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By State Rep. Tarah Probst

My team and I stand ready to assist you on a range of state-related programs.

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Heating Assistance Available

By State Rep. Tarah Probst

If you need assistance with your heating bills, LIHEAP applications are now being accepted. This program assists Pennsylvanians with paying their heating bills, keeping them warm in their homes during the winter months.

To see if you qualify and to apply, visit here or reach out to my office at (570) 420-2850.

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The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) provides cash grants to help Pennsylvania families pay their heating bills.

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NORTHAMPTON

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NCC Students Turn Passion into Service

By NCC

With help from community organization JOSHWAY, students produce podcast and share skills

BETHLEHEM, PA - Northampton Community College (NCC) media production majors, Peter Shea, Malcolm "Max" Lindsay, Daniel Montenegro, and Jamison Hopkins met on their first day of class and quickly realized they all shared a passion for production and sports.

Hopkins, who has been recording for YouTube since he was 11 years old, had been dreaming of launching a solo channel related to sports. As soon as he connected with the group, "Before the Snap" was born. "Before the Snap" is a podcast devoted to all things football, though the group plans to extend the discussion beyond sports in the future.

One of the group's biggest challenges was finding studio space to film in person. Hopkins' mother, Kimberly, executive director of the Shanthi Project, a Lehigh Valley nonprofit that provides evidence-based mindfulness education services, connected the "Before the Snap" team with David Robertson, founder and executive director of JOSHWAY, another Lehigh Valley nonprofit that empowers youth through life skills, digital literacy, and self discovery.

"[JOSHWAY] has been amazing and connected us with so many incredible opportunities as well as our studio, which we have loved to work in so far," says Hopkins. "David has been a huge contributor to our success. We meet with him every week, and he shares his ideas and things we should think about. We're really excited to see what happens with JOSHWAY."

One of those incredible opportunities is mentoring youth from the local Boys and Girls Club of Easton. Among JOSHWAY's core pillars is digital literacy, more specifically what Robertson calls using "tech for good" rather than mindlessly scrolling. The "Before the Snap" team happened to overhear a discussion between JOSHWAY and Dean Young, executive director of the Boys and Girls Club of Easton, about bringing a group in to talk about healthy tech and offered to help.

"The NCC crew went from podcasting to service and said they would love to be involved to teach the kids what it's like to run a podcast and really be a mentor to them," explains Robertson. "I saw them tap into their giving mode, which shows the character of each student. When I tell you they're in here hustling, they're in here hustling. I constantly hear gratitude, responsibility, hustle, grit, grind, service, everything that makes an individual successful."

The NCC team is eager to share their time and talent with the next generation.

"I think podcasting gives them a voice," says Montenegro. "If you have a passion, podcasting gives you the room to explore and meet new people who have similar interests to you. You don't have to feel like an outsider. You can express your passion and connect with people."

For Robertson, the "Before the Snap" project is yet another connection to NCC in a growing partnership between the College and JOSHWAY. Impressed by NCC's breadth of programs and student support resources, Robertson established the JOSHWAY Scholarship, which supports students who have participated in the JOSHWAY program, those who have overcome significant personal challenges, and those who are interested in pursuing any area of study in the arts.

Earlier this year, NCC also became part of the JOSHWAY Bridge program, designed to guide youth across five pillars of personal development toward leadership and purpose. NCC's College Connections team led Future Ready workshops focused on preparing for life after high school as part of the program.

"Before the Snap" is available on YouTube and Spotify.