

# Success Story

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The Suffolk County Department of Labor, Licensing & Consumer Affairs provides a variety of programs, activities and services for the residents and businesses of Suffolk County. Our aim is to keep Suffolk working. We operate the One-Stop Employment Center, and the Suffolk Works Employment Program, offering vocational opportunities, job search assistance, on the job training, and work experience. We are empowered to license businesses and seek resolution of consumer issues. Often, we get to share in the success of job seekers, and our business and consumer customers. This is one of those times.

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Adversity experienced by many of our Employment Center customers comes in so many aspects, that our assessment forms provide check-box categories to describe them. Unemployed? Check. Laid-off? Check. No work history? Check. No transportation? Check.

But which box do you check when your customer gets shot and his best friend loses his life in an incident of senseless violence? When your customer is a 19-year old youth about to begin his adulthood? There is no box for that.

**Mikequone McLamb**, of Wyandanch, *pictured at left*, channeled all his strength into not allowing this devastating adversity to define him.

With his dreams for college interrupted, Mikequone sought help from the Council of Thought and Action (COTA), a community-based initiative for at-risk youth and previously incarcerated individuals, supported by Suffolk County Executive **Steve Bellone** and developed by Deputy Police Commissioner **Risco Mention Lewis**, the Wyandanch Community Resource Center, and the Employment Center, where he met with counselors to create a career plan.

For one so young, Mikequone, possessed of an excellent work ethic and a solid work history, had skills as diverse as digital filing, electronic computer assembly and repair, had already worked construction jobs, and served as a Computer Technician for the Wyandanch School District.

Since Mikequone was work-ready, with highly-developed communication and interpersonal skills, he was placed in the Department of Labor, Licensing & Consumer Affairs Summer Youth Employment program, and set his sights on his long-held dream of becoming an electrician.

Mikequone successfully completed the summer program, and, through the Employment Center, was able to enroll in vocational coursework at Workforce Development Board member **Mike Ferrara's** Amityville Electrical Training Center.

You don't have to take our word that Mikequone is a success story--just ask his former supervisor at Wyandanch S.D., Information Technology Coordinator Ms. **Sharin Wilson**. In her Letter of Recommendation written for Mikequone, Ms. Wilson says:

*"Throughout his four years of high school I have known Mikequone McLamb as a dedicated, responsible, dependable young man, never refusing a task, performing at his utmost academic ability, despite his youth, despite his hardships, his commitment and dedication to hard work never wavered."*

*"His creative style and opinions made him unique among his peers and his compassion and countless acts of kindness for those less fortunate were well-known. I have no reservations recommending Mikequone for whatever endeavor he chooses."*

We couldn't agree more. Under extreme conditions, with hard work and tenacity, Mikequone faced adversity, completed his vocational training and is now employed as an electrician.

**Congratulations, Mikequone on your Success!**

**Steven Bellone**  
Suffolk County Executive

**James DiLiberto**  
Workforce Development Board Chair



**Frank Nardelli**  
Commissioner



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