



Ticonderoga Revitalization Alliance

A non-profit 501(c)3 Local Development Corporation whose mission is to restore economic prosperity in the Ticonderoga region by serving as a catalyst for innovative ideas and resources, and for public-private partnerships and investment opportunities.

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From the Board

As hope springs eternal here in the North Country, we're grateful for having many more opportunities than impediments to our work this past year.

This spring we greatly expanded our workforce development programs with Students in the Field and a summer job fair providing in-person employment connections. The goal is to create a robust and sustainable pipeline of jobs and employees as we work to create a younger workforce that is critical to building our economy.

We're encouraged that several state and federal economic development funding programs are back this summer. We continue to participate in conversations on downtown and workforce development, housing, and other issues that challenge our economic growth. In the next few months, we will submit several applications to move downtown development projects forward that could dramatically impact how Ticonderoga supports its residents and visitors. This marriage of private and public investment is at the core of Ti-Alliance's mission.

All of these things come together under the umbrella of Opportunity. Live, Work, Thrive, and Invest here. Share the Vision. Share your Ideas. Our door is always open.

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Opportunities Abound in Ticonderoga Area

There's great energy in our area right now. We're emerging from the pandemic with new businesses and established ones better than ever. We're on the rise. The Ti-Alliance Opportunity Page features information on *Businesses for Sale*, *Businesses to Start*, *Professional Jobs/Remote Working*, and *Affordable Housing* in our area. This summer we will be promoting the Opportunity Page throughout the northeast to attract people to live, work, and thrive here.

Please help us promote our community. If you or someone you know is interested in living in the North Country, tell them about the Opportunity Page or have them get in touch with us. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for regular updates, and don't forget to like, comment, and share!

Skilled Career Training Scholarships Available Now

This spring Ti-Alliance will award *Skilled Career Training Scholarships* to local students. The goal of these scholarships is to encourage students in our community to pursue careers in skilled trades, remove the barriers to the education needed for these careers, and hopefully have them live and practice their trades in our community. Last year, we awarded \$25,000 to three students.

Scholarships are available to residents of Hague, Ticonderoga, or Putnam. Applicants can be a graduating senior, a GED graduate, or a post-high school graduate from Ticonderoga High School who wants a career in a skilled trade and plans to work in the Ticonderoga area. To apply, students can contact their high school counselor or donna@ticonderoga-alliance.org.

These scholarships are funded by Ti-Alliance, the Tony J. and Jean H. DiFebbo Educational Foundation, and generous donors to our scholarship fund. Information on how to apply or invest in the future of our students can be found at www.ticonderoga-alliance.org/career-training-scholarships.



Our First Scholarship Graduate

Ti-Alliance is happy to congratulate Brett Moore on his graduation from SUNY Wanakena Ranger School. Brett attended Ranger School with the support of a Ti-Alliance scholarship. At commencement, he received a graduation award for character and for having worked hard for his grades. Brett loved the challenge of Ranger School and has decided to continue his studies at Paul Smith's College in the fall. Congratulations, Brett!



Expanding for Summer

The Ti-Works co-working space has had a busy season hosting remote workers. Our users include mechanical engineers, SAP program managers, lawyers, advertising executives, sales managers, photographers, psychologists, and programmers. All-day long the coffee-maker buzzes, the keyboards clack, and the window lights mysteriously change color.

This summer is shaping up to be busy. Reservations are already filling the schedule and we're excited to see everyone at the office. In anticipation of a strong season, we're expanding our facility to double the capacity by opening the wall into the space next door.

We can't wait to share more Ti-Works updates with everyone this summer. For more information or to book your desk, visit our website: www.ticonderoga-alliance.org/ti-works.

And if you've visited us at Ti-Works, be sure to leave a review on Google. We'd love your feedback!



Ti-High students explore The Portage water project with Reale Construction's Tom Manfred, Robbie Goff, and Peter Reale.

Students in the Field Program Inspires Internships

In March, in partnership with Ticonderoga High School and local business owners, we launched the *Students in the Field Program* to bring students on COVID-safe trips to eight job sites. As they explored the many career paths available in our community, they envisioned themselves working at the sites. Additionally, employers were surprised by how much *they* enjoyed sharing their careers with students. The *Students in the Field Program* was so well-received that we are already planning trips for the fall!

As a follow-on program, we are currently working with Ticonderoga High School to pair students with local employers for 8-week paid internships and extended summer jobs. These jobs help students develop professional skills and explore career paths while working right here in the community. The program is open to all Ticonderoga High School juniors and seniors, and all area employers.

If you know a student interested in exploring career options, tell them to ask their school counselor about the *Internship and Summer Job Program*. Businesses interested in participating in the program or sharing a career path in the fall, please contact our Program Coordinator, Melinda Fuller, at fuller.melinda@gmail.com or 518-222-4809.

Thank you to the Ticonderoga High School counselors for partnering to create these programs. We are grateful to the following local businesses for their generous participation: TSW Construction, DeFranco Landscaping and Construction, Bain's Sunoco, Ticonderoga Animal Hospital, Ticonderoga Emergency Squad, Hague Wastewater Treatment, Reale Construction, R.A. White Construction, The Firehouse Restaurant, Eddie's Restaurant, and Adirondack Waste Management. Thank you to McDonald's of Ticonderoga, Subway of Ticonderoga, and the Wind-Chill Factory for providing lunches for the students.

Ti-Alliance Receives Grant from Adirondack Foundation

We're excited to announce that we have recently received a \$10,000 grant from the Adirondack Foundation Generous Acts Fund to help support our *Students in the Field* and *Internship and Summer Job* programs. These funds will be used in partnership with funding from the Pearsall Foundation to help fund the part-time coordinator's position, the key to the success of this program. Thank you to these Foundations and the Generous Acts Fund donors for making it happen! The Adirondack Foundation works to enhance the lives of people in the Adirondacks through philanthropy. For more information, visit www.adirondackfoundation.org, or find them on social media at @adkfound.



Ti-Alliance Joins AmazonSmile

Did you know Amazon will donate part of every purchase to Ti-Alliance? It's so simple! All you have to do is register on AmazonSmile and select Ticonderoga Revitalization Alliance as your charity. There's no extra cost and it happens invisibly when you shop. Plus, the more you shop the more Amazon donates. It's an exciting new way to support the Alliance in your everyday life *and* make you smile. Just visit www.smile.amazon.com to get started.

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