



**Potomac Job Corps Center – #1 DC Village Lane, SW – Washington, DC 20032**

## **Preparing for a successful career is easier than you think Job Corps considered an “economic booster” by many DC residents**

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**(WASHINGTON, DC)** – In times of severe economic downturn, the pressure to find a quality job grows. This is especially true for those with little education. These were the discouraging thoughts crossing 22-year-old Tavon Lambert’s mind when he decided to take charge of his life – with the assistance of the Potomac Job Corps Center.

“In January 2008 I was sitting in the porch at my mom’s house, browsing the employment section of the local newspaper,” Lambert said. “A Job Corps advertisement caught my eyes and I decided to investigate it more closely. The decision I made that day has improved my life forever. I decided to give Job Corps a shot.”

Established in 1964, Job Corps is the nation’s largest residential, educational and career technical training program for challenged youth, ages 16 through 24. Jobs Corps centers are open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, with two-week training breaks held twice each year. Since the program’s inception, Job Corps has educated and trained more than 2 million young Americans, preparing them for success in our nation’s workforce.

“Since I started at the Job Corps in February 2008, I have successfully graduated the plumbing trade, received OSHA 10 certification and on top of that, I’ve been admitted as full time student at the University of the District of Columbia,” said Tavon. “I never imagined I could accomplish so much during such a short period of time.”

One of 122 centers in 48 states, the Potomac Job Corps Center is located in SW Washington, DC. Serving over 700 students each year, the center’s mission is to attract young adults, teach them employable skills and prepare them for success in life by securing meaningful jobs or opportunities for further education.

“Job Corps is a great opportunity for all youth to reach their full potential,” said Center Director Jeff Barton. “The program helps students create their road map for a bright and successful future.”

“This program is like a diamond amidst some rough terrain, doing a great job addressing and meeting the array of needs and diverse interests of the young adults enrolled,” added Julia Irving, Community Outreach Coordinator at the Metropolitan Police Department 6<sup>th</sup> District. “Recently, I ‘experienced’ Potomac Job Corps Center and was so impressed with students that I immediately recruited one of them to be an intern for me.”

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