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Teens try out careers over summer months

DOVER- Many teenagers spent the summer in front of the television or roaming the mall while high school students participating in the Upward Bound program at the Delaware Technical & Community College, Terry Campus set their sights to the future working with local professionals to learn more about their dream job.

Juniors and seniors in the Upward Bound program are required to job shadow local business personnel in positions requiring post-secondary degrees. By doing this, they gain experience in the subjects they plan to study in college.

Willis Barlow, 18, of Felton is a recent graduate of Lake Forest High School and participated in the Upward Bound summer job shadowing program. While his friends were at the beach or flipping burgers, he observed the ins and outs of a career in dental hygiene at Mercer Dental Associates, PA in Dover.

His time was spent learning about dental hygienist techniques, tools of the trade and the processes of a dental practice. And it only seems to wet his appetite for more.

“Working here made me want to work harder to become a dental hygienist,” Barlow said.
“It’s something I really want to do.”

Barlow is already on his way to accomplishing this goal. He started classes in the Dental Hygiene technology program at the Delaware Tech, Terry Campus last week.

Terry Campus Upward Bound students completed a combined 1,875 hours of shadowing throughout Kent County as they learned more about careers in child care, business, accounting, education, engineering, law enforcement, radiology, culinary arts and plant operations.

Participants got a taste of their desired trade in organizations including Dover High School, Smyrna Public Library, Dover Forensic Firearms Services Unit, Smyrna/Clayton Sun Times, Bay Health Milford Memorial Hospital and S. Lowan Pitts Daycare Center.

“The community has been very receptive to our Upward Bound students and has offered valuable knowledge and skills that will assist the students in making wise career choices,” Terry Campus Upward Bound Program Manager Florence Pipes said.

For more information about the Terry Campus Upward Bound program please call the Corporate and Community Programs Division at 302-857-1400 or visit www.dtcc.edu/terry/ccp.

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