

# West Tennessee Workforce Investment Board



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## Summer Youth Success: McNairy County

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Revosea Richardson is spending his summer as an engineering intern at Monogram, LLC in Selmer. He is a 2013 graduate of McNairy Central High School, and plans on attending Middle Tennessee State University this fall. He hopes to major in Computer Engineering, and believes his education will lead him to big things after he graduates college.

### Upcoming WIA Events: July

7/11- Rapid Response; Masco Bath

7/16- Job Fair; Masco Bath

7/17- Board Meeting; Central Office

7/28- Gang Prevention Program Day;  
The Ballpark-Jackson Generals

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Revosea has had the opportunity to work on a variety of projects while at Monogram this summer. Among those projects is one he is currently working on in which he was asked to figure out a solution that would help keep condensation from the refrigerator run-off from dripping outside of the drip pan.



Michael Johnson, pictured with Revosea, is the Technology Manager at Monogram, LLC. He has been supervising Revosea during his internship, and has been impressed with what he has seen out of him. Johnson says " It's been great having him as an additional resource... we want him to be used in a way that is beneficial and rewarding for him going forward in his pursuit of an engineering degree... it's been very positive for us here at Monogram "

## Summer Youth Success: Henderson County

Damien Pearson is a 2013 graduate of Lexington High School and is currently in his second year in the WIA Summer Work Experience Program. After spending last summer working for Henderson County Solid Waste, he is employed by GCA Janitorial Services and has been helping clean-up Caywood Schools in Lexington.

Some of his job duties this summer include: moving furniture, cleaning the building, dusting, and wiping windows. Damien has enjoyed the program and says “It gives me something to do, and more importantly keeps me out of trouble”.



Damien plans to attend Jackson State Community College this fall, and says his dream job would be helping kids get their start in the music industry.



WIA Career Specialist, Bettina Webb, targeted Damien as a potential returnee to the program this year after seeing him grow as a young man during the previous summer.

When asked about Damien she said “ He showed me that children who live in single parent homes can overcome adversity by having a positive work experience to learn skills that are vital to them to have a good work ethic... he has been a very hardworking young man”.

## WIA Director headlines ‘Power Breakfast’



Bell has served as the director of the West Tennessee Workforce Investment Board since December 2011.

Jimmy Bell, director of the West Tennessee Workforce Investment Board, was the guest speaker at the Jackson-Madison County African-American Chamber of Commerce.

The “Power Breakfast on Workforce Investment” helped educate its members and other community members while providing networking opportunities for local business owners.

The Jackson-Madison County African American Chamber of Commerce is a nonprofit organization that was founded in 1999.

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**JCM Summer Youth Program comes to a close**

Eighteen youth with disabilities participated in Jackson Central Merry's (JCM) summer youth employment program. The program has been a tremendous success for those involved. From June 10 through July 10, these youth learned job readiness education, financial planning, and work ethics. These skills should give them the tools that will help aid them in making the necessary transitions for a productive future in today's labor market.

**WIA staff member graduates from 'WestStar' program**

Barker has been with the West Tennessee Workforce Investment Board since August of 2011.

WIA Business Services Representative, Reid Barker, recently graduated from WestStar. WestStar is widely considered the premier leadership program in the state.

The WestStar mission is to identify, encourage and equip community minded people who want to become more involved, who want to help West Tennessee become a better place, and who are willing to accept assertive and dynamic leadership roles.

Participants learned new leadership skills and developed strategies for assisting communities in solving problems and maximizing potential. Participants also become part of a growing network of other leaders who through mutual support and assistance shape the future



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