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The Allentown Rescue Mission's Clean Team Workforce Employee of the Month Angelo V.

By Stefanie Appel

ALLENTOWN- The Allentown Rescue Mission congratulates its Clean Team Workforce Employee of the Month for January, Angelo V.

Angelo grew up feeling inferior to his sister. School came easier to her and he believed his parents and teachers focused more on her. As a result, Angelo struggled with confidence issues and dropped out of high school to work.

Angelo worked various jobs after dropping out of school. Then, at 20 years old, his life dramatically changed with the birth of his daughter. And al-



though he loved his daughter deeply, Angelo wasn't prepared to be a father. His relationship with his girlfriend fell apart and she moved to Texas with their three-year-old daughter.

After losing his daughter, Angelo spiraled into a deep depression that lasted many years. "I didn't want to work. I didn't want to do anything", remembers Angelo.

When his next relationship failed, Angelo gravitated toward the wrong people. He ended up in and out of jail. But Angelo knew deep down that he wanted to change. While volunteering at a church, he asked the pastor for help. The pastor sent Angelo to the Allentown Rescue Mission.

He enrolled in the Transformation Program, graduated, and is currently working for the Clean Team Workforce as a cook for the Allentown Rescue Mission. Angelo is very happy with his work. He picks up extra shifts on the weekends and during the week when they are available. He also trains other men to help in the kitchen and takes great pride in his work.

Angelo has been saving money and hopes to secure an apartment in the near future. In the meantime, he's focusing on performing his job to the best of his ability and working on becoming a better person. He hopes to reconnect with his daughter one day.

Thank you, Angelo, for showing others what hard work looks like and maintaining a positive attitude.



Da Vinci Science Center Releases 2022 Student and Educator STEAM Scholarship Award Applications

By Caroline Scutt

ALLENTOWN, PA. Feb. 7, 2022 – What do origami and robotics have in common? Addison, one of a long list of Da Vinci Science Center scholarship award winners would be happy to tell you.

A tradition since 1999, the awards (previously known as the Hall of Fame Excellence Awards) recognize students who show a passion for STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Math), and educators who inspire enthusiasm for learning with innovative approaches.

Da Vinci Science Center once again invites outstanding students and teachers in Lehigh and Northampton counties to submit applications for the 2022 STEAM Scholarship Awards.

Five high school students (grades 9-12) will be awarded \$2,000 each to support extracurricular STEAM activities or post-secondary studies, and three K-12 educators will receive a \$1,000 cash grant for their school to invest in STEAM education supplies or programs.

The deadline for student applications is Feb. 28th and educator nominations must be made by Feb. 14th.

Award recipients will be honored at the Da Vinci Science Center STEAM Celebration Awards reception on April 26th. Individuals or companies interested in being a scholarship sponsor can email Tammy.McCrae@davincisciencecenter.org

Complete details and applications can be found at www.davincisciencecenter.org.

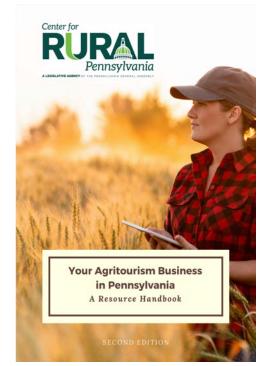
So, what do origami and robotics have in common? Origami has influenced an entirely new field of study called Robogami. The team at Da Vinci Science Center is excited to learn what other fantastic adventures in STEAM students and teachers are unfolding!

Updated Agritourism Guide Available to Farmers

By Senator Scavello PEN ARGYL - Agritourism activities – like corn mazes, hayrides, on-site dining/retail operations and educational programs – are a growing part of Pennsylvania's agriculture economy.

The Center for Rural Pennsylvania has an updated 128-page handbook to help farmers navigate agritourism issues.

Last year, the General Assembly approved a new law to better protect farmers who offer these kinds of agritourism activities.



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