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For Immediate Release: Workforce 360° Students Learn Fine Dining at Lockkeepers

February 2016 (*Valley View, Ohio*) – On January 30, 2016, six OhioGuidestone Workforce 360° program clients had the exclusive opportunity to work with talented Chef Alberto Leandri at Lockkeepers Restaurant as part of their 2nd Lockkeepers Workforce Community Initiative. These six young adults were given a behind-the-scenes look at one of Cleveland's most reputable fine-dining restaurants, and had the opportunity to see what it takes to create a high quality dining experience from the initial reservation to preparing meals from scratch with a world class chef.

During this five hour event, the students learned about various aspects of the restaurant industry including management, serving, catering and cooking. They spent time cooking in the kitchen with Chef Alberto Leandri, learning unique recipes and kitchen secrets they will use for a lifetime and potentially in a restaurant career. At the conclusion of the program, students will enjoy the food they prepared. "This was a perfect fit for our class participants who have shown an interest in this industry," says Kiersten Watkins, *OhioGuidestone's Workforce 360° Program Director*. "Cleveland's culinary landscape is on the global map, and we are honored to take our program to Lockkeepers with its history and exceptional reputation."

OhioGuidestone's Workforce 360° helps young adults and adults to become confident not only in a professional setting, but to empower themselves in their personal lives. Many times, our participants don't know where to begin. By addressing their needs with a full-spectrum approach, our clients become prepared to enter a professional work environment and succeed. Our comprehensive services give our participants the strength to change their lives and improve their family income. This allows them the opportunity to see a brighter future and become well-rounded, successful employees.

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