



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Patty Ritchie

## Guiding Students To Brighter Futures: Ritchie Secures Funding For "GPS For Success" Program

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State Senator Patty Ritchie is announcing she has secured \$10,000 in funding to help students become more career-ready through "GPS for Success," a program that helps connect individuals with information on potential paths to employment in industries looking to hire.

Made possible through a partnership between Jefferson-Lewis BOCES, WPBS-TV and the Northern New York Community Foundation, GPS for Success provides young people with

opportunities to watch, read and learn about possible careers, income potential and educational or training requirements for a variety of employment opportunities.

“From agriculture to manufacturing, our region is home to a number of unique employment opportunities in a variety of fields,” said Senator Ritchie. “However, it’s important that those looking for work—especially our students who are about to embark on their future careers—know about those opportunities and the details of how to pursue them. I’m pleased to be able to deliver funding for this program, which is helping to connect individuals with the information they need to be successful in their search for a new opportunity.”

“The GPS for Success program is a powerful tool that has provided a tremendous opportunity for our students, helping them find different and promising career paths,” said Jefferson-Lewis BOCES Superintendent Stephen Todd. “We are deeply grateful to Senator Ritchie for all of her support in this joint endeavor.”

GPS for Success focuses on industries experiencing a shortage of workers and currently offers information on a variety of potential careers in agriculture, manufacturing, health care and education among others. More information on the program can be found on its website, [www.mygpsforsuccess.com](http://www.mygpsforsuccess.com).

Funding secured by Senator Ritchie continues her efforts to help local students become more career-ready. Most recently, Senator Ritchie delivered over \$12,000 to enhance programs focused on making more young people prepared for careers in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics—or STEM—fields.

