

# Modern & Niagara Orleans BOCES celebrate internship program



Student Bryce with Modern master technician Jayson working on a truck. • Leaders from Modern Disposal Services, student Charles, and leaders from Niagara Orleans BOCES gather to review a new partnership. (Submitted photos)

Modern Disposal Services announced a new partnership with Niagara Orleans BOCES. In early March, Modern welcomed one welding student and one diesel mechanic student for a spring semester paid internship program. It stated, "Learning real-life, hands-on experience is the perfect opportunity for all involved. Students Charles and Bryce gain valuable

knowledge and school credits, while Modern gets to introduce the students to their fleet maintenance program and welding operations."

Leaders from Modern and Niagara Orleans BOCES recently gathered to review how the program is going to and to evaluate next steps.

A press release noted, "Both parties are pleased with progress to

date and excited to explore other opportunities for more students in the future.

"As a large employer in region and one with a variety of career opportunities, Modern understands the importance of partnerships with BOCES and other neighboring schools."

Modern CEO Mike McNerney himself graduated from Ken-Ton

BOCES' auto mechanic program during his high school career and proudly supports these partnerships.

McNerney stated, "I couldn't be more pleased for us to welcome BOCES students to Modern. My own BOCES experience proved invaluable of my education and laid important groundwork for the continuation of my career."

Whether a student wants to work full time out of high school or attend a two- or four-year college, Modern provides various opportunities at its headquarters in Model City and locations throughout Buffalo.

For more information on educational partnerships with Modern Disposal Services, contact Julie Berrigan at 716-754-8226, ext. 279.

## Veteran-owned businesses can benefit from Niagara SBDC's free entrepreneurship classes

The Niagara Small Business Development Center will host a series of free entrepreneurship classes for veterans and their family members. These courses enhance business skills and strengthen a new or existing

business. The series will run on the fourth Tuesday of the month, from 6-8 p.m., beginning April 25 and concluding Dec. 13. The schedule includes:

- √ April 25 - "Entrepreneurship"
- √ May 24 - "Start Up Basics"

√ June 28 - "Understanding Your Financial Picture"

√ July 26 - "Marketing for Small Business"

√ Aug. 23 - "Business Plans & Business Model Canvas"

√ Sept. 27 - "Government Con-

tracting"

√ Oct. 25 - "Educational and Financial Resources for Veterans"

Classes will be held at Niagara County Community College, located at 3111 Saunders Settlement Road in Sanborn. A webinar

option is also available for those unable to attend in person. To register for these classes, or to find out more about other services offered by the SBDC, visit NiagaraSBDC.org or call 716-210-2515.



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