

Liberty Partnerships L.I.F.E. (Liberty Increases Future Experiences) Program, in cooperation with the GLOW Workforce Investment Board youth funds, located at Genesee Community College, Albion Campus, 456 West Avenue, Albion, New York 14411 (585) 589-9172

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The students and staff from Genesee Community College's Liberty Partnerships L.I.F.E. Program pose with their instructor, from TOPS Friendly Markets Cooking School in Amherst, New York after completing the French Cuisine Cooking Class.

During February, eight students from the Liberty Partnerships L.I.F.E. Program (Liberty Increases Future Experiences) through Genesee Community College and the New York State Department of Labor W.I.A. (Workforce Investment Act) Program had the opportunity to attend the Tops Cooking School in Amherst, New York to learn the art of French Cuisine. The Liberty Partnerships L.I.F.E. Program was formed in 1988 by then Governor Mario Cuomo to address the growing number of New York children who did not complete high school. These students were able to demonstrate specific deficits that could be addressed in a supplemental school program located in each school, both during the school year, as well as through specialized summer programming in career development and employment skill building. By providing students with the skills they need to succeed in life while supporting them academically, this increases the odds of a child graduating from high school, and going on to success at the college level. Genesee Community College has sponsored the Liberty Partnerships L.I.F.E. program since 1989, and recently celebrated 20 years of outreach to our local community, providing tutoring, career development and enrichment opportunities to youth in grades 6-12 in the Albion, Medina and Brockport Central School Districts. The Liberty Partnerships L.I.F.E. program is also proudly sponsored by the Pre-

Collegiate Preparation Programs and Scholarships Unit, the Orleans County Youth Bureau and the New York State Education Department.



Ashley Stanton, from Medina High School, Jasper Lloyd from Albion High School, Brittany Sunday-Weilert from Medina High School, Dominic McCray from Albion High School, Annette Piano, from Genesee Community College and Tessa Monagan from Albion High School work together to prepare a batch of dessert crepes.



Courtney Myers, from Medina High School, is assisted by a Tops Cooking School employee, with making the perfect omelet.