



IU1 INTERCONNECTED

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SPOTLIGHT ON THE STUDENTS

The Perennial Project was founded in 2019 with the goal of planting flowers and improving the community of Brownsville, Pennsylvania. Since then, the project has grown into a community movement with hundreds of volunteers committed to year-round beautification efforts. The project has provided integrative art and design workshops for Brownsville students, using found and reclaimed materials to transform vacant lots, abandoned storefronts, and blank walls, encouraging the community to think creatively. The project also emphasizes the importance of preserving and repurposing the town's architectural heritage, including the use of cutting-edge digital preservation and documentation technology to create a 3D digital replica of the town's historic downtown streetscape. This technology is being used to create a high-school level design and technology course that teaches students to restore the town's historic buildings and to use the models to tell the stories of the community through digital rendering, animation, and virtual reality.



The Perennial Project has partnered with AutoDesk to share the downtown model worldwide with industry professionals in an educational software release, furthering education and strengthening workforce development within the community of Brownsville. Finally, the demise of the historic buildings has led to the creation of HOPE Park, an outdoor movie theater and public gathering space that incorporates education, art, design, and community engagement.



For more information and to see how you can get involved, please visit <https://www.brownsvilleperennialproject.tech/>

REMINDER ROUNDUP!

- Central Office: Professional Development - Team Building will be held Wednesday July 19th at 9am in the Washington & Fayette Rooms
- Central Office: Summer hours began June 12th and will run through August 11th (1/2 day on Fridays)
- In-Service will be held August 14th - 18th, with general session on the August 16th, at Charleroi High School

TECH-TIP!



Shortcuts:

- Accidentally closed a tab you were using? Ctrl+Shift+T
- Need to undo the last action you did? Ctrl+Z
- Copying and pasting? Ctrl+C and Ctrl+V
- Need to select all text on a page? Ctrl+A

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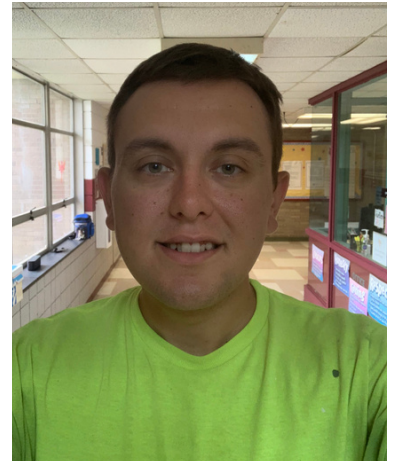


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EXCELLENCE IN ACTION

IU1 EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Matt Bernot makes a positive impact to our team through his hard work, positive attitude, and willingness to go above and beyond to provide services and knowledge to Intermediate Unit 1 staff and programs. In his short time here, Matt has brought new ideas and energy to the Maintenance/Warehouse Department and the impacts are easily witnessed by anyone who visits the Central Office and our Campus Schools. Matt's values of hard work, honesty, and willingness to help others are an irreplaceable asset to the Intermediate Unit and we truly appreciate his efforts.



FRESH FACES: *GET TO KNOW OUR JUNE NEW HIRES!*

- Stephanie Paolucci, Lead Supervisor of Special Education, Central Office
- Hunter Steinitz, Youth Engagement Specialist, PaTTAN-West
- Lisa Schmidt, Educational Consultant, PaTTAN-West
- Lydia Svetkovich Emeigh, Educational Consultant, PaTTAN-West



UPBEAT UPDATE

IU1 staffer Adam Blank, a dedicated and impactful paraprofessional in our McMurray campus school has been awarded the prestigious PAIU ambassador award, a first-ever for the institution. A former student and graduate of Intermediate Unit 1's program, Adam has been gifted exceptional public speaking skills which he loves to use to connect with listeners young and old alike. He finds joy in being able to relate to the younger crowd, explaining that he's been where they are, and they can come out on top just like he has.

It goes without saying that Adam has left a lasting impression on the world of education. His eagerness to help educate youth in the IU1 program, and ability to invigorate a roomful of educational professionals, proves he is worthy of this recognition and we are proud to have him as part of the IU1 family.

POWERFUL PERSPECTIVES *JENNIFER JUDGE, DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES*

As we head into July, I hope you are taking some well-deserved time to relax and to recharge for another new school year that will quickly be upon us! We look forward to seeing you all at In Service, and we also look forward to welcoming the new employees that will be joining our IU1 team for this new school year.

Our Board has approved the continuation of the staff referral program for the 2023-24 school year, so if you know candidates that may be interested in applying for positions, please share our postings on our Careers website, at <https://www.applitrack.com/iu1/onlineapp/>. The referral form is located on Frontline Central (HR-Candidate Referral Form).

