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FAMILY RESIDENCES AND ESSENTIAL ENTERPRISES CELEBRATES WYANDANCH HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS' COMPLETION FROM JOB READINESS PROGRAM



Wyandanch HS Student Graduates with their teacher Mr. Bruce Penn at the far right, and Regina Savarese, AVP FREE second from right

Old Bethpage, NY – Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc. (FREE), in partnership with Wyandanch High School, hosted a "Culmination Ceremony" for high school seniors who participated in their

Workforce Readiness Program. The Program was provided to a class of approximately 15 seniors in Wyandanch High School over this past 2016-2017 school year.

"We're so very proud of these young men and women for all of the work they put into completing this program. We're also thankful to all of the great people of the Wyandanch Schools who were such great partners in this endeavor," said Robert S. Budd, CEO FREE. "The ability, and willingness, to offer these types of programs is what sets FREE apart from other organizations," he continued.



Wyandanch HS Student Graduates with FREE's Internship Placement Representatives and Mrs. Gina Talbert, Assistant Superintendent of Wyandanch Schools

The model of the program is blended with the first 3 quarters of immersive learning in the classroom led by a Wyandanch HS teacher about career readiness, which included various guest speakers and Career Exploration Field trips coordinated by FREE, and 4th quarter internship placements at FREE's Old Bethpage location in various departments such as Finance, Affirmative Business Development, Human Resources, Information & Technology, Nursing, Psychology and more.

Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc. (FREE)

Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc. (FREE), founded in 1977, benefits and proudly supports more than 4,000 individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities, mental illness and traumatic brain injury. It is the mission of FREE to assist individuals of all abilities realize their full potential. FREE provides a diverse array of supports and services including: housing; recovery services; transition to work; employment; day, community and family services; respite; crisis services; education and after school support; specialty health services; and advocacy.

FREE also collaborates with a variety of diverse 501(c)(3) nonprofit partners on educational, vocational, rehabilitative and a myriad of other creative initiatives to enhance the local communities and the lives of more than 25,000 people that reside within them. Each of the valued partners of the FREE Network has a unique mission, vision and strategic goals that are aligned in purpose, and embody the spirit of the meaningful work we do every day. For more information, please call 516-870-7000 or visit www.familyres.org.