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21st Century Career Skills - Next Steps for Young Adults

Young adults completing the *21st Century Career Skills Class* are quickly realizing the benefits of the course. Deb Snortland, career specialist with the Next Generation Zone, pictured above with Sebastian Burnham, says when she met Burnham for the first time, he and his friend came in to the Next Generation Zone both wanting jobs "right away." She advised them to attend the two-week class to learn about local industries and education pathways, résumé writing, mastering the application, interviewing, budgeting, and networking.



After completing the *21st Century Career Skills Class*, Burnham says he is now motivated to have a career; not just a job. In partnership with the SAWDC, the Next Generation Zone team was able to leverage a variety of grants and scholarships to assist Burnham with his career plan, which included welding training through Anvil Welding.

Now holding a 3G Welding Certification, Burnham is currently working as a fitter/welder trainee for Brooklyn Iron Works.