives take shape and enhance the quality of life throughout our district."

The Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program funds projects that develop, rehabilitate, and enhance public parks, trails, and green spaces to encourage community engagement and healthy living.



## Northampton Community College January 25th Commencement Ceremony

By NCC

BETHLEHEM, PA - The theme of the Winter 2025 Commencement Ceremony this January was about moments in time. Moments that are pivotal to someone's journey.

Speaking to an audience of 349 graduating students and countless family and friends, President of NCC, David A. Ruth, Ph.D., said, "I am proud that you have persevered in the face of many hurdles, something that has led you to this moment...one you will remember the rest of your lives and one that puts you right on track to achieve your personal and professional goals."

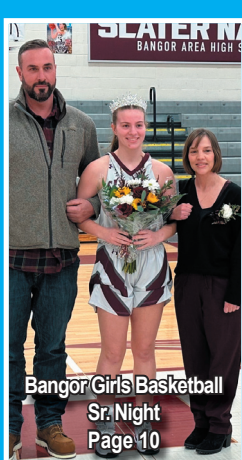
The January 25 ceremony held in the Arthur L. Scott Spartan Center on Bethlehem campus featured a diverse group of graduates ranging in age from 19 to 69, with students representing countries from Ghana to Colombia. Fifty-three of those students graduated with a GPA of 3.8 or higher.

The ceremony began with the National Anthem performed by theatre major, Angelina Marie, showcasing her exceptional vocal talent and range.

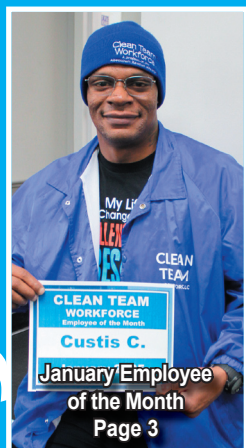
More than 258,000 people have walked through the doors of NCC since its beginnings, the winter class among them. VP of Academic Affairs, Sedgwick Harris, said, "You can go anywhere from these seats. Your president is a community college graduate. Many on the board of trustees are community college graduates. I am a community college graduate. You can be standing up here one day."

Dr. Ruth shared the accomplishments of several graduates, celebrating their determination and resilience. Among them was Tosha Henrich found empowerment at NCC, studying part time while working 40 to 50 hours per week and raising three children, who cheered loudly for her as she walked across the stage at the ceremony. Robert Loane, HVAC technology student, was also commended for pushing forward after

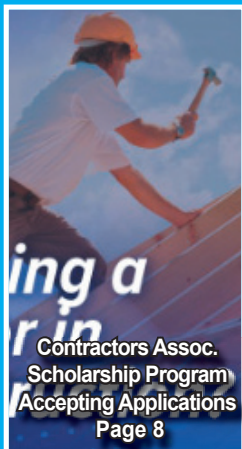
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