

# Stephany Baker

## Advanced Welding



**Hometown:** Springfield, Vermont

**Age:** 21

**Occupation:** Welder

**Employer:** CanAm Bridges US

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### About

Stephany is a 21 year old female student from Springfield, Vermont. She came to Northlands seeking a high school diploma, drivers license, and a trade certificate.

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### Northlands Experience

Stephany Baker came to Northlands with an open mind and wanted to use her time wisely. She successfully completed our welding program as well as our advanced welding program, received her high school diploma, a driver's license and took on many leadership roles on center. She also received welding and advanced welding student of the month. Stephany completed her OSHA 10, RAMSET, SMAW 2G/3G/4G, FCAW 2G/3G/4G, and GTAW 2F/3F. Stephany completed our transition classes and left Northlands with full-time job placement in her trade.

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### Employment Success Story

Stephany worked hard and received a full-time job offer with CanAm Bridges US in Claremont, New Hampshire as a Welder. Stephany's starting wage upon exit was \$18.00 an hour. Way to go Stephany!

# Zackery Aulis

## Welding



**Hometown:** Glover, Vermont

**Age:** 19

**Occupation:** Combination Welder

**Employer:** Fairbanks Scales

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### About

Zack is a 19 year old male student from Glover, Vermont. He came to Northlands with a high school diploma and an interest in Welding.

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### Northlands Experience

Zack Aulis arrived on center with his eyes set on welding. Zack dove head first into his training and completed our welding in 8 months. Zack received welding student of the month three times. He also completed his certifications in OSHA 10, D1.1 Steel 1G, 2G, and SMAW 3G/4G. Zack graduated from Northlands with full-time employment in his trade.

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### Employment Success Story

Zack graduated from Northlands and received a full-time job offer from Fairbanks Scales in Saint Johnsbury, Vermont. Zack started at \$19.54 as a Combination Welder and has worked hard and used his skills he learned from his trade instructor Dylan Vose, and has already received a raise and is now making \$21.84 an hour. Way to go Zack!

# Cody Willis

## Building Construction Technology



**Hometown:** Brandon, Vermont

**Age:** 20

**Occupation:** Smart Meter Technician

**Employer:** Advanced Training - Oneonta

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### About

Cody is a 20 year old male student from Brandon, Vermont. He came to Northlands with a high school diploma and an interest in working with his hands and being outdoors.

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### Northlands Experience

Cody came to Northlands after completing CPP virtually and was interested in Urban Forestry and BCT. Cody ended up choosing Building Construction and fell in love with the trade. He received BCT student of the month twice, and was a class leader. Cody was always willing to be an ambassador to new students. Cody completed his OSHA-10 AND Ramset Power Actuated Tool Operation. Cody wanted to continue his training and after completing BCT he applied for Advanced Training at Oneonta for their Smart Meter Technician program.

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### Employment Success Story

Cody departed Northlands and arrived at Oneonta Job Corps Center to continue his training and get his certification as a Smart Meter Technician. Cody has adapted to his new center well and is already making gains and new friends. Way to go Cody!

# Aleksandr Parker

## Auto Tech



**Hometown:** Pittsfield, Vermont

**Age:** 22

**Occupation:** Auto Technician

**Employer:** Audi South Burlington

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### About

Alek is a 22 year old male student from Pittsfield, Vermont. He came to Northlands with a high school diploma and an interest in cars.

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### Northlands Experience

Alek was a superstar in Auto Tech class. He worked hard in trade and his peers looked up to him. His instructor would have him lead new students in class and demonstrate what to do. Alek was dorm leader, was selected to participate in Work Based Learning during the school day, and worked Leisure Time Employment in the evenings. He was a hard worker and received Auto Tech Student of the Month multiple times. Aleks completed his S/P2, and OSHA 1 certifications. Alek lined up many interviews with local dealerships and landed full-time employment with Audi South Burlington.

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### Employment Success Story

Alek used his skills he learned in trade and received a full-time job offer with Audi South Burlington as an Auto Technician. Kyle's starting wage upon exit was \$18 an hour. Way to go Alek!

# Jayra Polanco

## Certified Medical Assistant



**Hometown:** Rutland, Vermont

**Age:** 22

**Occupation:** Lab Support Specialist

**Employer:** Saratoga Hospital

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### About

Jayra is a 22 year old female student from Rutland, Vermont. She came to Northlands with a high school diploma and a passion for the healthcare industry.

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### Northlands Experience

Jayra was a true leader on center. She was President of SGA, dorm leadership, and loved to volunteer anywhere needed on center whether that be at the local blood drive or assisting with a center green up day. Jayra received student of the month in CMA many times and she loved to be an active participant in the classroom. Jayra completed her Certified Medical Assistant certification but also took advantage of the other certifications she could receive in class and passed her First Aid/CPR/AED, HIPAA Awareness for Healthcare Workers, Violence Prevention for Nurses, OSHA-10, Banking Deposit/Banking Reconciliation, Numeric Filing, EKG Technician, and Phlebotomy Technician. All while also taking Driver's Ed and getting her Vermont License.

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### Employment Success Story

Jayra knew she wanted to use the certifications she received from CMA and wanted to work in a Hospital. She received a full-time job offer with Saratoga Hospital as a Lab Support Specialist. Kyle's starting wage upon exit was \$15.84. Way to go Jayra!

# Jackson Meleady

## Advanced Welding



**Hometown:** Montpelier, Vermont

**Age:** 23

**Occupation:** Welding Apprenticeship

**Employer:** Plumbers and Pipefitters Union

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### About

Jackson is a 23 year old male student from Montpelier, Vermont. He came to Northlands with a high school diploma and an interest in Welding.

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### Northlands Experience

Jackson Meleady completed our welding program and decided to progress his training in our advanced welding program. Jackson learned everything he could from his instructor Jim Blanchard and participated in Work Based Learning at Fab Tech in Colchester, VT. Jackson also took advantage of the many certifications he could receive and passed his OSHA 10, RAMSET, SMAW 2G/3G/4G, FCAW 2G/3G/4G, and GTAW 2F/3F.

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### Employment Success Story

Jackson was sworn into the Local #693 Plumbers and Pipefitters Union based in South Burlington, Vermont. While participating in his apprenticeship program, Jackson is employed at Mount Air Systems making \$17.75 an hour learning about Refrigeration, Plumbing, Oil, and Gas Burners and receives licenses with the State of Vermont in these areas of training. Way to go Jackson!

# Celine Kouadio

## Office Administration



**Hometown:** Burlington, Vermont

**Age:** 19

**Occupation:** Customer Service Agent

**Employer:** United Airlines - BTV

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### About

Celine is a 19 year old female student from Burlington, Vermont. She came to Northlands with a high school diploma and was looking for an opportunity to get her Driver's License and a trade certification.

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### Northlands Experience

Celine came to Northlands seeking a Driver's License and knew she wanted to be successful here and earn a trade certificate. She shadowed a few trades, but ultimately decided to choose Office Administration. She flourished in trade and found her new passion in the Office Administration industry. Celine also worked hard and received her Vermont Driver's License and took advantage of other class opportunities while on center. Celine completed transitions where she secured many job interviews in the Burlington area.

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### Employment Success Story

Celine secured full-time employment upon exit of our program. She knew she wanted to work with people and landed a position as a Customer Service Agent for United Airlines at Burlington International Airport. Way to go Celine!

# Bryant Desautels

## Urban Forestry



**Hometown:** Milton, Vermont

**Age:** 18

**Occupation:** Tree Climber & Groundsman

**Employer:** Bartlett's Tree Service

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### About

Bryant is a 18 year old male student from Milton, Vermont. He came to Northlands seeking a high school diploma and a passion for the outdoors.

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### Northlands Experience

Bryant Desautels came to Northlands needing his high school diploma and a determination to complete a trade certificate. He ultimately decided on Urban Forestry, and his instructors stated that he was motivated to engage in trade activities and demonstrated a high aptitude and motivation to learn and succeed. Bryant successfully received his high school diploma and finished trade. He knew he wanted to work in the tree industry and his instructors helped him set up interviews with local tree companies.

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### Employment Success Story

Bryant successfully lined up full-time employment upon graduation at Northlands. He made a name for himself with Bartlett Tree Services in South Burlington, Vermont. He used all of his skills he learned from his Urban Forestry instructors and has been successful at the workplace.



# Kyle Bobee

## Culinary Arts



**Hometown:** Readsboro, Vermont

**Age:** 20

**Occupation:** Food Handler & First Cook

**Employer:** Bennington College

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### About

Kyle is a 20 year old male student from Readsboro, Vermont. He came to Northlands with a high school diploma and an interest in Culinary.

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### Northlands Experience

Kyle Bobee participated in Northlands first ever virtual Career Preparation Period class in May 2021. He arrived on center with a passion for the culinary industry, a positive attitude, and was always willing to help his peers. His Culinary instructor had nothing but great remarks for him and was a class leader for new students. He received Culinary Student of the Month 5 times. He completed his ServeSafe Food Handler and Food Protection Manager Certification. Kyle completed our Culinary Arts program and graduated in February 2022 with full-time employment upon exit.

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### Employment Success Story

Kyle worked hard and received a full-time job offer with Bennington College as a Food Handler and First Cook. Kyle's starting wage upon exit was \$20.70. Way to go Kyle!

# Sapphire Tucker

## Certified Medical Assistant



**Hometown:** Springfield, Vermont

**Age:** 21

**Occupation:** Medical Assistant

**Employer:** Saint Joseph's Medical Center

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### About

Sapphire is a 21 year old female student from Springfield, Vermont. She came to Northlands with a high school diploma and an interest in the medical field.

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### Northlands Experience

Sapphire made a name for herself at Northlands. She was a class leader in her Certified Medical Assistant class, she was an ambassador for new students, and a dorm leader. Sapphire was always willing to volunteer when any school event was taking place and always had a smile on her face. Students felt comfortable going to Sapphire for advice and help, while staff knew they could rely on Sapphire for any assistance they may need. She took full advantage of all the wonderful extra certifications she could receive and passed all the following to add to her resume - Sapphire received student of the month numerous times in not only her trade but also her academic classes as well.

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### Employment Success Story

Sapphire worked hard in transitions class and landed full-time employment with St. Joseph's Medical Center in Syracuse, New York as a Medical Assistant making \$18 an hour. Sapphire loves going into work everyday. Way to go Sapphire!

