Building Skills New York’s Worker of the Month

Building Skills New York, a non-profit organization working to provide under-served New Yorkers with good paying jobs, announced that the Bronx February Worker of the Month is Andrew Hutchison.

Hutchinson has been employed on several worksites since connecting with Building Skills in 2018, including the Barnabas Hospital project in the Belmont neighborhood. He currently works as a helper for Arker Companies on the Knockhouse Square project in Williamsburg, Brooklyn.

Hutchinson was able to secure his OSHA-30, full prevention training, and drug and alcohol awareness training through Building Skills.

Building Skills recently announced their total number of 2019 job placements was 340, up 45 percent from 2018. Building Skills helps New Yorkers find work through on-the-job training and on-the-job placement.

Community Board 6 is partnering with Tanima Productions to offer free Ballet Classes for the community for the month of February. People interested and interested parties must email bronxch6@ bronxch6.org to register. Regis- trations are now being collected. They may be picked up at our office at 1032 Arthur Avenue, Room 408-A. The attire for the students is black leotards and shirts and ballet shoes. The shoes can be purchased through Tanima Productions or through another retail seller.

Classes are held Mondays and Tuesdays through June 22, and are held at the Mary Mitchell Center and Youth Services, 2007 Maple Avenue (East 178th Street), from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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Food Bank for New York City’s Board of Directors has selected Leslie Gordon as the organization’s new president and CEO. For more than a decade, Les- lie has led efforts to feed our neighbors in need in New York City’s 80 boroughs and communities. Most recently she served as president and chief executive officer of FeedHer, Westchester County’s largest and hunger organization.

Over the past three years, Leslie has taken Feeding Westchester to new levels by challenging the team to think boldy and chart a course for the future, and creating a more efficient and accountable organization that is collaborative and inclusive. Leslie led the charge to re- brand the county’s leading food bank organization to better communicate the breadth of its work. Under Leslie’s leadership, the organization increased the amount of food produced by more than 40 percent, and tripled the amount of food directed to local food banks compared to the average food bank in the nation. Leslie also forged cutting-edge, strategic alliances with non-food partners including Sunny Side Up, Good Grief, Feeding America and the United States Department of Agriculture – large and small.

Leslie previously served as the senior director of Public Relations at City Harvest, where she helped pioneer a new strategy that positioned the organization as a leader in the amount of food distributed annually, led the organization’s Healthy Neighborhoods program and increased the growth of its volunteer program from 6,000 to nearly 20,000 volunteers. Prior to that, she was executive director of Best Buddies Penn-sylvania and the founding di- rector of Made in the Hudson Valley. She also served under General Colin Powell as national director of America’s Promise – The Alliance for Youth.

Leslie will join Food Bank on Monday, March 10, and fol- lows outgoing leader, Margare- te Purvis, who served in the role for more than eight years.

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On Wednesday, February 19, Woodlawn Cemetery held a dedication for the netflix limited series Self Made Inspired by the Life of Madam C.J. Walker, the Af- rican American trailblazing entrepreneur and America’s first female self-made million- aire, along with a panel discus- sion, at Woodlawn, 3800 Jerome Avenue. Madam C.J. Walker, entrepreneur, philanthropist, political and social activist is buried at Woodlawn Cemetery.

A’Leila Bundles, her great-granddaughter, book author and member of Woodlawn Cemetery Conservancy, presented a talk about the events held in the Woodlawn Wool- worth Building. Ms. Bundles’ book, On Her Own Ground: The Life and Times of Madam C.J. Walker, a New York Times Notable Book about her entre- preneurial spirit and human mo- ther, is the inspiration for a four-part Netflix series starring Oscar-winner Octavia Spencer to premiere globally on Netflix on Friday, March 20.

Mitch Rose, president and chief executive officer of Woodlawn Cemetery & Conservancy, wel- comed the guests to Woodlawn. Berry Smith, television per- sonality who travels the world with Berry, was the panel modera- tor. In addition to Panels, panelists at the Woodlawn premiere include Octavia Spencer, Self Made creator and executive producer, Elie Johnson, executive producer; Nicole Jefferson Asher, co-executive producer, and Kasi Lemmons, executive producer and direc- tor.

The Netflix limited series, Self Made: Inspired by the Life of Madam C.J. Walker, brings the uplifting story of this cultural icon to the screen for the first time. Against all odds, Walker overcame post-slavery racial and gender biases, personal betrayals, and business rivalries to build a groundbreaking brand that revolutionized black haircare, as she simultaneously fought for social change. Across all odds, the limited series also stars Blair Underwood as her husband C.J. Walker, Tiffany Haddish as her daughter Lelia, Carmen Ejogo as Walker’s business ri- val Addie Munroe, Garrett Morris as Walker’s father-in- law, Kevin Carroll as her long- time lawyer Freeman Ramos and Bill Bellamy as Ramos’s cousin Sweetness.

Self Made: Inspired by the Life of Madam C.J. Walker produced by Spring- hill Entertainment and Wonder- Street in association with Farner Bros. Television is helmed by co-showrunners Elie Johnson and Janine Sherman Barrois, along with writer and co-executive pro- ducer Nicole Jefferson Asher, directed by Kasi Lemmons and DeMane Davis, and exec- utive produced by Janine Sherman Barrois, Elie John- son, Maverick Carter, LeBron James, Octavia Spencer, Mark Holder, Christine Holder, Kasi Lemmons, and Jamal Hend-erson.

For more information, visit www.woodlawn.org.

Effective Monday, March 2, all students and school personnel at any Catholic school in the Archdiocese of New York are required to get written medical clearance from their physician before returning to school. Parents must submit this written medical clearance letter signed and stamped by a licensed physician in person.

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The Bronx River District of the Boy Scouts of Amer- ica presents on Saturday, March 7, at St. Helena Church, a Boy Scout Merit Badge Fair from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., a Cub Scout Belt-loop Bonanza from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and a Work- ing With Scouts with Special Needs Interactive Adult Work- shop from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information call Fr. Da- vid Powers at (718) 692-3232.

The Department of Youth & Community Development Commissioner Bill Chong an- nounced that applications are available for the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP), the nation’s largest summer youth employment initiative. New York City resi- dents between the ages of 14 to 24 can complete applications online (www.nyc.gov/syep) or at participating community- based organizations. The six- week program runs from July 6 through August 15.

Employers and worksites looking to support New York City’s youth employment programs, including SYEP, should visit www.nyc.gov/ syep or the Center for Youth Employment’s website (www. nyc.gov/cye).

For more information, call DYCD Youth Connect (1-800-246-4646 or 646-343- 6800).

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Twenty-four Con Edison employees have received In- dustry awards for findings that will improve electrical service, enhance worker and public safety and help energy companies fend off cyberattacks.

The employees each earned a Technology Transfer Award from the Electric Power Re- search Institute, an organization that supports the safe, re- liable and efficient delivery of electricity to customers.

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