

student program here through a co-operative program in high school. Wanting to learn and expand her knowledge more she decided to take the job.

“I figured that working for the government would be a great opportunity,” Caldwell said. Except for doing the payroll, she really enjoys working for the DDC. “My co-workers are definitely the best part of my job,” Caldwell said. Caldwell will be starting school this year at Empire Beauty School.

Something you didn’t know about Caldwell: “I really like to write. I usually spend three hours a night writing poetry or songs!”

Sarah Barna, DDC Systems Modernization Office, started working for DDC this summer and will continue to work part-time while she attends college at Harrisburg Area Community College this year and plans to transfer back to Shippensburg University next fall. Although her major is officially undecided, it will probably be in Communication.

Besides paying well, Barna thought that taking this job would also help her with college. “I know I am going to have less trouble doing work when I get back to school. This job has educated me in many different areas of work.”

The best part of Barna’s job, “I get to work with a girl my age and whenever I have a question or problem she helps me, and I do the same for her.”

Something you didn’t know about Barna: “I really look up to my mom a lot, and I hope to be like her someday.”

Kathryn Massic, DDC Logistics Operations, started and will stop working for DDC this summer. Since she just graduated from Penn State University with a degree in Nutrition, Massic will be starting her internship in September. I asked her why she chose to work here, she said, “It was available, they only need me for three months, and it pays well.”

Massic is especially glad to have worked at DDC. She has learned a big lesson: she doesn’t like office work. This summer’s employment experience has really pushed her to find her own

niche — which she thinks may be in a children’s hospital.

Something you didn’t know about Massic: “I love going to concerts!”

About the author:

Ygraine Gula, DDC Logistics Operations Engineering and Equipment Division, will be a junior at Penn State Middletown this fall, majoring in Communications. Like many of her peers, she chose DDC because of the hours, the pay, and the short commute. But the job has been more rewarding than expected.

“I really feel a sense of ownership when I create a project or charts—I think that was everyone’s favorite part about these jobs,” Gula said. “We are just starting our professional careers and this is our first taste of professional responsibility. People appreciated my input and respected my opinion—that is a great feeling.”

Luckily we won’t be losing Gula entirely, she will be working at DDC part-time during the school year.

About the program:

The Student Educational Employment Program provides federal employment opportunities to students who are enrolled or accepted for enrollment as degree seeking students taking at least a half-time academic, technical, or vocational course load in an accredited high school, technical, vocational, 2 or 4-year college or university, graduate or professional school.

The Student Educational Employment Program benefits both agencies and students. Agencies can discover first-hand the abilities of a potential employee. Agencies can bring well-educated graduates into their workforce while at the same time give their managers the ability to evaluate the student’s performance in real work situations.

Students, on the other hand, can avail themselves of such flexibilities as year round employment and flexible work schedules and assignments. Students gain exposure to public service while enhancing their educational goals and shaping their career choices.



DDC Student Stars: Ashley Caldwell, Melissa Marciano, Sarah Barna, Serena Bostdorf, Chad Guebert, Jessica Yost, Ygraine Gula, Katherine Massic, and Erin Anderson—thanks for all your hardwork (past & future)!