

WHO ARE WE?



The Bethlehem Area Vocational-Technical School



# BRIDGES foundation

The Bridges Foundation is a nonprofit that supports Bethlehem Area Vocational-Technical School.





# ABOUT THE BRIDGES FOUNDATION

The Bridges Foundation was created in 1998 with the purpose of investing in the workforce of the future. The ongoing success of our community depends in large part on our ability to develop a trained and motivated workforce that can meet the challenges of global competition.

**IT IS OUR MISSION TO PROVIDE DESERVING STUDENTS OF BAVTS WITH THE ABILITY AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO FULFILL THEIR CAREER ASPIRATIONS.**

# WHAT DO WE DO?

## Excellence Awards

Excellence Awards are monetary awards given to graduating seniors to help them jump start their careers. These awards can be used to continue their education OR to purchase any tools, equipment, certifications, etc. that will help them accomplish their career goals.

## Innovative Instructional Programs

Through EITC donations, the Bridges Foundation provides unique educational opportunities for the students of BAVTS. We offer a dual enrollment Entrepreneurship class and a Professional Skills Certification through Northampton Community College. Both of these classes provide students with knowledge they can use in any field they choose.

## Supporting BAVTS

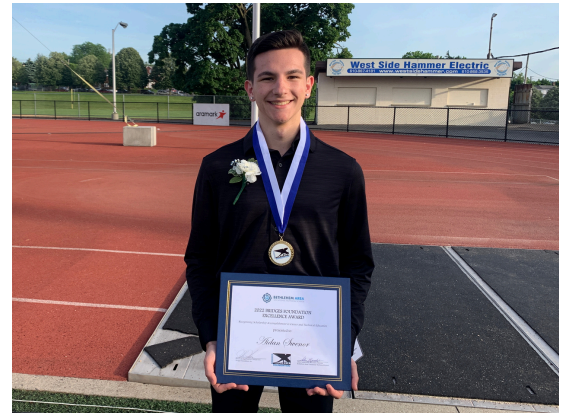
At the Bridges Foundation we are passionate about BAVTS and career and technical education as a whole. We take any opportunity we can to invest in the school and its students, to create an outstanding workforce for the future.





# EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Since 1999, the Bridges Foundation has awarded \$1,013,250 in awards to BAVTS students.



Whether students are continuing their education or entering the workforce, our Awards help BAVTS students jumpstart their future.



In 2024, we awarded \$55,500 to 26 seniors from 17 different BAVTS Programs.





# INNOVATIVE INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS

## Dual Enrollment Courses

BAVTS students have the opportunity to take an Entrepreneurship Course through Northampton Community College and receive college credit at no cost to them. In the course, they learn how to develop an entrepreneurial mindset which can benefit them regardless of their program of study. Students in the Academy of Applied Engineering also have the opportunity to receive college credit through Lafayette College for their Introduction to Engineering course.

## Professional Skills Certification

According to the Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corporation's Business and Industry Survey, one of the top needs in the workforce is employability and soft skills. The Foundation has worked with BAVTS and NCC to create a Professional Skills certification program. In this class, students learn the soft/employability skills that businesses are looking for. Upon completion of the course, students receive an official certification which guarantees they will be high-quality employees, regardless of the position.



Northampton  
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THE CENTER FOR DUAL ENROLLMENT



**BAVTS**





# SUPPORTING BAVTS

At the Bridges Foundation, we take any opportunity we can to invest in BAVTS and its students, to create an outstanding workforce for the future. One of our biggest investments was the purchase of the BAVTS Food Truck. Last year the food truck appeared at 20+ events in the community. The Food Truck promotes BAVTS while providing students with real life experience. We will continue to look for new ways to support BAVTS.





# HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

## **Donate!**

Help make a difference in a BAVTS Student's life with a monetary donation to the Bridges Foundation. Donations of \$1,000 or more can be used to sponsor an Excellence Award. All other donations will be added to the Bridges Foundation General Fund to be used towards all of our activities. Donate online by scanning the QR code or mail a check to 3300 Chester Ave., Bethlehem, PA 18020.

## **Join our board**

We are always in search of individuals who have a passion for career and technical education to join our Board of Directors. If you are interested in joining please reach out to our Development and Marketing Director, Madeline Sinkler, at [sinklerm@bavts.org](mailto:sinklerm@bavts.org) and she will provide you with more information.

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