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YOU give bountiful opportunities! **YOU** empower people; **YOU** change lives.



James began his journey with OW just weeks before the onset of the unprecedented COVID-19 Pandemic and state mandates forced closures of in-person programming for months. James found himself connecting with others through remote programming and like many was grateful to be home with family safe and healthy.



When pandemic measures lifted in August 2020, James was determined to get busy. He craved **OPPORTUNITY!** A self-proclaimed "busy guy", he wasted no time taking advantage of many exciting opportunities and then some; **Massachusetts Special Olympics Powerlifting State Champion**, with a personal best of 370lbs, **Member of the 2022 New England Revolution Unified Soccer Team**, A six week sabbatical from the program to **act in the movie "Champions"** starring Woody Harrelson in Winnipeg, Canada slated to premiere March 24, 2023 and **Class of 2022 Opportunity Works Project Search graduate.**

Project Search, Opportunity Works signature partnership with Northern Essex Community College, affords participants the opportunity to intern in a vast and growing array of NECC departments on campus where they gain valuable work experience and build a robust resume for future competitive employment. James did exactly that; excelling in **each internship rotation on campus at the YMCA Day Care, NECC Gallaudet University Program, NECC COVID Team and Administrative Offices Assistant.** He took time over the summer to revel in his accomplishments, spend time with family while seeking his next **OPPORTUNITY.**



James quickly found gainful employment at Windrush Farm and Sauce, Andover. Facing a setback when Sauce closed suddenly due to a kitchen fire, James is eager to return upon their reopening and has fully immersed himself in his work at Windrush Farm, and is over the moon about his movie premiere in March, 2023!



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