

## PS Bank Sponsors Scholarship at Northern Tier Career Center



Above: PS Bank Scholarship recipient Derrick Lain, Building Construction, Wyalusing

Below: PS Bank Scholarship recipient Bradley Wroman, Welding, Canton



The start of a new school year is always an exciting time, and a new opportunity for the students of the Northern Tier Career Center (NTCC) made the 2019–2020 kick-off exceptionally thrilling. PS Bank is sponsoring a K-12 Career & Technology Scholarship, administered by Commonwealth Charitable Management, which is available for students in all 11 programs of study at NTCC—Auto Body/Collision Repair, Automotive Mechanics, Diesel Mechanics, Building Construction, Mechanical Trades/HVAC, Machine Tool Technology, Welding, Cosmetology, Food Production and Management, and Pre-Nursing.

The scholarship will help to cover student costs associated with successful participation in their programs of study, such as necessary safety gear, industry tools, and uniforms, as well as student membership fees for SkillsUSA. With emphasis in Career and Technical Education (CTE) on both career pathways and college readiness, the scholarship also assists students in transitioning to the workforce or post-secondary education by covering industry certification fees. The scholarship has far-reaching effects, as it is available

to students from across two counties who have chosen to pursue a CTE career pathway at NTCC, which is owned and operated by all eight school districts in Bradford and Sullivan counties: Athens, Canton, Northeast Bradford, Sayre, Sullivan County, Towanda, Troy, and Wyalusing.

The response from NTCC staff and students to the generosity of PS Bank has been tremendous. Paul Welch, Welding Instructor, noted, "It's an awesome opportunity for the students. It's hard for them to grasp that someone wants to give them something with no strings attached." According to HVAC Instructor Patrick Davidson, "It's a huge opportunity for these students to get started in the industry and allows them to move forward."

Scholarship recipient Kya Yoder, a Wyalusing junior in the Food Production and Management program, said, "I think it's really nice that they are contrib-

uting to let students go forth and work in different careers and helping them to be successful in the future." She said that with the scholarship, "instead of stressing about extra expenses, I can focus on what I need to do here to succeed in life."

The Northern Tier Career Center is only one of the educational programs with which PS Bank has partnered for the 2019–2020 school year. For the second consecutive year, PS Bank has contributed to the Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program administered by Commonwealth Charitable Management and the PA Department of Community & Economic Development. For the 2019–2020 academic year, PS Bank has donated \$200,000 which will also provide tuition assistance to more than 200 students who attend tuition-based K-12 and preschool programs in northeastern Pennsylvania.

Established in 1914, PS Bank is an independent community bank with assets of \$400 million. The bank has eight branches throughout Bradford, Sullivan, Wyoming, and Lackawanna counties, and has recently expanded into Susquehanna with the opening of a Loan Production

Office in Montrose. "Our employees, officers, and directors are honored to provide tuition assistance to local students. Our partnership with the Northern Tier Career Center is an exciting opportunity to provide students enrolled in vocational-technical programs with the tools necessary for their success," said President and CEO Anthony J. Gabello. Commonwealth Charitable Management has administered the Educational Improvement Program since 2003 and works on behalf of donors to match them with students in need. Commonwealth Charitable Management Executive Director Cristine Clayton stated, "We appreciate the support that PS Bank has provided in our area and are looking



PS Bank Scholarship recipient Jillian Snay, Building Construction, Canton

forward to working with their team. The bank is committed to providing educational opportunities to students in need and supporting their community." The Northern Tier Career Center expresses sincere appreciation to PSBank for this generous demonstration of their commit-

ment to the success of our students and future workforce. NTCC Executive Director Gary Martell said, "What better investment of dollars is there than in quality education for our children? After all, they are our future." From cosmetology kits to steel-toe boots, NTCC students will be equipped with the tools necessary for success. Find more information about NTCC at [ntccschool.org](http://ntccschool.org), PS Bank at [PSBanking.com](http://PSBanking.com), and the work of Commonwealth Charitable Management at [Commonwealthcharitable.org](http://Commonwealthcharitable.org).



PS Bank Scholarship recipients in Automotive Mechanics: Dominic Pail, Troy; Caleb Ellings, Northeast Bradford; Patrick Hildebrandt, Athens

