

PA CareerLink Launches New Jobs Portal

By Rep Joe Emrick

The outbreak of COVID-19 and subsequent mitigation efforts by the Wolf administration have hamstrung thousands of “non-life sustaining” businesses and rendered hundreds of thousands of Pennsylvanians without

work, almost overnight. Fortunately, PA CareerLink Lehigh Valley just launched its new jobs portal with immediate job openings from employers in our area. <http://www.careerlinklehighvalley.org/jobs-portal/>

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Bangor Area School District

Slater Standout of the Month Award



Mrs. Theresa Camilletti

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Mrs. Camilletti is in her 27th year working for the Bangor Area School District. As the attendance secretary at the high school, Mrs. Camilletti is always willing to help staff with any questions they have and takes on extra tasks that are asked of her. She greets all late students and visitors of the school with a warm smile and has a genuine interest and concern for anything they need. Her positive attitude is contagious as she greets students by first name and with a smile. Furthermore, you can often hear students, staff, and parents praise her for her hard work and friendliness. She will always give everything she can to the task at hand and won't leave for the day unless it's done.

Mrs. Camilletti genuinely cares for the people in this school district and it shows in her dedication every day. It is with great pleasure that we recognize her as “Slater Standout of the Month.”

Mrs. Amanda Borger; Mrs. Heather Lilly

Starting last year, Mrs. Borger and Mrs. Lilly began the process of learning and implementing reading instructional routines. During last school year, they attended trainings and began implementing the ECRI (Enhanced Core Reading Instruction) routines in their classrooms. Throughout the summer, they worked to develop trainings for all kindergarten through second grade teachers focused on the ECRI routines. During a variety of Act 80 days, Mrs. Borger and Mrs. Lilly worked with teachers to learn the ECRI routines which are now utilized in every kindergarten through second grade classroom. Mrs. Borger and Mrs. Lilly embraced this leadership opportunity and closely worked with the teachers to assist them in learning and mastering these routines.

As a result of their hard work and leadership, the delivery of core reading instruction across all kindergarten through second grade classrooms has become more consistent and grounded in the science of reading. Mrs. Borger and Mrs. Lilly encouraged their colleagues to learn these new routines through their provided trainings, modeling in the classroom, and answering questions as needed. Mrs. Borger and Mrs. Lilly are two excellent examples of teacher leaders! It is this type of teacher leadership that will help students and teachers achieve high levels of success. Mrs. Borger and Mrs. Lilly are both commended for their commitment to ensuring every student learns how to read.



Mrs. Amanda Borger



Mrs. Heather Lilly

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Bangor Area School District — Home of the Slatters

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Letter to the Editor

By Miki Smith of Bangor

Times like these bring out the worst and the best in humanity. Worst being hoarding, price gouging and irresponsible behavior. We are all hearing this question often, "How are you doing?" And just as often the answer is, "Under the circumstances, I'm doing OK." What are YOU doing under the circumstances? When this is over and times are better, will you be a better person? This virus is contagious but kindness can be contagious, too. Let kindness spread faster than the virus! I have experienced only the "best" of humanity- stories of companies shifting gears to producing much needed PPE (personal protective equipment), donations of money, resources and food. On a community and familial level it's rediscovering what's important as a family, cleaning the clutter in your home which can clear your mind, and reconnecting with friends and neighbors by calling, texting or delivering food.

After my stem cell transplant I was left with no immune system and I was confined to my home for 100 days. I already know I can do this. But the bigger picture here is that quarantining is not for your safety alone but for the safety of your family and others. The "stay home" order will continue for another month or more and that may frustrate or frighten you. There may even be anger for your inconvenience and loss of freedoms. We have become a culture who has lost patience. Allow yourself to relearn "waiting"- waiting for Christmas, waiting for summer vacation, waiting for mom to take cookies out of the oven. Don't be that person who asks, "How much longer can I wait?" Get reacquainted with what's happening to your insides. Ask yourself if you can stay grateful in the midst of this trial. Based on the difficulties you've endured thus far, is proof enough you can do this! It's not what we can't do; it's what we can do! If one must, one can!

Incredibly, at my lowest, when my life hung in the balance, my hope was the highest. I made plans, lots of plans! My bucket list became a work of art! That is what one does when you fear you may lose them. But before you begin filling up your schedule with plans, treasure this moment. Remember this moment. Let this moment drive you to continue to care the way you do this very moment. Call someone who inspires you. Better yet, call someone who challenges you. If something tugs at your heart, make it right. Give thanks to your higher power. For me, it's my God and while the world feels like it is spinning out of control I trust someone larger than me has it under control. Be still in the silence our world has become and let the quiet comfort you. Taking every precaution possible is not being in hysteria. If you are made to feel being too careful is extreme, let it be the biggest mistake you ever made.

Stay safe, stay well and God Bless!

Pay Check

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qualify for loan forgiveness.

The program is open to small businesses, veterans organizations, sole proprietorships, self-employed individuals and independent contractors, so long as each entity has 500 or fewer employees.

The application period for small businesses and sole proprietors will open on April 3. Self-employed individuals and contractors can apply starting on April 10. Applications are available here.

More details about the program are available here.
<https://www.sba.gov/fundi.../paycheck-protection-program-ppp>



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