

The Best Kept Secret in CAMBRIA COUNTY...

Pennsylvania **CareerLink**

Your One Stop for Employment, Education, and Training

Meet 2 of the Secrets of Our Success—

Jim & Pam



This is Jim Ostinowsky, a Veterans Employment Representative who's worked at the PA CareerLink-Cambria County since 2003. He previously worked as the Accountant at Torrance State Hospital, and as the Director of Accounting at Crown American Hotels. Jim is a Vietnam Era Veteran of the US Navy. His job is to assist Veterans in finding jobs, training, or benefits to which they are entitled. His primary focus is with Disabled Veterans. He also services Veterans at the Norcam Office in Northern Cambria and at the Cambria County Courthouse. Jim is a member of the employer and enhancement teams and is Chairman of the Committee of Luncheon Professionals at the PA CareerLink. Jim really enjoys his job and considers it an honor to work with Veterans. He has a Bachelor of Business Administration from Penn State. He is married with three children. In addition to spending time with his family and running with his daughter, he coaches baseball and is involved in various other community projects. Jim was also named "most workplace spirited male" at the PA CareerLink-Cambria County by his fellow co-workers.

This is Pamela Nash, "Ms. Pam," as she is often referred to. As an employee of the Bureau of Workforce Development Partnership, she provides core employment services to employers and jobseekers at the PA CareerLink-Cambria County. She posts or assists employers in posting job orders into the PA CareerLink System database. She searches databases and selects jobseekers to match with job orders. She also contacts employers to determine if employers need services provided by the PA CareerLink. Her primary job is working with the TAA Program. This is the federal program that provides assistance including re-employment services, job search allowances, relocation allowances, retraining and income support to workers who are unemployed due to foreign trade. Ms. Pam has worked with people for some time and enjoys giving the help and support they need. After work, she enjoys shopping with her daughter and watching her son and grandson play baseball. She is known by most of her co-workers as the "birthday queen" and was also awarded the title of "best dressed female" at the PA CareerLink-Cambria County.

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It's Not a Secret Anymore... Read What Some Customers Have to Say...

Thank you for all of your help this past year...

--Pam, Sidman, PA

Thanks for reviewing my resume! It now looks great! I can't wait to mail it out! Thanks again.

--Jason, Johnstown, PA

You are efficient and caring at what you do.

--Chris, Nanty Glo, PA

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Florivette (Flori) Davila was an unemployed single mother who wanted to complete her Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) training when she was referred to the PA CareerLink - Cambria County for the Single Point of Contact (SPOC) Program. Flori came to the PA CareerLink with a great positive attitude, but she had a slight written language barrier that made her goal attainment a little more difficult. Soon after starting the program Flori began to have problems with her eyesight and



Front Row: Joe & Flori--Back Row: Abby, Karen, Maria

was diagnosed with a hereditary eye disease that renders her legally blind. But this diagnosis did not stop Flori. With the assistance of her counselor at the PA CareerLink, Maria, Flori remained positive and continued to work toward her goal of becoming an LPN. Medications and corrective eyewear afforded Flori the opportunity to continue through the program and the Greater Johnstown Career & Technology Center made reasonable accommodations for her disability. Through the SPOC program, Flori received assistance in purchasing study materials and a stethoscope. Flori passed her LPN licensing test in April of 2006. She is now employed as an LPN at a local nursing home. Although Flori's strong positive outlook helped her reach her goal, the encouragement she received from many staff members at the PA CareerLink aided her in her goal attainment. Flori is pictured here with some of the staff members that helped her along her way to becoming a Licensed Practical Nurse.

PA CareerLink's Success

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

If you have a success story that you would like to submit, please email it to Jacki at jtrexler@goodwilljohnstown.org. If your story is selected to be in the next edition of our newsletter, you will receive a current edition of *Johnstown Magazine*.



Check Out These Upcoming Events at PA CareerLink - Cambria County!



The 2006 Health Career Awareness Week is slated for November 13-17th. Event planners are preparing for this year's activities and are looking for interactive health careers related programming. *If you wish to participate* (health related industries are encouraged to volunteer as panel members, conduct demonstrations, provide tours, etc.) *or need additional information, please contact: Nancy Peck at the PA CareerLink: 533-2493, ext. 264.*

*****In SEPTEMBER 2006, there will be a hiring fair for area businesses who hire temporary, seasonal employees*****
Be sure to watch our Calendar Events for dates and times!

Check our Calendar of Events on our website: www.pacareerlink.state.pa.us, for up-to-date workshop information!

One of Our Newest Secrets Revealed—Our Own Local Website!

At the PA CareerLink - Cambria County, we often hear our customers tell us that they never realized all that we had to help them in their job searching. Many have told us that we are the best-kept secret in Cambria County. In May, with the help of John Garrett and the Web Project class at Penn Highlands, we published our own website in order to help job seekers and local employers know about our many **no cost** services. The site is easy to use, and gives an overview of the services and workshops available here. In addition, we have monthly job-hunting tips and community links to local businesses and agencies. Because we would like you to stop in to see us, we provide a link to Mapquest to guide you to either our Johnstown or Northern Cambria offices.

We hope that this site will help us spread the word about the PA CareerLink - Cambria County. Visit us online at

www.cambriacareerlink.org



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Equal Opportunity Programs. Auxiliary aids and services available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

To sign up for any of these events, or if you have questions regarding PA CareerLink services, please call:

(814) 533-2493 ext. 221 (to speak with the PA CareerLink Service Assistant), TDD (814) 535-6698.

Visit us on the web at www.pacareerlink.state.pa.us.

We are located in downtown, Johnstown at 200 Lincoln Street.

Hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.