New faculty honored at luncheon

Physical therapist assistant student, Joseph Bourgart, recognized for leadership

Braddock Hills Center hosts Great American Smokeout November 20

Important Announcements

Monday, Dec. 1, 2014
Last day to apply for December graduation 2014

Winning the Educational Jackpot
Pa CareerLink Centers Can Help

Perhaps you have enjoyed the thrill of hitting the jackpot at the Rivers Casino in Pittsburgh. Or, you have won the fifty-fifty lottery at Boyce Campus during a fundraising event. You were probably thrilled. There is another kind of lottery, one involving education. The way you can win is by working and being in the right place at the right time.

What program am I talking about? It is the government sponsored Trade Act, which CCAC participates with as an approved provider with a master trade agreement. The Trade Act consists of many facets, including education benefits. If you worked at a business that was trade-affected, employees can rally together to petition for these benefits. Imagine being handed anywhere from $6000-$31,000 to go to your favorite store to spend. Of course, there are always restrictions in place. The money that you are eligible for through the Trade Act can pay for an associate’s degree, a bachelor’s degree, a specific trade or a master’s degree.

Not everyone is so fortunate, though, as my friend Diana Nightman, a Trade Act counselor cautions me. We worked together a few years back, and she tells me that Harrisburg has stricter guidelines in force now for approvals. If you qualify, then you are very fortunate indeed.

The degrees selected are ones that are not only in demand, but will help you to obtain a living wage.

Educational institutions can work with their local Pa. CareerLink and Harrisburg to get on the list as a school provider and the Trade Team at Harrisburg will select the training programs from your offerings that will be approved.

There is a rapid response team in Pittsburgh through Workforce Development that acts when they hear of layoffs of this kind and hold meetings to explain the benefits. The paperwork will come to you from the state unemployment offices, letting you know that you may be eligible for education and/or cash benefits.

If you worked at Otis Spunkmeyer in Export, now called “Anyzta,” you may have received such a letter. You would receive one whether you were a regular employee or a temporary one through an agency. The key is to act quickly. You would need to call the unemployment call center and ask for a “Trade” representative, and they will ask you questions and process your claim to see what exactly you are eligible for. Your determination letter will be mailed to you.

While this is all good news, keep in mind that you must act quickly because there are dates involved to adhere to. If you are eligible for training but cannot start right away, you will need to get a waiver to lock in your benefits. You only get a waiver if you meet all the deadlines and requirements. If you are denied monetary benefits similar to unemployment compensation, you may still be eligible for the school funding.

In any case, you will have to register on the Job Gateway website that also has the list of schools you may be able to attend and the programs that are approved. The local Pa. CareerLink centers are the ones that help you with the waiver, and you can speak to a counselor in Trade that will guide you.

You will have to take a TABE or other assessment test to make sure that your reading, math and comprehension are at a level where you will succeed in college. There are remedial classes to help you reach your goal if you need extra help.

Although there are a few hoops to go through, this program enables many who were unemployed to return to suitable employment. While some workers who lose their jobs are able to find work right away, that is not the case with everyone.

The TAA or TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE program will help many to get the additional help they need for reemployment. As a past counselor for this program I advise you to pick a field that you are interested in, a path that you would be good at.

The ones that were most successful already had a background that they were building on. Please do your research and speak to as many schools as you wish to. Once you are accepted to a school, you need to follow through. They give you one opportunity to choose wisely.

Diana Nightman at Westmoreland County Pa CareerLink in Youngwood, PA answers questions about the Trade Act.

College Nondiscrimination Policy

The Community College of Allegheny County (CCAC) and its Board of Trustees are committed to the principle of equal opportunity in education and employment for all. CCAC does not discriminate based upon race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry or place of birth, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, disability, age, or other factors that are无缘无故的. Individuals with disabilities who are requesting accommodations should contact the Supportive Services for Students with Disabilities Office at 412-469-6215.

Perspectives

Wednesday, November 19, 2014

A Veteran's Day Tribute

EST WERE...

IF YOU'RE WALKING...DOWN A STREET...
OR THROUGH...A DEPARTMENT STORE...
HOW COULD YOU TELL...
THAT A MAN...HAS SEEN WAR...
IF HE'S...NOT IN UNIFORM...
IF HE'S...NOT IN UNIFORM...
IF HE'S...NOT IN UNIFORM...
IF HE'S...NOT IN UNIFORM...
IF HE'S...NOT IN UNIFORM...

YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU DID...

IF YOU WERE...THANKING A VETERAN...
FOR HIS TIME OF SERVICE...
THOUGH...WORDS OF GRATITUDE...
JUST...MAKES HER NEUROSIS...
WE DON'T...LIKE TO TALK...
OF THOSE FEARFUL DAYS...
THAT TOUCHED OUR LIVES...
IN SO MANY WAYS...
OH...YES...THANK A VETERAN...
WHO LOST A LIMP...
BY ALL THAT IS SACRED...
WE HAVE TO THANK HIM...
SOME IN THEIR WHEELCHAIRS...
THAT THEY'LL NEVER LEAVE...
SOME BLINDED AND TORTURED...
FOR THOSE...WE MUST GRIEVE...
THEY Fought FOR OUR FREEDOM...
AND PAID A STEEP PRICE...

IF THAT'S WHAT YOU DO...
YOU'LL SEE THE SURPRISE...

VISIT A HOSPITAL...
YOU'LL SEE THE SURPRISE...

BRave men and women...
WILL HAVE TEARS IN THEIR EYES...
YOU TOOK TIME IN YOUR OWN LIFE...
TO SHOW THAT YOU CARE...

SOME MOMENTS OF KINDNESS...
YOU'RE WILING TO SHARE...
AND I GUARANTEE YOU...
IF THAT'S WHAT YOU DO...
YOU'VE MADE THEM FEEL WORTHY...
AND THEN...THEY'LL THANK YOU...

DO YOURSELF A FAVOR...
VISIT A VA HOSPITAL OR HOME...
YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU DID...

Tom Babeo
Boyce Poet, Security Chief
I distinctly remember as a child that one of our Christmas traditions was to...
The CCAC North Campus Intercollegiate Ice Hockey Team will host their seventh annual benefit hockey game on Saturday, Dec. 6, 2014, 7 p.m. at the Mt. Lebanon Recreation Center. This year’s charity event will benefit Operation Troop Appreciation and will be played against the Pittsburgh Celebrity Hockey Team.

The CCAC hockey team will be wearing special red, white and blue jerseys for the game. These jerseys may be purchased in adult and youth sizes by preordering from the Student Life Office.

CCAC Ice Hockey Military members (L-R) Kevin Mitch (U.S. Army Guard) and Andrew Pawlowski (U.S. Army Reserves), proudly wear their Operation Troop Appreciation jerseys which will be worn by our team at the Dec. 6 Benefit Game.

100% of the proceeds from this game will go to Operation Troop Appreciation which is ranked #1 in Veterans issues on the Great Non-Profits Top Charity List. These jerseys are available to purchase at a cost of $50.

A drawing will be held at the game for a chance to win prizes such as:
- Two tickets to the Penguins game on December 20 vs. the Panthers
- Pittsburgh Penguins Gift Basket ($100 value)
- Framed Autographed photo of Merril Hoge
- Autographed Randy Hillier hockey puck
- Mini football autographed by 7 Steelers (T. Polamalu, A. Brown, L. Bell, H. Miller, C.Batch)
- Gift Baskets with The Clarks' merchandise
- Gift basket from Sewickley Creek Greenhouse
- $25 Cenci’s Italian Restaurant gift certificate
- $20 Max and Erma’s Gift Card
- $20 Applebee’s Gift Card
- $10 Eat n’ Park Gift Card
- $10 Five Guys Burgers and Fries Gift Card
- Other donated items are arriving daily from local vendors (winner need not be present for drawing).

Tickets for the drawing can be purchased in the Student Life Office. If you would like to attend the game, tickets are $5 and available in the North Campus Student Life office, or at the door on the night of the event. All proceeds will benefit Operation Troop Appreciation.

UPCOMING CULTURAL SHOWS

Pittsburgh Public Theater
"L’Hotel"
O’Reilly Theater
412-316-1600
Nov.13-Dec.14
www.culturaldistrict.org/group-sales/ccac
Use promo code PPTCCAC

Pittsburgh CLO
"Murder For Two"
Cabaret at Theater Square
412-456-6666
Oct.22-Jan.18
www.culturaldistrict.org/group-sales/ccac
Use promo code CLOCCAC

PNC Broadway Across America
"Irving Berlin’s White Christmas"
Benedum Center
412-456-4800
Nov.18-Nov.23
www.culturaldistrict.org/group-sales/ccac
Use promo code 1415CCAC

PNC Broadway Across America
"Disney’s Newsies"
Benedum Center
412-456-4800
Nov.25-Nov.30
www.culturaldistrict.org/group-sales/ccac
Use promo code 1415CCAC

Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra
"IGUDESMA & JOO: BIG Nightmare Music"
Heinz Hall
412-392-4900
Nov.28-Nov.30
www.culturaldistrict.org/group-sales/ccac
If promo code is not listed on website, please call Heinz Hall.

Photo courtesy of Denise Miller

Student Discounts

STUDENT LIFE: Please keep in mind that our “box office window” at the Student Accounts Office will be closed during the holiday breaks.

If you want discount tickets that are available for purchase on campus, you will need to plan accordingly.

Tickets are currently in stock for the Carnegie Museums of Art & Natural History, Heinz History Center, Phipps Conservatory, Carnegie Science Center, National Aviary, and the Pittsburgh Zoo. Yes, the Zoo will be open over the holiday breaks from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; however, they will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year’s Day.

At the Carnegie Science Center, the Miniature Railroad opens Nov. 28 for the holidays as does the Omni-Max movie “The Polar Express.” Please check websites for additional information about holiday events and show times.

Below, please find a listing of upcoming cultural performances that Boyce Campus and Bradford Hills Center students and staff are welcome to attend.

Purchase these tickets ONLINE at the website indicated for each venue. Tickets for these performances are NOT available on campus. Select the date you wish to attend and price point for your seat(s).

Use the promo code indicated to receive your discount.

If you are interested in attending cultural district holiday shows in December, we suggest that you purchase tickets early (now) while seats are still available. The discount codes will apply to holiday performances.

This ticket subsidy program is brought to you by the Office of Student Life.
Physical therapy students showcase academics

PTA PROGRAM The Student Physical Therapy Association hosted the 18th Annual Alumni Poster Night Thursday, Nov. 13, 2014.

Started in 1997, PTA Alumni Poster Night provides graduating second year students an evening before finals begin to showcase their academic work through individual portfolios and group poster presentations.

The event provides a means of program assessment through feedback from program graduates as well as an opportunity to discuss current PTA issues.

Additionally, PTA alumni were given the opportunity to receive one continuing education credit through the round table presentation and discussion on contemporary physical therapy management of the following medical topics: ALS, Multiple Sclerosis, Vascular Dementia, Kinesiophobia, Back Pain, Guillain Barre Syndrome, Parkinson’s Disease, Alzheimer Disease and the Use of Video Game Based Therapy in Management of Balance Deficits.

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In the Art Gallery

By Kathy Gilbert

Art DEPARTMENT

First place poster winner (L-R) Jamie LaFlam, Nick Fabish and Charlene Steffel showcase their work through their presentation “Pain in the Back.”

Jarrett Stull and Rocco Pacella from the CCAC Educational Foundation attended the event to network with alumni and current students about the importance alumni play in supporting the CCAC Educational Foundation and donated a CCAC wheeled cooler, pullover, hat, tumbler, pens, note pad and wine glasses to be added to the Silent Auction raffle.

More than 125 faculty, alumni, family and friends attended the event.

During the evening, the alumni, faculty, and staff in attendance review and vote for the best portfolios and posters being presented and PTA poster winners are recognized with a certificate to add to their portfolio.

Best Portfolio was awarded to the following students: 1st place: Jodi Schleicher, 2nd place: Charlene Steffel and 3rd place: Stefanie Koskoski.

We also awarded Honorable Mention for portfolios to Sherry Durick, Dennis Jendrezewski, and Sara Soubie. First place poster presentation was awarded to Nick Fabish, Jamie LaFlam and Charlene Steffel for their poster titled “Pain in the Back,” second place was awarded to Keith Hall, Alex Johnston and Dale Smith for their poster on Multiple Sclerosis and third place was tied between Parkinson’s Disease presented by Matthew Cook, Dennis Jendrezewski and Kim Thomas and Video Game Based Therapy in Management of Balance Disorders presented by Joe Borugart, Sherry Durick and Jim Harding.

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Inclement Weather Alert from CCAC President

Inclement weather is slated to commence this week and will continue for the next several months. In the event of inclement weather, College officials will assess the weather conditions early to determine if the College will open for regular hours, delay opening the College (or campus), or close the College (or campus) for the day. Faculty, staff, and students will be notified through television, e-mail, twitter, Facebook, college webpage, emergency hotline 412.237.4520, and the emergency call tree.

Inclement weather notifications for day classes and clinical will be announced and posted by 5:30 a.m. The decision to cancel evening classes will be made by 2 p.m.
Students Support Breast Cancer Awareness In Class

Students in Professor Juel Smith’s biology courses showed their support for persons dealing with breast cancer by wearing pink during the week of October 6th. Photos for the classes were sent to the Susan G Komen Foundation to show just how much CCAC students support their efforts. The foundation showed their appreciation by posting the photos on their local and national Facebook pages.

From Conflict to Collaboration

The compelling story of Golden Living (formerly Beverly Enterprises, Inc.) and the SEIU that moved from an adversarial relationship to a transformative working environment.

Wednesday, December 10, 2014 • 2:00 p.m. • Reception to follow

CCAC Allegheny Campus
Foerster Student Service Center Auditorium
808 Ridge Avenue • Pittsburgh, PA 15212

The event is free and open to the public. Reservations are requested by Monday, December 8, 2014. CEUs are available. For more information or to register, contact 412.237.4412 or LaborManagement@ccac.edu. Free parking is available.

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Vice President, Labor Relations & Field Human Resources Support Services, Golden Living

Matt Yarnell
Executive Vice President, SEIU Healthcare Pennsylvania

Lisa Williams
Executive Director, SEIU Healthcare Pennsylvania
Training & Education Fund
Step out of your comfort zone, face your fear

By Rachael Schneider

In August of 2014, “Go Ape!” of North Park, PA welcomed CCAC Honors Program to experience their rope / zip lining obstacle course for the day.

Our group consisted of the four Honors Program Leadership Scholars (Alyssa Carlson, Emily Burks, Lexi Schnep, and Rachael Schneider), Honors Program Director Julia Fennell, North Campus Honors Coordinator Srujana Kanjula, and Allegheny Campus Honors Coordinator Dan Lowe.

This was my first time participating in anything of this sort. I am deathly afraid of activities that include dangling 40 feet in the air, but the group reassured me that I was completely safe and encouraged me to try it.

After the instructor gave a lesson on the equipment, how to attach ourselves to the zip-line, the proper way to hold on while gliding and how to stop ourselves safely, we were on our own.

Completing the five obstacles couldn’t have been done without the support that was offered within our group, as well as other groups that were traveling the course in front of us.

Encouragement was offered at times when members felt that continuing was not an option. This experience required us to step out of our comfort zones and build our confidence about our personal physical and mental strength.

The Honors Program at CCAC is more than a program that develops students’ academic resume; it’s designed to improve a student’s inner strength and preparation for college and beyond.

In September, the Honors Program planned a trip to McConnell’s Mill State Park for a chilly Sunday of outdoor rock climbing.

Once we all arrived, the first thing that everyone noticed was the beauty of the park and the sun shining through the trees.

Excitement to have the opportunity to rock climb in this environment rushed over, and I became eager to begin.

The instructors set up five different rope climbs for us to try. The most memorable climb was the final 35 foot rock wall.

Breaking off into groups, we began a journey that tested our physical strength. The beauty of the state park took our minds off of the fact that we were there to climb rock walls that were anywhere from 20 to 35 feet high.

A team of three, known as the belay team, was responsible for catching climbers if they happen to lose grip and fall, which happened quite a bit. Communication between the climber and the belayer was the key to a successful and safe climb.

The instructors set up five different rope climbs for us to try. The most memorable climb was the final 35 foot rock wall. My group came upon this last climb of the day, and I volunteered to be the first climber.

Approaching the obstacle, several thoughts and emotions were running through my head. “I don’t want to die! Please don’t let me die!” I said to the instructor to ease the seriousness just enough to decrease my stress a little.

Listening to the instructor allowed me to advance towards the top easier than I did on the other climbs. Even though our instructor was very good at his job, there were points where my fear of falling froze my body. Hearing the cheers of encouragement from by belayers and other Honors members allowed me to complete the climb and reach the top.

I am truly grateful for the opportunity to participate in both activities. Without being a member of the Honors Program at CCAC, I would have never thought of doing anything like them.

Since joining the Honors Program in the fall of 2010, I’ve become a better individual, not only a better student, but an all-around person.

Each and every semester as a member, I’ve had to step out of my comfort zone to complete the tasks asked of me. Honors Director Julia Fennell and Honors Program Secretary Renee Shissler, along with the other members, constantly encourage and support me.

Sometimes it’s the only support that I receive. Having to face my fear of dangling 40 feet in the air and putting trust in others to catch me if I should fall were giant risks for me to take.

Growing up, unfortunately, the necessary support a young woman needs in life was absent from mine; at one point, I’d given up hope that there are people in this world that believe in supporting others while they overcome obstacles.

Being a member of the CCAC Honors Program has given me proof that encouraging, supporting, and caring people do exist, and stepping out of your comfort zone and facing your fears is not necessarily a bad thing.

So, the next time you that you are faced with an obstacle that requires some inner strength to face a few remember how much stronger of a person you will become and go for it whole-heartedly.

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Deposit your gift in the Collection Box located by the Giving Tree (Library Entrance) between November 20 — December 11, 2014.

BOW-WOW & MEOW

Happy Holidays to All!
Finding Inspiration in Unlikely Places

Honors Projects Inspire Empathy, Learning

By Emily Burks

CCAC HONORS

We can grow to become better people. We can learn to be more giving, caring, thankful for our lives, more empathic, and make better decisions in regard to our lives.

CCAC Honors Program offers service activities for the Honors students to participate in that have the potential to invoke inspiration in their students.

Two of these service projects, the Big Read and the Pink Feet Race, were held in October.

Personally, I found inspiration in both of these activities and learned lessons that I am sure I will carry with me through my journey in life.

From Oct. 1 to Oct. 10, the Honors Program at all four campuses held the Pink Feet Race with the goal of raising funds for the Susan G. Komen Foundation and awareness for Breast Cancer.

Honors raised $1,786 to donate to Susan G. Komen Foundation with the hope of finding a cure for breast cancer.

Also, information on breast cancer awareness was available to students. From this experience, I was inspired by many people: breast cancer survivors, the Honors students who volunteered their time and energy to ensure the Pink Feet Race was a success.

Empathy also was a lesson I learned from participating in the Big Read. The Honors Program held all four of their Big Read events in October.

The Big Read aims to promote literacy in communities around the nation. Honors students volunteered to travel to Shuman Juvenile Detention Center and Renewal Treatment Center to host discussions and engaging activities pertaining to the novel "Fahrenheit 451."

I was fortunate enough to have the opportunity to attend the Big Read at Shuman Juvenile Detention Center, which was a very rewarding experience. I drew inspiration from the inmates.

When asked about their plans after Shuman, some of them stated that they wanted to attend college or a trade school. I found this very inspiring because despite the difficulties and obstacles set before these young men, they were still striving to become better people and improve their futures.

Overall, inspiration can come in many forms and from many sources. It is important to keep an open mind when presented with a new situation or environment and embrace all experiences.
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Biology students visit Pitt's mobile lab

Thursday, Oct. 30 students from Dr. Juanita Plaskon and Professor Juel Smith's General Biology I courses participated in the University of Pittsburgh's Mobile Lab. Students were instructed in the molecular biology techniques of PCR and Gel Electrophoresis and their use in forensic science and genetic analysis.

Top Left: Blake Cessna and Matthew Dawson examine slides. Top Center: Terrence Hubbard works with his lab partners Adam DiCriscio and Sarah Aboutalib. Top Right: Students gather specimens. Bottom: The students from Professor Smith's class pose in front of the colorful mobile lab sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh.
J.U.M.P. Kicks Off

Thursday, Oct. 2, 2014, LDI Participants Megan Crane, Shakia Robin-son and Juel Smith in conjunction with Clyde Pickett and The office of Diversity, the Boyce Campus Student Success coaches and Student Life sponsored the J.U.M.P. Kickoff at Boyce Campus.

J.U.M.P. or the Joint Urban Mentoring Project is a program that has been developed to connect students with faculty and staff as well as peer mentors in hopes to improve student success and retention.

J.U.M.P. is looking to recruit faculty and staff mentors as well as students who desire to be mentored. Please contact Clyde Pickett at cpickett@ccac.edu or Juel Smith at jsmith@ccac.edu for further details.

Top Right Photo: (L-R) Megan Crane, William Baker, winner of the basket raffle for participants, and Professor Juel Smith attend the J.U.M.P. kickoff at Boyce.

Top Left Photo: Students take time to interact with their peers as well as faculty and staff mentors.

Currently, less than two out of every 100 teachers are African American males. The absence of African American male teachers in American classrooms is an issue that must be addressed over this next decade.

African American male teachers are needed in elementary, middle school, high school and college classrooms. Their presence in the classroom promotes diversity among the teaching staff and benefits all races of students.

We welcome you to join us Thursday, Dec. 4, 2014, at CCAC South campus in West Mifflin, PA. Our program will be a fun filled event that will focus on the trajectory and personal stories of past, present, and future African American male teachers.

This event is free and open to the public.


For further questions, please feel free to contact Chris Robinson at crobinson@ccac.edu or (412) 469-6229 office.
Tis’ the Season – SPTA Collects Toys for Play It Forward Pittsburgh

With the Holiday Season in full swing, The Student Physical Therapy Association (SPTA) is collecting toys to donate to Play It Forward Pittsburgh, which is in its third year of collecting and donating lightly used toys to families in need in the Pittsburgh area.

The SPTA will be collecting toys through Dec. 11 at the Boyce Campus, and collection boxes can be found on the first floor near the entrance. It is the perfect opportunity to clean out your toy closet and donate items that will make someone else’s holiday extra special! Play It Forward Pittsburgh will be accepting lightly used or new toys for children 0-16. Items such as toys, books, games, stuffed animals, electronics, sporting equipment and movies are all things that can be donated.

The holidays can be a stressful time for many families, and the SPTA wants to contribute as much as possible to make this holiday a little easier for families in need!

Why are you waiting

Get the schedule you want for the Spring term. Make your Advising appointment on Appointment central or stop in the Advising office S561.

Classes begin on January 12, 2014.

Credit schedules can be viewed online at www.ccac.edu. Click on the Course Catalog link on the right side of the web page under Useful Links for Students.

On this page you can view the Spring 2015 CCAC credit schedule in PDF file or be able to access CCAC Central e-Services for up to date online information.

The Community College of Allegheny County/Boyce Campus
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SERVICE LEARNING PROJECT
Student Physical Therapy Association, the Churchill Wilkins Rotary Club and the Woodland Hills High School Interact Club

(L-R) SPTA Class of 2015 President, Beth May, Jennifer Walsh, SPTA Class 2015 Vice-President, Sara Soubie, Matt Cook, SPTA Educational Liaison, Joe Bourgart, and Sherry Durick lead the service learning project.

For the third year, the Student Physical Therapy Association and Woodland Hills High School Interact Club collected Thanksgiving dinner food items to feed a family of four-six.

The food items included: yams, green beans, instant potatoes, stuffing mix, turkey gravy, fruit cocktail and jellied cranberry sauce. The Churchill Wilkins Rotary Club purchased 50 turkeys from Kuhn’s Market on Beulah Road to complete the meal which resulted in feeding 250 – 300 people.

More than 500 additional food items were collected during the food drive. Dr. Norman Johnson and Mark Ellison delivered the Thanksgiving Dinners and additional food items to the Rainbow Kitchen Community Services in Homestead, PA for distribution.

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