



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 30, 2017

Secretary Manderino Continues ‘Jobs that Pay’ Tour at The Wistar Institute in Philadelphia, Announces New Apprenticeship Training Program

Philadelphia, PA – Today, Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry (L&I) Secretary Kathy Manderino continued the ‘Jobs that Pay’ tour at The Wistar Institute in Philadelphia. She toured the institute’s biomedical technician training program and joined representatives from the Wistar Institute and the Community College of Philadelphia to announce the recent approval of a new apprenticeship program at the institute.

“The Wolf Administration supports the growth and expansion of apprenticeship programs as a viable way to create a pool of high-skilled, qualified talent for employers,” said Sec. Manderino. “The apprentices we saw today are training in real, industry-grade laboratories and are acquiring skills and expertise that will make them well suited to serve the science community in the Greater Philadelphia area upon graduation.”

Registered apprenticeship programs are approved through L&I’s Apprenticeship and Training Office (ATO) and are used to provide employer-driven training to create a more productive, diverse, highly skilled workforce for employers and to help reduce employee turnover. The program provides job seekers with increased skills, and a nationally recognized credential to support future career advancement and increased wages.

After the tour concluded, the secretary formally announced the ATO’s approval of a new biomedical research technician (BRT) apprenticeship at The Wistar Institute. The recently approved BRT apprenticeship program, the first of its kind in the nation, creates a career pathway that goes beyond The Wistar Institute’s existing internship program for biomedical technicians.

“Apprenticeships, particularly in non-traditional industries, present a unique opportunity for job seekers to gain valuable hands-on experience,” said Sec. Manderino. “The acquisition of recognizable and stackable credentials conveys to employers that an applicant has the skills necessary to meet their needs.”

For more information about the ATO Office, visit [ATO](#).

The ‘Jobs that Pay’ tour is an effort by state agencies to promote good-paying, family-sustaining jobs and career paths available to job seekers across the commonwealth, and to listen and learn from employers and employees about workforce development needs.

MEDIA CONTACT: Theresa Elliott, 717-787-7530

###