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FOREST SERVICE JOB CORPS CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CENTERS

Creating the Next Generation of Conservation Stewards



Jacobs Creek Job Corps student Devin Chaffin signs a pledge to “Show respect in all my relationships—online and in-person,” after participating in facilitated learning activities exploring the dynamics of healthy versus unhealthy personal relationships on February 9, 2022. Job Corps is a three-legged stool composed of academics, vocational training, and social skills and each leg is important to a student’s successful completion. USDA Forest Service photo.

GROWING GRATITUDE



Jeanne Weihrauch, Special Assistant to the Job Corps National Director, JCNO.

“Gratitude and opportunity create more of the same.” –Seth Godin

If we are lucky in life, we find places where our investment is self-proliferating. “Self-Proliferating” might seem like an unfamiliar concept but we see it all over in the natural world. Rabbits are a common example of a self-proliferating species in the sense that if you

start the month with two rabbits, you can quickly end with fourteen, and then that fourteen can grow exponentially in a matter of just a few months.

Often times we hope our money has the opportunity to self-proliferate in the same way. I certainly am not opposed to the idea of starting with two dollars and ending with fourteen dollars without any significant effort on my part, and then that new-to-me money continuing to grow at a similar rate!

There are other places in life where we get an opportunity for our investment to grow, and I’d argue that one of most impactful places this can happen is in the world of gratitude. The more I express my gratitude, the more opportunities I will have to be grateful. The less I express, the fewer the opportunities.

When I express my gratitude to you, there is a good chance you will carry that forward and express gratitude to another,

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resulting in more opportunities for you to be grateful, and a wonderful cycle is created. Today I am taking my opportunity to write to you, my Forest Service Job Corps family members, to express my gratitude because I can think of no better way to use this platform.

Dear Family,

Each and every day I am amazed that I am given the good fortune of working alongside you in the pursuit of changing lives. I am in awe of the passion, dedication, and love that is poured into each of these young people. There is incredible and hard work that you do that earns you a paycheck but what makes me brag about this program (to ANYONE that will listen) is what you do that isn’t written in your position description. Every time I walk onto a campus and a student raises their chin and offers a smile, I see that you have given of yourself. When I shake the hand of a young person and there is confidence in their grip, I feel the empowerment you showed them they deserved. Thank you a million times.

Warmly,

Jeanne

HIGHLIGHTS

- **At-a-glance:** Visit the [OC Editorial Calendar](#) for upcoming agency-wide communication activities.
- **CCCs gear up for another busy Rx burn season:** [Blackwell Job Corps partners with forests, state to support National Forests in Alabama](#)
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Weber Basin Job Corps students and staff at the GTAC. (L-R) Back row staff: Derric Morse, Jesse Montes, Marshall Kulp, and Troy Street. Middle row students: Wyatt Bryner, Logan Strong, Justin Voss, Dejaunrei Yazzie, Nathaniel Thompson and Dayne Sonne. Front row students: Adrian Britt, Jordan Williams, and Ashley Crownover. USDA Forest Service photo by Gary Nebeker.

WEBER BASIN JOB CORPS CCC LENDS MANPOWER

If you're looking for young people with an amazing work ethic, look no farther than Weber Basin Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center. Last month, nine students and four staff helped the Geospatial Technical Applications Center (GTAC) set up a film vault for historic aerial film. Facing a tight deadline, and responsible for unpacking, arranging, and shelving 15,000 aerial film canisters with an average weight of seven pounds each, they knew to arrive on-site well rested for the task ahead. Ultimately, the Weber Basin crew's speed, accuracy, and attention to detail allowed it to beat its deadline by four days!



Weber Basin Job Corps CCC crew was undaunted by the task given to them by the Geospatial Technical Applications Center. USDA Forest Service photo by Gary Nebeker.

Weber Basin students have donated their time supporting the GTAC Historical Aerial Photography Program since 2018 when Historical Aerial Photography Program Leader Gary Nebeker sought the assistance of Weber Basin students in scanning aerial photography records into PDF files. Aerial photography views provide a way to view and capture the entire scope of a landscape- impossible to capture on a ground level-which makes them an excellent planning tool.

The mission of the 24 Forest Service Job Corps Civilian Conservation Centers is to train eligible youth ages 16 to 24 with educational, social, and vocational skills while assisting in the conservation of the nation's public natural resources.

MEET NICOLE KUHN WOLF CREEK JOB CORPS CCC



Wolf Creek Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center Culinary Arts Instructor Nicole Kuhn moved to Glide, Oregon fourteen years ago and heard about Wolf Creek Job Corps through word of mouth. "Everyone said it was a great place to

work," says Kuhn. "I was determined to get a job there." And that she did! Kuhn accepted a position as a NTE 1039 Cook in the dining hall in 2015. In 2017, she accepted an appointment as the Career Technical Training Culinary Arts Instructor.

Kuhn is a single parent. She and her 13-year-old son operate as a team. "We say, 'It's us against the world!'" Kuhn feels that her work at Wolf Creek helps her to be a better parent and her job as a parent makes her a better teacher. "It is important that I am open-minded, compassionate and kind," she says. "My son needs a stable, safe, trauma-free home-and so do our Job Corps students."

Kuhn views her culinary students as artists with a need to explore their creativity. She loves to see them grow and triumph as she helps them work through their individual struggles. With only a few students during the COVID-19 pandemic, Kuhn had the opportunity to grow closer to her students, learning more about their lives, their passions and their silliness. "In doing so, I learned more about myself," she says.

There's probably nothing more satisfying than finding your place in the world. For Kuhn, that place is Wolf Creek Job Corps CCC. "When I arrived at Wolf Creek I felt as though I belonged here," states Kuhn. "I still feel like I belong here."



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