



WAGE CENTER AND MAZZONE PARTNER TO OFFER OPPORTUNITY



Eleven WAGE Center participants with a variety of employment backgrounds attended training for positions at Mazzone Hospitality at the Empire State Plaza in Albany on October 17, 2017. This first class of trainees was recruited through the WAGE Center for banquet and large event catering ser-

vices, mainly located at the new Capital Center on Eagle Street.

Trainees were oriented to Mazzone corporate culture and serving basics such as table settings, tray service and general hospitality protocols. Once on the job, they will be serving New York State event customers, corporate clients and family and business event customers. They will work events with a handful of attendees as well as lobbying events with as many as 2,000 guests and any number of different events on the spectrum between.

The partnership between Mazzone Hospitality and the WAGE Center allows Albany residents access to local jobs with the possibility of advancement in a successful local company. Catering and event staff members can take advantage of Mazzone internal position postings, which could allow for growth to full-time positions in their restaurant locations and Prime Business Dining division. Justine Ochal, Director of Human Resources, outlined several stories of Mazzone growing talent from within, including her own story of rising from a table busser to her current position.

Mazzone employees recruited by the WAGE Center will be offered job retention services and on-going employment support by WAGE Center staff in an effort to improve career prospects and career ladder growth.

