



Youth Success Story; Student Wins with Help from WFC

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Students in Business Technology at Tantasqua Regional High School participate in the BPA competition each year. Students begin with a regional competition, then the top qualifiers move on to compete at a state conference, and finally, those ranked the best of the best compete at the National Leadership Conference in May of each year. Early in February, Cheryl Hackenson, Business Technology teacher at Tantasqua Regional High, contacted Workforce Central Career Center in Southbridge to request assistance with interviewing skills for a student, Shante Algoo, who was registered to compete in the state conference. Sue DeLeon, an Employment Counselor, gave Shante a mock interview and provided feedback for improvement, then arranged for a second coaching session. Shante competed in the state competition on March 5th and sent the following e-mail to share her success:

Sue,

I know you want to know how I did which by the way; yes I made call backs for the second interview, which I did amazing on, thanks to you. I also know you are excited to hear what I got which is what we worked for, which is a first place award of course! Thank you so much for your time and support! Definitely couldn't have done it without you! Just so you know because I got first place that means I am going to nationals!!!

*Sincerely,
Shante Algoo*

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