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Berkshire Workforce Board honors area businesses

PITTFIELD— The MassHire Berkshire Workforce Board held its annual meeting on June 9, 2022 virtually via zoom. The Berkshire Workforce Board is a high performing workforce board that creates and sustains powerful connections between businesses, education providers and jobseekers. The Board addresses critical labor market issues and serves the oversight and policy-making body for federally funded employment and training services in the region. As a state certified High Performing Workforce Board, the BWB highlighted several accomplishments including career readiness programming; training in manufacturing, healthcare & hospitality; employer assistance, rapid reengagement activities, and more collaborative efforts in meeting the demand for more highly skilled workers.

Workforce Impact Awards were presented in 3 categories. **2022 Workforce Ambassador was given to John Lipa**, a retiree of Linden Consulting & General Dynamics. **2022 Youth Ambassador was given to Teagan Far**, an intern at Berkshire Workforce Board from Lenox High School, and **2022 Employer of the Year was given to Susan St. John** from Berkshire Health Systems and **Lenco Armored Vehicles**.

The Board voted on the Workforce Business Plan for FY2023 which can be found on its website www.MassHireBerkshire.com. FY2023 officers were also elected at the annual meeting.

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