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## Giving back to the community



Alumnus of Integrated Studies at Millersville University, Curtis Ostrowski was recently appointed, by the Manheim Township School Board, to the position of Paraprofessional. After concluding his service term with AmeriCorps, Curtis is honored to be able to continue to serve his community through this new position. In a

recent conversation about what prepared him for the current job with the school district, Curtis shared that "Summer of 2019 brought me a big perspective change. Working at the Wisconsin camp via AmeriCorps, being a camp counselor reinforced my passion for helping people. I have AmeriCorps to thank, because if I did not do it, who knows where I would be, definitely not in this position that I am today." Curtis went to work for Easterseals Wisconsin camp right after the graduation. Curtis mentioned learning about AmeriCorps from Katie Sternbergh who was the experiential learning and organizational capacity coordinator at that time. Curtis mentioned his parents and their continual support and encouragement "even though they are annoying at times". When reflecting on important skills acquired in college that helped him be successful in the work environment, Curtis remembered the communication classes, the friendships he built on campus and the guidance from Integrated Studies Director, Jan Bechtel.

When asked about the current paraprofessional position, Curtis remarked, "I found the job on Indeed and I said to myself -I can totally do this, and then I applied."

Before concluding our conversation, Curtis shared one of his favorite quotes that he picked up during his term with AmeriCorps "If it doesn't challenge you, it won't change you."

Curtis was one of the Opening Doors to College film stars. You can watch the 36 minutes documentary at: <http://openingdoorstocollege.com/>

## The SEED Experience - In the Students' Words



Success, Engagement, Education, Determination (SEED) program at Lehigh Carbon Community College (LCCC) plants the seed of success for students through college and community engagement in creating an inclusive culture, fostering growth. You can [read more](#) about SEED program and student experiences by clicking or [this link](#).

## WHAT IS HAPPENING/RESOURCES

- [The Fifth Annual Regional Summit on Post-Secondary Inclusive College Programs will be held on a ZOOM/virtual platform on Friday, September 25, 2020.](#)
- [State of the Art Conference - A virtual college fair to explore dozens of inclusive college programs from around the county will be LIVE on October 7, 2020 and the resources will remain available to visit throughout the year.](#)
- [TASH will hold their fourth annual Outstanding Leadership in Disability Law Virtual Symposium and Award Celebration, on Wednesday, October 7, 2020.](#)
- [The Student Leadership Conference will be held in an online format on October 8-9, 2020.](#)
- [Next Millersville University' Disability Film Festival will roll out virtually on October 28, 2020.](#)
- [The AUCD2020 conference Achieving Equity: Leading the Way in the Next Decade will be held virtually on December 7-9, 2020.](#)

## DID YOU KNOW?

The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) will hold a [statewide virtual job fair](#) to celebrate National Disability Employment Awareness Month & 30 years of the Americans with Disabilities Act. You can find more about the [Virtual Job Fair](#) at [dli.pa.gov/ovr](http://dli.pa.gov/ovr)

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