Congratulations to Norwalk Housing Foundation college graduate, Wilson Lauture!

Washington Village resident and Norwalk Housing Foundation college graduate, Wilson Lauture has launched his career at Pure Insurance located in White Plains, NY. His Pace University Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration and Public Accounting (BBA) helped him stand out in the interview process and secure the job. Wilson’s main responsibilities currently fall under accounts payable and accounts receivable, as well as bank reconciliation. He makes sure all the bills are paid on time and recorded properly for audit purposes. Wilson also assists the Finance and Accounting Department with special projects, such as ensuring that the company is in compliance with paying sales tax.

“I believe this is a perfect position for me as a recent grad to start building my foundation and gain as much experience as possible that could open future doors,” said Wilson. “My goal is to become a competitive leader in the business world with different experiences in different industries. Since a dream can’t ever be too big or scary, my current goal is to be a Controller one day, with an interest in becoming a CFO and/or CEO.”

Wilson is planning to pass at least two parts of the CPA exam this year and ultimately earn this certification. We congratulate him and wish him much success!
Undergraduate recipients are Kerline Aristhene, Southern Connecticut State University; Rosalie Armatis, University of Bridgeport; Celestin Benoise, Southern Connecticut State University; Duly Bolivar, Central Connecticut State University; Jonathan Ceja, Marymount Manhattan College; Nicholas Ceja, Richmond University in London; Brian Davis, Seaton Hill University; Nadine Delcin, University of Bridgeport; Jalen Elliott, Western New England University; Ruth Fajardo, Norwalk Community College; Alyah Fresnel, Central Connecticut State University; Isiah Gaddy, Shaw University; Kevin Garcia, Southern Connecticut State University; Luis Gonzalez, University of Connecticut (Stamford Campus); Genesis Hernandez, Western Connecticut State University; Corrina Isaacs, University of Connecticut (Storrs Campus); Clarentz Jean, University of Hartford; Emmanuel Jean-Louis, Lasell College; Rose Jean Louis, Quinnipiac University; Jessica Joseph, Western Connecticut State University; Clara Labaze, Western Connecticut State University; Syndie Lauture, Marist College; Sehvrine Lezeau, American University; Rebecca Lubin, Norwalk Community College; Cindy Makaba, Western CT State University; Cassidy Nieves, Mercy College; Renzo Pablo, Norwalk Community College; Rose Poteau, Roger Williams University; Abigail Serrano, University of Bridgeport; Clifford Simeon; Southern Connecticut State University and Amador Umpierre, Norwalk Community College.

Graduate recipients are Melanie Armatis, Bay Path University; Sandy Armatis, Sacred Heart University; Jessica Davis, Sacred Heart University; Ezekiel Romero, Husson University and Desiree Waters, Sacred Heart University.

Dr. Hervens Jeannis tells the spellbinding story of how he came to be the first high school graduate, college graduate, Master and Doctorial graduate in his family. Dr. Jeannis shared his life struggles and how he overcame the many obstacles that could have inevitably knocked him down. His parents emigrated from Haiti looking for better opportunities for their family and that’s when they found the Norwalk Housing Authority. As a kid, he attended the NHA Learning Centers which provided him an outlet for exploration outside the home and access to resources that helped him flourish socially and academically.

Dr. Jeannis thanked NHA and NHF for being a part of setting him on the right track to fulfill his dreams. He also thanked the many donors who’ve made contributions over the years and emphasized the importance of giving back. He stated that no amount is ever too small to give or receive.
FREE Microsoft Excel Training
- July 26th, at 10am -
Hop aboard the Career Coach Bus at the 149 Water Street parking lot for an in-depth 4-hour training in MS Excel — FREE!
Create and edit spreadsheets and graphs using Excel tool bars. Built in features such as Auto Complete and Auto Fill will also be covered, in addition other formatting techniques and the use of formulas and functions. Time permitting Vlookup, Hlookup and Pivot Tables will be covered. Please note, participants must plan to attend the entire 4-hour training. Pre-registration is not required.

Are you interested in a career in sales?
Do you want to move into retail management?
Join us for a free information session!
If you would like to pursue a career in retail customer service and sales, or another industry where dealing with customers and providing service is valued, consider a new Certificate being offered by Norwalk Community College.
A new 10-session course leads to a Retail Customer Service and Sales Certificate, and gives students the skills to move into management. The course will cover merchandising, inventory control, selling and service, economics, and much more.
The program is scholarship funded, and graduates will benefit from career placement assistance at the new SoNo Collection upon graduation.
Date: Tuesday, August 7
Time: 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Place: Smilow Life Center, 55 Chestnut Street, Norwalk, CT
Call Nadine at 203-866-1057 X201 or Lisa T. at 203-952-8308 to register for the information session.

Healthy living workshop series
Want to know how to keep up with your health? Join The Healthy Living Workshops, featuring a three-part series of health and wellness topics:
July 18th “Healthy Eating”
Aug. 15th “Low Impact Exercise”
Sept. 26th “Knowing Your Health Care Team”
Each workshop convenes for one hour; 6pm-7pm. Representatives from Person to Person, ShopRite supermarket and other community organizations will lead discussions and demonstrations on how to maintain our health.
Please note location! The workshops will be held at the NHA/HOU Choice Neighborhoods Temporary field office at the Smilow Life Center, 55 Chestnut Street, Norwalk, CT 06854. This program is FREE and open to the public.
Spaces are limited, registration is required.
Call (203) 838-8471 ext. 681 (Nadine and Ella) or ext. 671 (Emendya)

For Norwalk students who struggle with math and reading
Tuesdays 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM
June 19 - August 14, 2018
The Homework HELP Program pairs academically gifted and talented tutors with elementary, middle, and high school students to promote academic excellence and positive work habits. Tutors are selected to support, nurture, and guide students towards academic success. They provide structured one-on-one instruction and coaching.
Sponsored by the Norwalk Public Library Board of Trustees This program is free and open to the public.
Registration is available online or by calling 203.899.2790 ext. 15903. SoNo Branch Library, 10 Washington St., Norwalk, CT 06854

Want to own your own home? You can do it!
NHA Federal Public Housing and Federal Section 8 residents may qualify for mortgage subsidies for up to 15 years!
Come to this FREE program presented by Bridgeport Neighborhood Trust, to learn what’s involved in becoming a homeowner, on Saturday August 11th, 9:00AM – 5:00 PM. Take the confusion out of home-buying. You’ll be guided step by step through the process including reviewing your finances, determining how much you can afford, reviewing your credit, shopping for a home, obtaining a mortgage, preparing for the closing, and more. This popular class fills up quickly! Pre-registration is required, space is limited. The Norwalk location for this presentation is not yet finalized. Contact 203-838-8471 Jamie (x180) or Nadine(x681) and to learn the steps you can take TODAY to become a homeowner! Transportation available to NHA residents only with at least one week advanced notice.
Exploring learning through the summer wave

Don’t let your child slip backwards during the summer months. Between the end of one school year and the start of the next every student risks summer learning loss. On average, students lose 2 months of reading skills over the summer. Whether your child loves to read, play outside, or get techy, there are many fun but effective ways to promote learning over the break. Since the summer is here, it’s a great idea to start planning now what activities you’ll use to avoid summer learning loss. Here are some activities to help.

Fun Family Activities

• Read aloud with your child for 15 minutes everyday
• Play a board game
• Cook together and bake cookies (Get your favorite recipe and start mixing. You can even talk about math while doing this activity)
• Watch movies and eat popcorn (talk about your favorite scenes)
• Go to the zoo
• Go on a hike at Cranbury Park (It’s a great way to get outdoors and get some exercise. Be sure to notice all of the beautiful things around you and talk to your child about them)
• Go swimming
• Do a puzzle
• Go fishing
• Go camping
• Have a treasure hunt

Have Fun while keeping the learning going!