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Dear Mr. Gatewood: *Wayne*

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your wonderful speech at the Training Futures Graduation Breakfast on November 3rd!

As you could see, this was a very unique event. We work hard to honor each graduate individually. We also have to use the short time that we have to market the graduates to the employers in the room. You helped create a truly memorable event. Your energy and enthusiasm for the graduates was infectious. I know the employers will not forget the Training Futures Graduation Breakfast or the graduates.

Your speech was a highlight! You made all the new graduates feel motivated to get a job and to continue their education. Several of them spoke to me afterwards about how much they enjoyed your remarks.

Thank you for being part of the Northern Virginia Family Service/Training Futures network!

Sincerely,

Marla

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Wayne Gatewood, Jr

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Thanks again for your wonderful speech at the Training Futures Cycle T4 Graduation last week! It was a great experience for the 31 new graduates.

Please send this article on to anyone you know in recruiting and encourage them to call Training Futures about any entry level administrative positions.

MAKING THINGS HAPPEN

“There are 3 types of people in this world” keynote speaker Wayne Gatewood told the 130 guests at the November 3 Training Futures graduation event. “Those who make things happen. Those who watch things happen. And those who wonder - ‘what happened?’” He continued his celebration of graduates’ achievements by adding “You 31 graduates have all made things happen. You are doers, destined to continue to make things happen for yourself and your family. You will blaze a path to a brighter future.”

Graduate Victor Flores wasn’t sure he could make the jump into a professional career, but he has already made it happen with his new job as an administrative assistant. “I worked for years as a cook and waiter. I had little knowledge of offices. Never in a million years did I think I could do this.” But now, after graduating from Training Futures, he believes. “If you think you can’t, you can’t. And if you think you can, then you’re right.”

Reema Dawarzai, a fellow graduate, found more than just new administrative skills at Training Futures. “I lost love in my life a long time ago in Afghanistan. I see Training Futures as my family. This makes everything possible.” Now, she exhorts fellow graduates and Training Futures’ extended family to “Press on with the future and do what you never thought you could do.”

For these 2 current graduates and over 600 others over the past 7 years, NVFS Training Futures has been the place where they have made extraordinary changes happen in their lives. Kate Hanley, Chair of Fairfax County’s Board of Supervisors, celebrated Training Futures’ successful public-private partnership by telling graduates: “you will be glad to hear that previous graduates have doubled their income after two years... The Training Futures program is good news for all of us.” Graduation host George Lane, Chair of the NVFS Board, also pointed out how Training Futures has made things happen for the program’s public sector partners: “Because of graduates’ extraordinary success in getting jobs and increasing their incomes, this year’s public sector investment in Training Futures will return all of that money back to public coffers within two years, plus a surplus. We calculate that the public sector will make a two-year return on investment of 18% on funding invested in Training Futures this year.”

Over 100 neighbors like Victor and Reema make a new life happen through Training Futures each year. Perhaps Jim Goodridge of Perot Systems, who

presented the leadership award, summarized it best when he said "Training Futures is what America is all about - opportunities and a chance to do something special."

Thank you to SAIC for hosting this graduation event! Employers who are interested in hiring entry-level administrative staff who can make things happen for their organizations are invited to participate in a Training Futures job fair on Tuesday, November 11th. At this event, employers will have an opportunity to conduct screening interviews with up to two dozen well-trained Training Futures graduates for entry-level positions such as administrative assistant, receptionist, accounting clerk, file clerk, data entry, and customer service. Employers interested in more information about this job fair or hiring Training Futures graduates should contact Training Futures' Marla Burton at (703) 448-1630 or mburton@nvfs.org.