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The Wawa Family is Growing in Northeast Florida! Wawa Announces Hiring Push for Store Management and Associates for First Stores to Open in Duval and Clay Counties

Opening of New Northeast Florida Market Stores Will Create More than 200 Jobs in Local Communities in 2017

Jacksonville, FL (Sept. 26, 2017) – Wawa Inc. is thrilled to announce that it is in the final stages of its launch into Northeast Florida with the first wave of new stores slated to open during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2017. Wawa's store operations team has started accepting applications for jobs at the first stores it will open in Duval and Clay Counties and will begin interviews and hiring in September, 2017. Wawa's Talent Acquisition team has already begun hiring for Customer Service Supervisors in both counties in anticipation of future store openings in 2017 and 2018.

To fill these 200 new jobs, all of which are new positions brought to the area through the development of the stores, Wawa is looking to hire Customer Service Supervisors, Night Supervisors and Customer Service Associates. In addition, Wawa continues to accept management applicants for future openings.

Wawa is hiring Customer Service and Supervisor positions for multiple locations. Applicants with Retail and/or food service experience are invited to apply for Customer Service Associate at salaries up to \$13.50/hr. For those with additional supervisory experience, Night Supervisor positions are available up to \$16.00/hr.

# Wawa will be hosting two hiring fairs:

Friday, Sept. 29 from 9:00 am – 6:00 pm Homewood Suites by Hilton-Jacksonville South/St. John's Center 10434 Midtown Parkway, Jacksonville, FL.

Tuesday, October 3 from 9:00 am – 6:00 pm Homewood Suites by Hilton-Jacksonville South/St. John's Center 10434 Midtown Parkway, Jacksonville, FL.

<u>Wawa hiring managers recommend prospective candidates with prior restaurant/retail experience to apply to the career site prior to attending the hiring fair.</u>

"We are thrilled to start writing the next chapter of Wawa's expansion story here in Northeast Florida and the most exciting part of that story begins when we start to add new associates to our rapidly growing Wawa family," said Stephanie Mooningham, Wawa Area Manager. "Our team is looking forward to being able to provide more than 200 new job opportunities to enthusiastic associates in Northeast Florida throughout 2017, and continuing to see that number increase as we grow our stores and open more locations in our communities for years to come."

To apply for a position, please visit www.wawa.com/careers .



## **About Wawa's Benefits**

Wawa wants all associates to be happy and healthy. The generous benefits offered are designed to fit associates' lifestyles, while helping them build and plan for a great future. Here is a preview of some of the benefits offered to eligible Wawa associates (including dependent and spousal/domestic partner):

- Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP)
- Wawa, Inc. 401(k) Plan
- Medical, Dental & Vision Plans
- Basic Life & Accidental Death & Dismemberment Insurance
- Management 40 hour work weeks
- Flexible Spending Accounts (Health Care & Dependent Care)
- Wellness Reimbursement, Programs & Screenings
- Paid Personal Time Off
- Educational Assistance Plan

### More About Wawa's Florida Expansion

Wawa plans to open 25 – 30 stores every year throughout the State of Florida for the next several years. Each new Wawa store will employ nearly 40 associates, all of which are new positions brought to the area through the development of the stores. Associates in these full and part-time positions will not only receive competitive salaries and health benefits but will have the opportunity to earn stock in Wawa's Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP).

#### About Wawa, Inc.

Wawa, Inc., a privately held company, began in 1803 as an iron foundry in New Jersey. Toward the end of the 19th Century, owner George Wood took an interest in dairy farming and the family began a small processing plant in Wawa, PA in 1902. The milk business was a huge success, due to its quality, cleanliness and "certified" process. As home delivery of milk declined in the early 1960's, Grahame Wood, George's grandson, opened the first Wawa Food Market in 1964 as an outlet for dairy products. Today, Wawa is your all day, every day stop for fresh, built-to-order foods, beverages, coffee, fuel services, and surcharge-free ATMs. In July of 2015, Wawa was named "America's Most Beloved Convenience Store" by a Market Force study of 7,000 consumers, winning with the highest "composite loyalty score" of 68 percent, and taking first place in the fresh food category and in 2016 Wawa was recognized in Forbes as one of America's Best Large Employers, a survey-based ranking of employers offering the best associate experiences and strongest opportunities. Wawa was recently designated as a 2017 Best Place to Work for LGBT Equality by the Human Rights Campaign Foundation. A chain of more than 750 convenience retail stores (over 550 offering gasoline), Wawa stores are located in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and Florida. The stores offer a large fresh food service selection, including Wawa brands such as built-to-order hoagies, freshly-brewed coffee, hot breakfast sandwiches, built-to-order Specialty Beverages, and an assortment of soups, sides and snacks.