

2018 State of the State Address

Governor Scott Walker recognized two FSET participants at the 2018 State of the State address - one from the NorthCentral Region! Below is the excerpt from his speech:

Since we started requiring employment and worker training, more than 25,000 people have gained employment. People like Thomas from Stevens Point. Thomas had been working a series of seasonal jobs. With our training program, he now has a permanent job with MedXcel at St. Michael's in Stevens Point and says it's his dream job.



When Thomas enrolled in the FSET program, he had not held a permanent job since 2009. He had worked seasonal position since that time, but could not find a permanent position in his desired field of groundskeeping. When he enrolled, Thomas had a resume, but it was in need of updating. Thomas and the FSET staff worked diligently to update his resume and to customize it for each new job application. Thomas requested help with job leads and interview skills and engaged in career planing, employment search and job readiness activities. FSET also provided him with transportation assistance for travel to assist with his job search, job interviews and other FSET activities. Thomas and the FSET office did a thorough analysis of his interview skills and discussed how to maintain a positive approach about his experience, knowledge and skills during interviews. FSET staff also provided solid job leads in his field of interest.

Although Thomas was able to continue seasonal employment after enrollment in FSET, he achieved his goal of securing permanent, year-round work as a groundskeeper in 2017. He position is full-time with benefits (health insurance, paid leave and retirement). Since being hired, FSET provided Thomas with job retention services to help his transition to permanent employment.