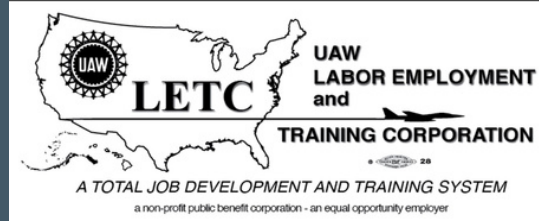


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MOVING FORWARD



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Guess who came to visit us??

UAW-LETG Student Avonti Johnson represents Earle C. Clements in D.C. Washington D.C.

In November the National Office of Job Corps in Washington D.C. held a leadership summit and invited students and center directors from across the nation to Washington to showcase and discuss the direction of Job Corps.

Earle C Clements Job Corps Center selected UAW-LETG student Avonti Johnson to represent our center and to meet the Job Corps National Director Ms. Rachel Torres. Avonti reported back to us that it was a tremendous honor and that they had a great time in Washington. They represented us and the center well and we could not be more excited.

Read more about the trip in their own words on page 2.



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My trip to D.C.

By Avonti Johnson

Job Corps has been an institution since 1964. In the almost 60 years of its existence, not much has changed about it at its core. The Leadership Summit of 2022 was a meeting of all 121 center directors and a student representative from each center to discuss the future of Job Corps and the needed changes to modernize the program and better serve its students.

We, as students, got a chance to interact with our region representatives and pose questions about current practices as well as communicate the current issues we're facing. Some of the topics discussed were lack of staff, internship opportunities, assistance with housing after completion, improving infrastructure, financial admission standards, drug testing standards, additional ways to use PTO, and the spread of information about Job Corps. Students came prepared with suggestions on how to improve things, some of which included:

- Reaching out to local companies to make connections and contracts for increased paid internship opportunities for students
- Allowing students to utilize their trade skills by letting them work on buildings on campus in return for compensation
- Introducing an Independent Living program (different to what we have here at Earle C.) where graduated students who don't have a place to go after graduation can live on campus with minimal restrictions and obligations to Job Corps, while they work and pay a small rent to Job Corps to continue staying on campus. This would provide less fortunate students the chance to save money for their own place while giving them a safe place to live.
- Modification of initial and follow-up drug testing standards for TEAP, to reflect proven research that drugs linger longer in people that are heavier.
- Allowing PTO to be used on campus so that students that live too far away or don't have a place to live can have the same opportunity to take PTO like their peers and have a mental health day.

Some of these subjects may seem like things we already have solutions or practices in place for here at Earle C. Clements, but one of the facts that we learned while having our conversations was that results vary in terms of resource availability when it comes to the Job Corps experience from campus to campus. Sometimes it even varies from trade to trade within the same campus. That being said, I personally think there's always room for improvement.

Ultimately, the Leadership Summit was a chance to introduce fresh change to Job Corps. Something that I feel it sorely needs. I got the chance to meet a lot of students that deeply cared about the state of affairs concerning their fellow students that they represented and any future students to come. It was both refreshing and inspiring. Though we may not see the fruits of our labor for years to come, as the government tends to take time to produce change, we can rest assured that the students that come after us will, hopefully, have a great experience, more akin to the college experience Job Corps aspires to be.



A visit from the Grinch!?!?!?

**'Twas before winter break,
the center winding down,
and every heart was light.**

**Then came the Grinch,
just before Christmas,
trying to ruin our delight.**

**He tried and he tried,
with every present given,
to ruin our Christmas cheer.**

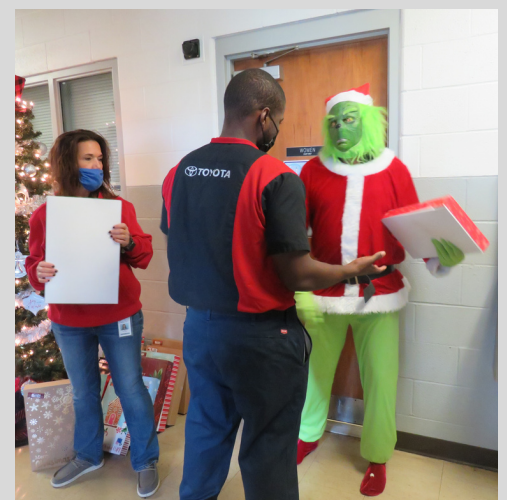
**We've seen this before,
we were prepared this time,
it happened before just last year.**

**He cried and he fought
and he cursed our names,
but our spirits never came down.**

**The spirit of giving,
shown by LETC,
was simply too much to drown.**

**We set off with joy,
and spirits intact,
for our much deserved winter break.**

**We will always be ready,
to take up the fight,
and beat the Grinch for Christmas Sake!!!**



EARLE C CLEMENTS CENTER UPDATES



Center Resumes after Winter Break, Damage found!!!

The center had its annual shutdown for winter break this year from December 15th to January 5th. Our students departed our center for their homes and the center went into its slumber. With the extremely cold weather passing through our area during this time we had a few water lines on center freeze and unfortunately break causing some damage. This has the unfortunate consequence of possible delaying the winter formal dance for our center and our students. The center is assessing the damage to the gym currently and will inform all staff and students of the rescheduling if its necessary. We are hopeful that this doesn't have a major impact and our students will get to enjoy their dance. This has been a long standing tradition for our students and we don't want them to lose it, but either way we know it will come back better than before.

Thanks and recognition

Thank you to CPP Coordinator/team Jana Wright for adding us to the weekly schedule for recruiting UAW and going over our career pathways.

A shout out for the floors being stripped and waxed over winter break. Laura Goodloe, Billy Engle and Aaron Girten for helping us out on this request

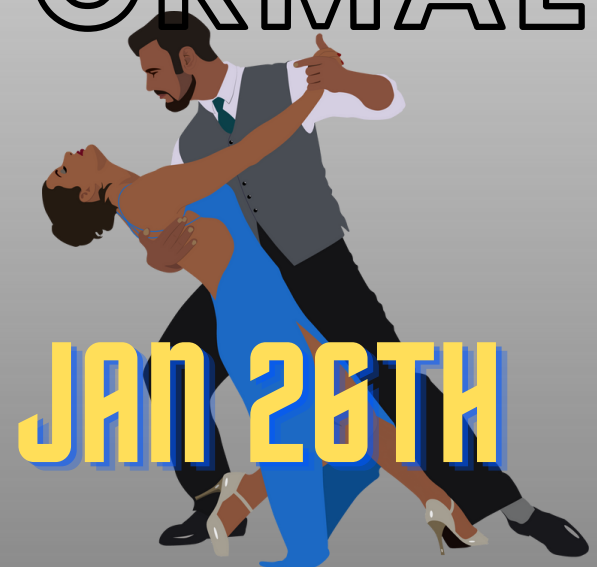
A shout out to Property Manager Rosemarie Thomas / Property Team for returning chrome books to our students. Very well managed and students picked up their training immediately on January 5th.

We are looking forward to visiting with two former Center Directors at Clements. Mr. Barton, MTC SR. VP of Education and Training, and Ms. Curry, MTC Eastern Region VP visit at the end of the month and we can't wait to show them our programs.



Recently the center underwent our annual OSHA inspection and we passed with flying colors. We also enjoyed the remarks and the inspectors comments about our areas here at UAW-LETC being spotless. We are blessed to have staff and students that keep our facilities ready at any time for inspection and could not be more thankful for all of the support staff here on the center that take care of all of our needs and give us and our students a place to call home.

Winter FORMAL



T-TEN PROGRAM UPDATES



Toyota Hybrid Powertrain Certification Salt Lake City, Utah

Toyota Technical Services and T-Ten have been working on revised curriculum to bring Hybrid powertrain certification to T-Ten schools. Over the last several months Toyota has been sending different Hybrid vehicles to schools and making sure that all of the groundwork has been laid while the curriculum portion was completed. It seems as though that day has come and our T-ten staff will be flying to Salt Lake City to attend the Toyota hosted training at Clearfield Job Corps Center with our sister school from UAW-LETC being the chosen school as the host school for the training to take place. Not only will they be there to see UAW-LETC family, but fellow T-Ten instructors as well. The training will be broken up into two portions and our instructors will be attending both. This training will allow our school here at Earle C Clements the ability to teach and certify the students in Toyota level instructor led training courses. These courses were designed and written in collaboration between Toyota Technical Services and the T-Ten community to be delivered at either the regional level with Toyota representatives or to be implemented at the college level with the T-ten programs taking the lead there. Adding Hybrid Powertrains to our program offers huge benefits to our students by not only opening a new subject to them, but to also teach them an emerging technology to help them with future development as a technician and to stay in demand.

T-Ten Fourth Cohort Starts

Our fourth cohort started their Intro to Toyota class in January and are eager to go. We have a great mix of talents in this cohort and will keep you up to date on their progress. We have listed the names of the students and the candidates that are starting in this cohort to the right. Congrats Students and candidates!!

T-Ten Fourth Cohort

JOSEPH TALAMANTE-RESENDIZ
DAVID GARCIA
EDUARDO VAZQUEZ
SHYANNE POLATY**
NIA HOLT**
KALEB THOMPSON**
CHIMINDU OJIAKO**

WE ALSO HAVE 3 AT TRANSFERS COMING FROM OTHER JOBCORPS CENTERS TO OUR T-TEN PROGRAM FOR THIS COHORT

**Candidates must meet additional requirements

Next T-Ten Advisory Date
June 12th, 2023 at 10am



AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE EXCELLENCE

Newest ASE Achievements

Imhotep Barker - A6, 609
Malcolm Crutcher - 609
Avonti Johnson - A6, 609
William Pena - A6, 609

MERCEDES BENZ PROGRAM UPDATES



Mercedes-Benz

Mercedes Benz Curriculum gets a makeover!!

Earle C. Clements Job Corps.

Our Mercedes program has been undergoing some changes to adapt to the MB Campus post-secondary level curriculum and we have been meeting with representatives to discuss the planning and implementation of the newest curriculum to roll out in our next cohort. We are excited to announce that we will have advisers from Mercedes Benz Training services to have some one on one time with our instructors here on center. This kind of personalized instruction is vital to delivering the manufacturer specific curriculum as its intended. We are very thankful that they are going to make time to come here and help enrichen our program for our students and give much needed guidance to our instructors.



HEAVY DUTY TRUCK PROGRAM UPDATES



One of the benefits that our center and the Heavy Truck shop share is the opportunity for our students in the heavy truck program to work on live vehicles as well. This opportunity is not afforded to many heavy truck programs but our students get to capitalize on this and keep the centers heavy trucks in top shape. At any given point in time you'll see a heavy truck student wearing the proof of their hard work somewhere on center and this invaluable training becomes a point of pride for the students in the program.

In late July of 2022 the Earle C. Clements Job Corps Academy purchased a 2015 Volvo VNL Semi tractor.

Repairs for this truck included:

- New Transmission and Clutch
- Clutch Slave and Master Cylinder
- Resurfaced Flywheel
- EGR Cooler replaced
- All Brakes, Wheel Bearings, and seals replaced
- Sleeper was stripped and refitted with seats for additional students to go on trips.

The truck was returned to active service for the driving program in early December of 2022 and all repairs were completed by students in the program.

While some of the problems with the trucks are routine maintenance and servicing, we also get occasional issues that require more in depth diagnostics.

This just happens to be one of our current situations. We have a truck with an electrical issue in the dash area that is providing our students with real world problems to address. This involves removing the dash from the truck and finding the shorted wire.

Under the careful supervision of Roger and Vos, these students keep the centers heavy trucks rolling down the road. We couldn't wish for a better situation for our students or our customers.



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Years of Service Awards



Billy has been teaching at Job Corps and UAW for a total of 38 years!! Dedication like that is getting harder and harder to find!! Thanks Billy!!

BILLY STACY - 38 YEARS



Laura has been with us for an amazing 27 years. She started with Job Corps and then moved to the UAW family as our bookkeeper. Thank you Laura!!

LAURA GOODLOE - 27 YEARS

Dates:

Next T-Ten Advisory Date
June 12th, 2023 at 10am.

Next LETC Advisory Date
To be Announced

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GRADUATES & PLACEMENTS

- 1.) Jeffrey Sorto – Separated 11-18-22
Toyota South Atlanta in Morrow Ga.
- 2.) Justin Lee – Separated 12-9-22
Currently seeking employment with a diesel shop



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

**JEFFREY
SORTO**



Currently working for Toyota South Atlanta in Morrow GA as a technician, Jeffrey has been enrolled into a Toyota Apprenticeship Career Training Program through his employer and is scheduled to leave on January 24th 2023. Within the year Jeffrey will become a certified expert technician and within 5 years will be eligible to become a Master Diagnostic Technician.

CONGRATULATIONS!