### **Community Partnerships**

- Anytime Fitness
- Ellen T. Briggs Elementary School
- Hilton Garden Inn Rockaway
- Olive Garden
- One Step Closer Animal Rescue
- First Impressions Child Care Center
- ShopRite
- Black Bear Fitness
- Rite-Aid
- Wendy's, Lake Hopatcong
- Carbon Express Inc, Wharton
- 11th Hour Rescue, Rockaway
- Modell's Sporting Goods, Rockaway
- Skylands Ice World, Stockholm
- Walgreens, Dover
- Headley Lumber, Oak Ridge
- Artline Heat Transfers, Parsippany
- Bunky's Towing & Auto Repair, Dover
- Tuscany Brewhouse, Oak Ridge
- Dunkin' Donuts, Oak Ridge
- Habitat for Humanity, Randolph
- Department for Persons with Disabilities (DPD), Oak Ridge
- DRS Air Balancing Corp., Sparta



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# THE STEP PROGRAM

The STEP Program is a unique program within Jefferson Township High School in which our students learn and acquire handson experiences with various aspects of Community Living. In the classroom setting, students participate in career awareness and career exploration activities, including local community sites to develop appropriate social skills and work readiness skills.

Additionally, students are given the opportunity to put their skills and knowledge to uses at various In-House (within the school) job sites, with the final step of participating in Community-Based Structure Learning Experience, in which the student will obtain and maintain a job within the community that fits their unique and individual needs.

#### **SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS**

Students in 10th and 11th grade may be enrolled in courses directly related to Career Awareness & Exploration.

The courses include activities such as:

- Participating in Interest Inventories
- Created a personal vision for their future
- Research Jobs/ Careers in every Career Cluster
- Developing and Enhancing Appropriate Social Skills
- Utilizing technology appropriate to a particular job/career
- Visiting Community Sites to Explore Jobs/Careers
- Completing Job Applications
- Developing a Resume & Cover Letter
- Practice Interview Skills

#### And much more!

## Students who Require Additional Job Training

- Participate in "In-House" jobs such as Cafeteria-Food Prep, School Store, Custodial Work, Office Skills - Sorting & Delivering Mail, Copying and Collecting.
- Job Coaches are also offered as a needed basis.

## STRUCTURED LEARNING EXPEREINCE

The Structured Learning Experience (SLE) is open to Seniors, or any student between the ages of 17-21. During the Structured Learning Experience, students obtain a job within the local community, which takes place during school hours. The student may participate in a paid or unpaid experience in order to receive onsite technical training at a jobsite of their choice.

The student is given a worksite mentor, as well as a Job Coach if deemed necessary. The student is supervised under the direction of the Structured Learning Experience (SLE) Coordinator from the school district every ten work days to evaluate the student to obtain feedback from the worksite mentor and/or job coach. Several local community sites have partnered with us to contribute to this exciting and unique program. The SLE was developed and approved through the New Jersey State Department of Education. Additional information can be found at http://www.nj.gov/education/cte/sle/