

The Suffolk County Department of Labor, Licensing & Consumer Affairs provides a variety of programs, activities and services for the residents and businesses of Suffolk County. Our aim is to keep Suffolk working. We operate the One-Stop Employment Center, and the Suffolk Works Employment Program, offering vocational opportunities, job search assistance, on the job training, and work experience. We are empowered to license businesses and seek resolution of consumer issues. Often, we get to share in the success of job seekers, and our business and consumer customers. This is one of those times.

Update

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MAKING THE GRADE

CBI customers find education success Part II

Back in September, we highlighted the efforts of hard working individuals who discovered **One-Stop Employment Center** vocational education services through the **Wyandanch Community Resource Center (WCRC)**.

We are proud to report that one of the students mentioned in the story, **Marthe Pierre**, has successfully found full time employment as a Dental Assistant.

Marthe initially stopped at the Resource Center in October of 2017 seeking assistance with her United States Citizenship application. While living with her sister, helping with bills and rent, Marthe was working part time, saving up to go to school, and hoping to become a dental assistant.

With limited, well-paying employment prospects and money in short supply, Marthe was in need of both. What she did not lack was confidence, ability and perseverance.

With help from Wyandanch counselors, Marthe successfully applied for the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the nation's most important anti-hunger program, formerly titled Food Stamps, and run by the county department of Social Services.

County services, dispensed locally, is the aim of Suffolk County's Community Based Initiative (CBI), developed by Suffolk Executive **Steven Bellone**. In addition to the Wyandanch Resource Center, staff from the departments of Labor, Licensing & Consumer Affairs, and Social Services offer assistance each week at the Huntington Opportunity Resource Center, Adelante in Central Islip, and Bellport Hagerman East Patchogue Alliance.

Through the Labor Department, with funding provided through the federal Workforce Development Act, Marthe was enrolled, at no cost to herself, in a Dental Assistant program at **Eastern Suffolk BOCES's**, worked hard and graduated in June, participating in an externship at **Tangredi Endodontics** in Garden City as part of her studies. Knowing Marthe would improve their business, Tangredi offered, and she accepted, a full time position as a dental assistant.



As her quest for citizenship continues, Marthe works and studies, and in any spare moments, paints and attends museums. Said **Beverly Theodore**, WCRC Director, "During her time with us, it became clear Marthe was a motivated, young woman with a vision of what she wanted her future to look like. With help from all parties involved, how can you not be proud of a young woman on her way, with her name embroidered on her very own dental assistant jacket?"

Marthe, Congratulations on your Success!

Steven Bellone

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