

## Meet Derek! Our 2015 Seneca County Youth Success Story!



**Derek** enrolled in the Seneca County WIA Youth Program and attended Work Readiness workshops in preparation for his job search. He received the Gold Level CRC for his Work Keys assessment and with interest assessments he met with his counselor to determine an interest in the Finger Lakes Community College Machinist training program at ITT/Goulds Pumps in Seneca Falls. This training program is a result of a collaboration between FLCC, Goulds, GW Lisk and Finger Lakes Workforce Development that came about in answer to the growing staffing needs of area advanced manufacturing firms.

Derek was interviewed and tested for the FLCC Machinist training program and was accepted into it, currently he is in the top 5% of the class. Derek enjoys the training and learning a skill set that requires both technology and working with his hands. He says that at the end of the day he feels he has accomplished something of value. With his positive attitude and impressive determination, Derek has overcome personal barriers and is on the fast track to achieving his goals. He was invited to present at the FLWIB Youth Council to share his success story, and is interested in speaking with youth to offer them encouragement in achieving their own career goals.

**Congrats Derek!**

