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## A NOTE FROM BWI

### FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

#### Dear Friend of BWI,

Since the beginning of the pandemic, New York has come a long way - vaccines are being administered, businesses are opening their doors, and jobs (though often not the same jobs as existed previously) are becoming more available. At the same time, challenges have persisted and intensified for unemployed New Yorkers and communities of color.

While individuals face amplified racial, social, and economic impacts from this crisis, it's clear that **BWI's fight towards an equitable recovery is more important than ever.** Looking ahead, BWI will continue to bridge the gap and train low-income New Yorkers for long-lasting careers in growing and promising industries.

All **seven of BWI's training programs** are actively recruiting to meet a large hiring demand in industries like commercial driving, cable installation, woodworking, and film and television production and post production. Please **spread the word** about these training opportunities with your neighbors, friends, and family members.

As always, thank you for your support and dedication to BWI's mission.

Stay safe,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Shiffman", written in a cursive style.

**Aaron Shiffman**  
Executive Director

### PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT



## BWI's "Made in NY" Post-Production Program is Back!

The "Made in NY" Post-Production program is back and looking for individuals that want to join NYC's Film & TV industry! This no-cost, 5 week program trains students in industry-standard software, editing and visual effects, and the history and art of post production.

The Post-Production team looks for individuals that are:

- 21 years or older
- NYC residents of at least 6 months
- Unemployed, underemployed, low-income, or receiving public assistance
- Eligible to work in the US
- Comfortable with basic computer skills
- Experienced (at least 6 months) in production, entertainment, media, or a related field

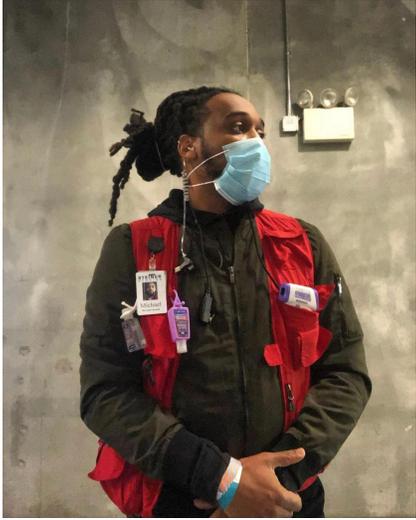
If this sounds like you or someone you know, please join a virtual information session **this week** to get started and learn more!

[JOIN AN INFO SESSION HERE](#)

## GRADUATE SPOTLIGHT

### From PA to Video Tech: Introducing Michael Hackett

After discontinuing his education to help support his family, Michael knew he had to get serious about building a career for himself. He was previously



jumping around different part-time jobs that did not bring him any personal fulfillment or financial stability. Everything seemed to change, however, when he agreed to help his friend work on a video project.

Michael met someone from BWI's "Made in NY" PA program who encouraged him to seize this no-cost training opportunity. Despite feeling intimidated about his lack of experience and having to attend virtual training during the pandemic, Michael committed to training and graduated from the program.

A few weeks after graduating, Michael received a full-time position as a Health and Safety PA on a Lionsgate production. Since then, Michael has also worked as a Set PA, Video Assistant, and now is a full-time Video Tech Assistant on the HBO mini-series "White House Plumbers."

If you or someone you know is looking for a fulfilling career opportunity, **[complete this questionnaire](#)** to find which BWI program is right for you.

## MUST-READS

### Brooklyn Woods is Buzzing in a New Partnership with The Bee Conservancy



BWI's woodworking and fabrication program, Brooklyn Woods, has entered an exciting partnership with The Bee Conservancy to combat the endangerment of 4,000 bee species across the world. As part of The Bee Conservancy's "Sponsor-A-Hive" program, Brooklyn Woods is



And in case you missed it, BWI has been featured in The New York Times! The recent article "Why Beekeeping is Booming in New York: 'A Hive is a Box of Calm'" shares the work that Brooklyn Woods is doing to combat this environmental crisis while connecting low-income New Yorkers

manufacturing 750 native bee houses to create safe spaces for bees to inhabit across the U.S. and Canada.

to careers. Our organization is grateful to be recognized for the work we do.

[Read the Full Story Here](#)

[Check Out the NYT Feature](#)



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