

Success Stories

Dennie Gebreyesus Accepts Position With Booz Allen Hamilton

While Dennie Gebreyesus was in high school in Ethiopia she witnessed a violent change in government. Her family was desperate to get her out of the country. She finally found her way to America alone as a refugee at 21. In the US she married and started a family with her high school sweetheart who had also fled the war.



Dennie Gebreyesus on the job at Booz Allen Hamilton with her supervisor Neena Murphy

Dennie served many years as a sales associate at Saks Fifth Avenue at Tysons Corner. After sharing the success and then failure of a family restaurant with her husband, she wanted a different career and daytime hours for more family time. A regular customer who was a Training Futures Staff Volunteer learned of this and suggested that she consider Training Futures.

At Training Futures, Dennie was known for her poise, quiet leadership and listening skills. In fact she won the Team Leadership Award for her training group. She was assigned as an intern in human resources at Booz Allen Hamilton.

After Dennie completed the program in May 2006, her customer service experience and communications skills were put to excellent use when Booz Allen Hamilton hired her as a receptionist for their Tysons Campus front desk. Naturally, Dennie thrived in that environment. Her supervisor said, "Dennie has been a wonderful hire and in fact was recently promoted. The training she received at Training Futures has stood her in good "stead".

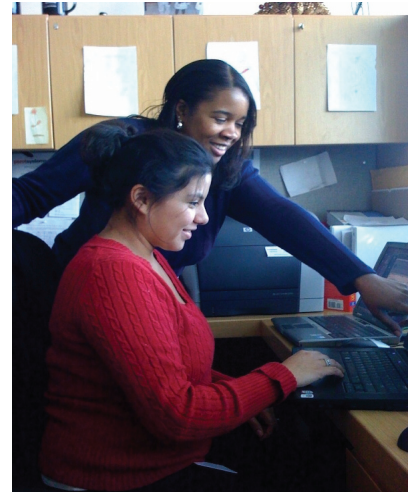
Glowing Report on Graduate Leslie Diaz from Perot Systems

Leslie Diaz came to Training Futures at age 20 with experience at a grocery store, but she was driven by a desire to work in an office environment. In fact, her written application to Training Futures cited a five-year career plan; a very impressive goal, considering her youth.

An intelligent and outgoing person, Leslie quickly earned the confidence of her fellow trainees. Her written work was very strong and her Toastmasters presentations were so polished that other trainees frequently sought her advice on public speaking. At Leslie's graduation, one of the graduate speakers got sick. Leslie was asked to speak in her place with a few minutes notice. Her presentation about her struggles as a single parent to support herself and her twin daughters was heartwarming, and she was given a thunderous ovation by the audience

During her two-week Internship at Perot Systems, Leslie demonstrated a strong grasp of office skills, while impressing her supervisor with her maturity. She was well on the way to establishing herself in an office environment.

Perot Systems hired Leslie right after her graduation in November 2006. Her supervisor, Camille Cureton says: "Leslie is a great representative of the Perot Help Desk and an example of great customer service." We look forward to receiving many more glowing reports.



Leslie Diaz with her supervisor Camille Cureton

Internships a Win-Win for Inova Health System

Every training cycle since 2006 when the medical component was added to the curriculum, the Inova Health System has hosted about 20 interns from Training Futures. Senior Employment Specialist Barbara Voorheis said, "The Training Futures Internships give our managers the chance to see how much Training Futures interns bring to the table. It also gives trainees exposure to a medical setting so they can see if they like it. Inova has hired over 25 employees from Training Futures over the years. We have been so fortunate with them, because most of them are still with us. Inova loves to have employees who join us to learn and grow. Training Futures graduates have been top quality employees!"

