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Brindisi & Delgado Announce Six-Figure Grant for Upstate Job Preparation Program

Congressmen Continue Work to Create Good-Paying Jobs and Fill Upstate Skilled-Worker Gap

Reps.: These Funds Are Important Investments in Our Upstate Economy

Congressmen Anthony Brindisi and Antonio Delgado (NY-19) today announced a \$255,086 grant award from the Appalachian Regional Commission for the Board of Cooperative Educational Services – Delaware, Chenango, Madison, and Otsego Counties. The funding will help expand the *Career Destinations – Connecting Students to Local Jobs and Careers* program to 14 middle and high schools in Chenango, Delaware, and Otsego counties.

“Whether it’s through a community college, an apprenticeship or certification program, or a four-year degree, we need to give every student a chance to succeed,” **said Brindisi.** “These dollars will give more Upstate students that chance and help put them on the path to a good-paying job. Especially as we continue to rebuild from COVID-19, this grant award will make a difference for our students and our local economy. I’ll keep working with Rep. Delgado to deliver for our region.”

“Workforce development programs are essential to our upstate economy, and I am deeply committed to supporting career and technical education across NY-19 to ensure young people are given every opportunity to succeed and develop a skill set that can lead to gainful employment,” **said Rep. Delgado.** “I’m proud to join Rep. Brindisi in announcing these federal funds to expand DCMO BOCES programs and give more students the tools needed to secure jobs in the 21st century economy. I will continue advocating at the federal level for investments in our regional recovery.”

The *Career Destinations – Connecting Students to Local Jobs and Careers* program prepares students for jobs in Advanced Manufacturing, Agriculture, Health Care, and Business. Through this grant funding, an estimated 75 students and 50 local businesses will benefit from the program per year.