

## Chamber Announces 61 Recipients of Work Ethic Diploma

McHenry, MD – The Garrett County Chamber of Commerce and Garrett County Public Schools presented Work Ethic Diplomas to 61 Class of 2024 graduates from Northern and Southern High Schools.

“On behalf of the Garrett County Chamber, congratulations to the 61 students in the Class of 2024 that have earned their Work Ethic Diplomas,” said Holly Lane, Project & Groups Manager for the Garrett County Chamber. “We are very pleased to be recognizing the newest recipients of the Work Ethic Diploma. We are proud of their strong work ethic.”

The Class of 2024 recipients of the Work Ethic Diploma are:

- \*Abbigale Kight
- \*Abe Schilpp
- Abigail Butina
- Addison Rohrbaugh
- \*Adelyn Taylor
- \*Alexander Knauff
- \*Alexsandra Schmidt
- Allie Newman
- \*Arianna Koontz
- \*Ava Elliott
- \*Blake Chaney
- \*Briona Reese
- Catelynn Davis
- \*Chasity Brant
- Chloe Turner
- \*Cody Cole
- \*Cole ONeal
- \*Evan Baker
- Grace Maust
- \*Hailey Wildesen
- \*Helayna Haefner
- \*Isaac Browning
- Isabella Ross
- \*Isaiah Keller
- \*Jacob Wilt
- \*Jaden Carey
- \*Joy Curtis
- \*Kaitlin Allen

Karmen Lopez  
\*Katelyn VanSickle  
Kevin Shipway  
\*Kolten Mason  
\*Kyle Broadwater  
Kyle Schofield  
Landen Spink  
\*Laura Huelskamp  
Lauren Friend  
\*Lexi Wright  
Logan Frazee  
Luke Spink  
Lydia Nelson  
\*Madeline Allen  
\*Madison House  
\*Madison Humphrey  
Madison Thayer  
\*Megan Jones  
Molly Nickel  
\*Morgan Sweitzer  
\*Natasha Slagle  
\*Nathan Glotfelty  
\*Olivia Rawe  
Paige Reall  
\*Pierce Shaffer  
\*Ryan Bolyard  
\*Ryelynn Sweitzer  
\*Samantha Keller  
\*Samara Goebel  
\*Shelby Mark  
Sophia Rankin  
\*Tehya Teets  
Zobiana Dillsworth

“Our graduates have learned the value of hard work. This value will open the door of opportunity in the workplace, which will lead to the discovery of their talents and passions,” said Chuck Olsson, Chair of the Work Ethic Diploma program and Vice President & Chief Human Resources Officer for First United Bank & Trust. The employers of Garrett County look forward to supporting their growth as the leaders of our future.”

To be awarded a Work Ethic Diploma, students had to earn a minimum of points in the following criteria: Discipline Standard, Attendance Standard, Absence Standard, Work Experience, Community Service/Internship Project Standard, Overall Grade Point Average Standard, Team Work Standard, Drug-Free (optional), Submit a Resume and complete an Exit Interview.

Students were given the option to earn points by submitting to a voluntary drug test provided free of charge by the Garrett County Health Department. The students with asterisks by their name opted to participate and tested drug fee, which is indicated on their Work Ethic Diploma.

The Garrett County Chamber of Commerce and Garrett County Public Schools launched the Work Ethic Diploma program in the spring of 2018 to address local workforce challenges by creating a pipeline of prospective employees who possess those quality attributes desired by employer. Full details on the program can be found at [www.visitdeepcreek.com/pages/WorkEthicDiploma](http://www.visitdeepcreek.com/pages/WorkEthicDiploma).

Thank you to the 32 business partners for their commitment to these students. For businesses interested in learning more about the program, please contact Holly Lane at 301-387-6171 or [holly@garrettchamber.com](mailto:holly@garrettchamber.com).

Ace's Run Restaurant & Pub	High Mountain Sports
Appalachian Crossroads	Lake Life Boat Rentals
Aquatic Center, Inc.	Monkey Business Adventure Park
Beitzel Corporation	Mountain Laurel Medical Center
Brenda's Pizzeria	Mountain State Brewing Company
Byco Enterprises, Inc.	Naylor's Ace Hardware
Christmas Chalet	Oakland Oil & Propane
Cornucopia Café	Pillar Innovations
Deep Creek Marina LLC	Reliable Property Maintenance & Construction
Deep Creek Fireplace & Outdoor Store	Ruth Enlow Library of GC
FireFly Farms Market	Savage River Lodge
First United Bank & Trust	Silver Tree Marine, LLC
Garrett College	The Garrett County Republican
Garrett Regional Medical Center	The Greene Turtle Sports Bar & Grille
Grantsville Exxon	The Tourist Trap
Gregg's Pharmacy	Trader's Coffee House

The Garrett County Chamber of Commerce is the largest professional business association in the region with 600 members representing every industry in the community. The mission of the Chamber is to organize, support and represent Garrett County's business community in advancing common interests and additionally to promote Garrett County's hospitality and recreation industry by attracting visitors to the county through comprehensive marketing. The

Garrett County Chamber also serves as the Destination Marketing Organization and Heritage Area Management entity for the County. For more information about the Garrett County Chamber of Commerce, call 301.387.4386 or go to [visitdeepcreek.com](http://visitdeepcreek.com).