New Programs Added To Rosedale’s Curriculum

After a recent visit, the PA Department of Education gave verbal approval for Rosedale to offer two new programs of study: Applied Business Management and Industrial Technician. This is the first step in the process to add to what is already currently offered. The additions will help Rosedale to continue to help fuel our region’s economy by offering advanced training in areas in which there is high demand.

The Applied Business Management program is designed to prepare students with the fundamental business skills needed to start a new business or secure work in a variety of managerial and supervisory roles in business, commercial and industrial opportunities. The curriculum consists of extensive classroom instruction and practical training, giving students a solid foundation of business knowledge and management skills in order to develop short and long term business plans, make effective business decisions, as well as manage organizational needs. The types of employment opportunities available to graduates include: Entrepreneurs, Shop Managers, Financial Assistants, Automotive Counter Managers, Construction Managers, Field Managers, Account Management Assistants, Advertising Sales Agents, Human Resource Assistants, Financial Assistants and more.

The Industrial Technician program is designed to prepare students, through classroom and lab experiences, with the knowledge and skills to maintain and repair industrial equipment, automated systems, conveying systems, packing equipment, as well as assist, dismantle, repair, reassemble, modify and move machinery. The curriculum is a mixture of classroom instruction and hands-on training in the various phases of equipment operations, electrical components, mechanical applications, hydraulic systems, welding different control systems and repair/preventative maintenance operations. Graduates of the program will have employment opportunities that include: Industrial Maintenance Technician, Mechanical Maintenance Technician, Maintenance Specialist and Operations Technician.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics is predicting that employment opportunities in both fields are expected to grow faster than the average for all other occupations over the next 10 years. Those enrolled in the programs will have the opportunity to earn an Associates Degree upon graduation. Both programs are anticipated to begin later this year.

During the initial approval process, members of the PA Department of Education, and representatives from other post-secondary educational institutions around the state, visited Rosedale to review the facilities and curriculum. As a group, they mentioned that they had never seen a school that was as “student-focused”. They also remarked on the impressive amount of space and equipment, the quality of the student services department, the cleanliness of the facility, and the overall positive attitudes of everyone in the organization. Director of Education, Ed Petrunak, deserves recognition for all of his efforts leading up to submission, as well as Jen Cox and Joni Curl for their help in preparing for the visit.

Visit www.roseedaletech.org for more announcements regarding new programs of study.

Rosedale Tech Is Turning 65

This summer, Rosedale Technical Institute will celebrate its 65th year in higher education.

A non-profit institution, Rosedale has a rich history of preparing Western Pennsylvania’s finest tradespeople for careers in Automotive, Diesel, Electrical and HVAC Technologies as well as Truck Driving. The school has come a long way and gone through significant change before becoming the state of the art educational training facility it is today.

Rosedale was founded in 1949 at a location just outside of Verona. It remained there until 1969 when the school was purchased by local philanthropist, Mr. Phillip Chosky, and was moved to East Ohio St. in Pittsburgh’s North Side. In 1974, Mr. Ben Wilke was brought on to revamp the school’s operation, increase enrollment and develop financial aid programs. Due to growth, the school was then relocated to Penn Ave. in Pittsburgh’s historic Strip District. Two years later, the building was acquired by the state because of its proximity to the construction to create I-579. This resulted in Rosedale moving to the Browns Hill Rd. location in East Pittsburgh.

Ben Wilke took over as Director of the school in 2001. Continued growth resulted in another move to Rosedale’s current Kennedy Township location in 2006. It was around this same time that Dennis Wilke, son of Ben, assumed the role of President and Director and has led the institution since.

As the employment landscape changes and the skills gap widens, Rosedale’s graduates continue to be a driving force in the region’s economy. Its strong reputation amongst both employers and graduates is due to a comprehensive hands-on training and education, as well as strong student support from all facets of the faculty and staff. The school’s initial philosophy of offering highly skilled training that results in gainful employment has been carried on by Dennis Wilke. Rosedale is a school that aims to support its students throughout their education and beyond. Furthermore, last year, Rosedale Tech’s employees voted it one of “The Best Places to Work” in the Pittsburgh Business Times for the fourth consecutive time.

Rosedale Tech is proud of its tradition of excellence in education in the trades, and even more excited by the recent growth and increased opportunity to help the community.
Rosedale Tech recently hosted a series of Career Fairs for students and graduates in the Automotive, Diesel, Electrical, HVAC and Truck Driving fields.

Over 60 interested employers attended. Employers interviewed over 40 Rosedale Tech students directly following the events. Rosedale Tech’s Student Services team is continuously assisting students and graduates with career placement.

If you are an employer, interested in hiring Rosedale Tech graduates, please contact Student Services Coordinator John Fostyk at 412-250-0043.

Cummins Bridgeway recently donated $1,000 to education & equipment at Rosedale Tech to show their appreciation for skilled technical career training.

Cummins Bridgeway Donation

HVAC Advisory Board Update

Twice a year the members of the Rosedale Tech Advisory Boards meet with President Dennis Wilke and members of the Student Services Department to discuss current trends in the field.

Local HVAC business professionals gathered recently to discuss HVAC curriculum and training practices, facilities and equipment, employer opportunities as well as industry trends. Director of Student Services Amy Pascarella stated, “It allows us to continually improve our career training to meet the demand of the industry.”

Thank you to the members of the HVAC Advisory Board who attended this meeting:


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A Full House at RTI’s Open House

On April 5, Rosedale Tech held an Open House to the public at its Kennedy Township campus. The event gave an inside look at the many facets of an education and hands-on training from technologies, as well as Truck Driving.

Both the Phil Chosky and Ben Wilke Training Centers were abuzz with activity throughout the day. YouTube celebrity and Rosedale graduate, Eric the Car Guy even teamed up with Automotive instructor, Paul Danner for an in depth demo on Scan Tool usage.

In addition, representatives from Student Services and Financial Aid conducted informational seminars and Q & A sessions on job placement and financial assistance available for prospective students. The admissions team was also on hand to explain the enrollment process as well as interview those who wanted to apply that day.

The event’s success was due in large part to the student ambassadors who volunteered their assistance that day. The following students contributed:

- Adam Duerr
- Canaan Tsuris
- Dave Hunt
- Nick Hoovler
- Gino Morena
- Anthony Rotondo
- Jeremy Schiff
- Zachary Hebble
- Luther Coe
- Dillon Krise
- Brandin Dieuwald
- Nick Scott
- Jared Colalella
- Philip Ford
- John Niederriter
- Ian Gayman
- Kristina Howell
- Logan Irvine-Hose
- Anthony Rumsey
- Joshua Johnston

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New Students!

- **Automotive Technology**: Robert Birr, James Dennison, Matthew Fargo, Mario Henderson, Travis Leyda, Jaclyn Movitch, Thomas Palfy, Donte Randolph, Jay Rouse, Anthony Vespaziani, William Waldron, DaVaughn Walls, Matthew Whetsell
- **Diesel Technology**: Kristian Arthurs, James Bennett, Spencer Desmarais, Travis McBride, Bradley Nolf, Anthony Rotolo, Ryan Spano, Jeffrey Stivison, Ian Wible, Dorian Williams
- **HVAC Technology**: Shawn McGinnis, Benjamin Moritz
- **Automotive Technician**: Hendrix Branscum, George Brice, Joshua Brunner, Timothy Dytko, Ryan Erickson, Matthew Eshenbaugh, Michael Guardiani, Darrell Johnson, Joshua Lamb, Erika Matika, Trevor Pflug, Timothy Welsh, Reginald Williams, Tanera Wilson, Markelia Younger
- **Diesel Technician**: Gary Dunworth, Terrance Edgar, Samuel Frederick, Charles McGuire, Raymond Schwickrath, Michael Smith, Andrew Williams
- **Electrical Technician**: Joseph Marcello, Shawn Miller, Steven Robertson
- **Truck Driving**: Scott Harris, Jammie Anderson, James Coffman III, Patrick Duddy, James Newell

A special thanks to Rosedale’s staff and instructors who also contributed to the success of this event.

Information Assembly Held for Parkway West Dual Enrollment Program

Rosedale recently held an Information Assembly for students from Parkway West interested in participating in the recently established dual enrollment program between the two institutions. Members of Rosedale’s administration, along with the instructors, combined in a group effort to make the families who attended feel welcome and informed.

The program operates much like an Advanced Placement course. Students who are accepted into the program have the opportunity to earn college level credits while still in high school; all at no cost to them or Parkway West CTC.

Earning credits can result in several thousand dollars in savings to those who choose to continue their education at Rosedale.

The need for such a program has never been greater. As the demand for skilled tradespeople rises and salaries become more and more lucrative, a well-trained and educated workforce will result in a boost to our economy. For more information, please contact Educational Outreach Manager, Ben Martin at Ben.Martin@RosedaleTech.org

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Forbes Road CTC Hosts 5K

On April 12, Forbes Road CTC held a 5K run/walk fundraiser at Boyce Park in Monroeville. The money raised will benefit the Forbes Road CTC Scholarship Fund which is awarded to deserving seniors to help pay for needed tools upon entry into their trade, or assist with the costs associated with continuing their education. The event was organized by Forbes Road Student Services Director Coordinator, Megan Tomley.

Rosedale Tech employees Sue Henze and Mike Breskovich ran the race. Members of RTI’s Educational Outreach team were also on hand. Congrats to all the runners and walkers, and thank you for supporting such a great cause.

Christian Schaefer Lends a Hand

Automotive Technology student Christian Schaefer recently purchased this Buick as a project vehicle to fix up for his grandmother. Because he is a Rosedale Tech student, he will be able to do the majority of work at school. Christian is excited to get the vehicle running so his grandmother will have reliable and safe transportation.

It’s a Family Affair

Marcus Anderson, Jason Johnson, Walter Clarit, and Payton Riggins are not only fellow students, but are also related.

Walter, who was a chef in the military, decided he needed a career change. He’d always had a passion for cars and after seeing a few TV commercials, he made the decision to check out Rosedale Tech’s Automotive program. Walter couldn’t be happier with his choice and is scheduled to graduate in July 2014.

Walter then shared his experiences at RTI with Peyton and Jason who were both looking to advance in their careers.

Peyton was already working as a maintenance engineer at the Mariott Hotel and was interested in Rosedale Tech’s recently launched HVAC program. He is scheduled to graduate in May 2014.

Jason was working in real estate at a title company performing title clearance and customer service duties. In search of a career path that was more hands-on and challenging, he found Rosedale Tech’s Electrical program to be just the right fit. He is scheduled to graduate in January 2015.

The most recent relative to enroll at Rosedale Tech was Marcus. Previously working as a machine operator, Marcus was also looking for a change in careers. Rosedale’s Electrical Technology program piqued his interest. Marcus recently started classes in March, 2014 and is very pleased with his decision.

The guys agree that the best thing about having family around is that there is always someone to talk to and always a familiar face right around the corner. They are all excited about not only getting their degrees, but seeing each other succeed in their respective new fields.

Best of luck, gentlemen

Rosedale Tech Takes on a Challenge

In his first year as Beaver County CTC Electrical Occupations Instructor, Brian Segriff and his students have taken on a number of interesting projects. Much of it has been live work that not only benefited the school, but also offered students invaluable real life experience. The 28 students in the class have improved their classroom and lab space immensely, as well as performing much needed maintenance and enhancements throughout the campus. At the start of the year, they gutted much of the lab space in their class and were then forced to reconstruct it. The students were tasked with laying out the receptacles according to code, panel work, and more as they constructed a simulated house on the second floor. “They really had to work as a team to get it finished correctly,” Mr. Segriff said.

Current Rosedale Electrical Technology Student, Carl Klauscher and Educational Outreach Manager, Ben Martin were recently at Beaver to proctor Mr. Segriff’s NOCTI exams. Both were very impressed with the classroom’s improvements. Continued success to everyone at Beaver County CTC!

Other improvement projects have led to the students getting experience in:

• Commercial Track Lighting
• 3 phase power
• Struts
• Troughs
• Pipe Work
• TS Energy Efficient Lighting Installation Replacement
• Receptacles are all GFI protected

If your CTC would like to be featured in the next issue of The Circuit, please contact Educational Outreach Coordinator Sean Barrett at 412-855-9956 or sean.barrett@rosedaletech.org.
Veteran Profile: Sam Frederick

Ever since he was a young child, Sam Frederick knew he was going to join the military. His father was a Marine and his mother was in the Navy. In fact, they moved around so much that he has lived in at least 25 of the 50 states.

Immediately following high school, Sam joined the Air Force. He served as an Aircraft Mechanic for four years. He enjoyed working with his hands so much that after leaving the Air Force he decided to apply for positions as a heavy equipment technician. He worked at various companies such as Laidlaw, W.W. Williams and Fyda, on everything from buses to semi-trucks.

Though Sam was a skilled technician in the field, he still wasn’t sure he had all of the industry knowledge he needed to be successful. He wanted to go back to school, and thanks to his time in the military, the GI Bill would cover the majority of his education expenses.

Sam completed his Associates Degree in Mechanical Drafting and, though he was pleased with his new knowledge, he was still missing that hands-on atmosphere he enjoyed. He heard about the Diesel program at Rosedale Tech and was excited when he found out, not only could he use his GI Bill, but they also offered evening classes to accommodate his schedule.

Sam is scheduled to graduate in September 2015. Upon graduation, he would like to find a position where he can train or teach future technicians. He stated, “I enjoy helping others and I want to share my industry knowledge and everything I’ve learned at Rosedale Tech!”

Supermom Nicole Ehredt

A couple of years ago, Nicole Ehredt was living in Altoona, PA working as an LPN at a Nursing Home. She was faced with many personal challenges and decided she needed to make a change. Nicole moved to Pittsburgh for a fresh start. She started looking into trade schools and found Rosedale Tech.

When describing her visit at Rosedale, Nicole said, “as I was walking through the shop, my heart was literally racing. I knew this was what I wanted to do, however, it wasn’t that easy.” Nicole is a single mother of four children. Trinity (10), Jocelyn (8), Abigail (7) and Braden (2). After finding schools for the older children, she still needed daycare for Braden. While continuing with the enrollment process, she searched for affordable child care in the area. Fortunately, Angel’s Place in the North Side had an opening for Braden.

Nicole said, “Although it is hectic and chaotic, in time it just becomes normal. Trinity, Jocelyn and I do our homework together at night and they even help me study.”

Upon graduation, Nicole is hoping to find an apprenticeship at a small local shop and eventually open up her own shop. She says, “I want my kids to say ‘wow, mom really stepped up to the plate.’”

Job Well Done

A friend of Diesel Technology graduate, Ben Hertweck, dropped off his very unique vehicle last term to have some work completed. The vehicle is a Mercedes Benz Unimog, a utilitarian multi-purpose vehicle.

The Unimog started in the diesel facility, where students replaced the headlights, tail lights and turn signals. It was then sent over to Instructor Brian Winter’s automotive class for some major repairs.

Mr. Winter’s students replaced the master cylinder, ran two brake lines, removed and reinstalled all six calipers, and completely restored brake function. They teamed up with Instructor Mark Simoneau’s class, who rebuilt all six calipers for the vehicle.

Mr. Winter is proud of his class for all of the hard work and dedication they contributed, to make sure the work was done quickly and accurately. GREAT JOB GUYS!

Additions to the Fleet: Golf Carts

Rosedale Tech recently added two new additions to their fleet of vehicles: a four-seater and a six-seater golf cart. The purpose of the golf carts is to provide more sufficient transportation for guests between the Phil Chosky Training Center and the Ben Wilke Training Center.

Automotive Instructor Matt Gaetano assisted in “branding” the carts with the Rosedale Tech logo. Matt is very familiar with installing artwork on vehicles and had the job done in less than fifteen minutes. Thanks Matt!
Congratulations Graduates!

Rosedale Technical Institute celebrated graduation of 82 students on Friday, April 4th at the Embassy Suites Pittsburgh International Airport in Moon Twp., PA. Hundreds of family and friends came out to acknowledge the graduates’ accomplishments.

**Automotive**
*AST Degree*
Daniel P. Agosh
Brenden S. Gilmer
Shawn R. Greer
George T. Hopper
William A. Hudson IV
Lucas E. Jones
Dennis M. Kopelic Jr.
John W. Letavec Jr.
Scott A. McCollough
Soud Miah
Daniil Novitchi
Karl W. Polonoi
Denis M. Rader Jr.
Adam F. Rodgers
Zachariah Smith
Domenic P. Stanziano
Brendan R. Stefano
Brandon M. Stumpf
Andrew J. Wilson

*Diploma*
Darren M. Bane
Bruce Bennett
Joshua L. Cantine
Ayanna D. Carswell
Tomas J. Geissler
William L. Herndon Jr.
Michael Marino
Christopher D. Rosado
Lemuel W. Woodson III

**Diesel**
*AST Degree*
Mark J. Acre
Christopher M. Barnes
Raymond L. Berry
Kelsey C. Chermer
John R. Elling
Patrick A. Erickson
Jordan A. Frank
William R. Goerl
Benjamin C. Hertweck
Brandon V. Iorio
Krystal R. Knauff
Patrick M. Malsch
Steven W. McGee
Jared T. Meyer
Steven P. Mitchell
Matthew R. Montemurro
Ryan J. Popp
Anthony M. Rich
Kody R. Seiders
Patrick M. Smith
Ned Sveigart

*Diploma*
Christopher L. Kulow
Jeremy A. Notzen
Shawn F. Salisbury Jr.
James A. Shoup

**Truck Driving**
*Diploma*
Brian P. Foley
David G. Frank
Blake R. Joyce
Jacob D. Peterson III
Joseph D. Watkins

**Electrical**
*AST Degree*
James E. Baker
Cody C. Boyde
John H. Calcura
Michael J. Dieteman
Chase A. Evans
Matthew R. Jones
Gary M. Martin
Nicholas E. Matotek
Matthew L. Meyers
John D. Mottiqua
Joshua A. Pershing
Cody Rossi
Bryer W. Schrock
Frederick L. Smith
Keith E. Starling
Shane P. Thompson

*Diploma*
Joseph D. DeFazio
Justin J. Erdner
Zachary S. Koontz

**HVAC**
*AST Degree*
Raymond T. Baburich Jr.
Brian C. Deroner
Dustin J. Moore
Patrick J.W. Reap
Russell A. Tompkins

*Family & Friends Celebrate RTI Grads*
A Legend Retires

Automotive Instructor Dan Svitko officially retires on May 23, 2014. Dan was a Diesel Tech in the US Coast Guard in the early ’70’s, prior to attending school at Rosedale Tech. In 1977 he graduated with his diploma from Rosedale Tech, where he went on to repair everything from automobiles to river boats and heavy equipment. In September of 1982 he received a call from one of his old instructors, letting him know that RTI was hiring. The school recently had an influx of students after the steel mills started closing. Dan was hired and stated “I figured I’d give the job about 5 years then get back into the field.”

Dan enjoyed teaching so much that 32 years later he is still finding it hard to retire. He said “Ellen (my wife) actually had to talk me into it.” With his free time Dan hopes to ride his motorcycle more, remodel his stepson’s house, start bicycling again, restore his Camaro, take up golfing and return to Rosedale to substitute teach.

We will miss you Dan!

Paul McEowen

Rosedale has announced the hiring of Paul McEowen as its newest HVAC instructor. Paul has experience in the HVAC field, as well as in the classroom as a teacher. Before getting into the trade, he worked for a number of years in the restaurant and hospitality field as a district manager in England. After living and working there for 10 years, he and his family moved back to the states, specifically Philadelphia, where he’d grown up.

The hours of the restaurant business were not compatible with family life, so at a young age 21 years, eventually taking on tions to grow with the field so much he was no longer compatible with family life, so at a young age 21 years, eventually taking on the role of Assistant Principal. The school in which she taught was very similar to the Career and Training Centers and Vo-Techs in the Pittsburgh area. Many of her students

Kim Bell

The Rosedale family continues to grow with the hiring of its newest member, Admissions Representative Kim Bell. A Baltimore native, she moved to Ligonier in July of 2013 with her husband, Ted. Previous to that, she taught 9th and 11th grade Government and Economics with the Baltimore County School District for 21 years, eventually taking on the role of Assistant Principal. The school in which she taught was very similar to the Career and Training Centers and Vo-Techs in the Pittsburgh area. Many of her students

Welcome, Kim!

were studying Automotive, Electrical or other trades. Kim has two daughters; Katie age 20 and Lauren, 17, as well as a son Joey who is 14. Katie goes to Wagner University where she plays lacrosse and Lauren is enrolled to start at Catholic University this fall. Joey is in the Baltimore area and will be moving to Western PA Career School.

Paul has 3 sons: Thomas, 28 who played football for Penn State, James, 22, who is a culinary student in London and Arran, 13, who is a student at Butler Junior High School. Paul’s interests include high school football, fishing, horseback riding and camping. He makes his home in Butler, PA with his wife Jean.

Paul heard about Rosedale a while back and had wanted to work here for some time. “Rosedale’s awesome. They’ve made me feel like family from the start. It’s really nice here—everyone truly cares about the students.”

Welcome aboard, Paul!

friend’s suggestion, he decided to get into HVAC business. Paul attended CHI Technical Institute in Philadelphia, PA and upon graduation, got a job with a company specializing in commercial HVAC. He’s been in the field ever since with experience that includes opening his own business that specialized in commercial sheet metal work, and working for several larger companies in the role of project manager and sales estimating manager. Most recently, Paul worked as an instructor with All State Career School.

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March Madness

Can you guess which Rosedale Tech Instructors are pictured?

Can you guess who they are? For the answers visit our Guess Who photo album on our Facebook page. You can get there by clicking here with your phone.

Pictured is Student Services Coordinator John Fostyk with Diesel Technology student Jordan Thompson. Jordan won the Rosedale Tech March Madness basketball “shoot-out.” He received a $25 gift certificate to Steel Toe Station.

Congratulations Jordan!

Employee Anniversaries

We’d like to thank the faculty and staff for their dedication throughout the years. The following employees are celebrating anniversaries in the months of January thru May.

January
Tim Noel, Maintenance, 10 years
Dan Kaplan, Electrical Instructor, 6 years
Julie Weber, Academic Services Coordinator, 6 years
Karen Schonbachler, Financial Aid Officer, 2 years

February
Brian Winter, Automotive Instructor, 4 years
Dave Hira, Admissions Representative, 10 years
Ed Petrunak, Director of Education, 3 years
Paul Plahn, Automotive Instructor, 1 year
Amy Pascarella, Director of Student Services, 7 years
Balk Martin, Educational Outreach Manager, 4 years

March
Kara Chan, Assistant Director of Education, 3 years
April
Debbie Bier, Director of Admissions, 6 years
Craig Thornton, Truck Driving Instructor, 1 year
Dave Sladky, Automotive Instructor, 9 years

May
Marc Mullin, General Education Instructor, 3 years
Anna Bartolini, Director of Financial Aid, 3 years
Suzie McGugin, Marketing Coordinator, 4 years

The hours of the restaurant business were not compatible with family life, so at a young age 21 years, eventually taking on the role of Assistant Principal. The school in which she taught was very similar to the Career and Training Centers and Vo-Techs in the Pittsburgh area. Many of her students

Guess Who?

Can you guess which Rosedale Tech Instructors are pictured?

Can you guess who they are? For the answers visit our Guess Who photo album on our Facebook page. You can get there by clicking here with your phone.

Pictured is Student Services Coordinator John Fostyk with Diesel Technology student Jordan Thompson. Jordan won the Rosedale Tech March Madness basketball “shoot-out.” He received a $25 gift certificate to Steel Toe Station.

Congratulations Jordan!
April 2014 Awards

Instructor’s Choice - Cumulative perfect attendance after one full semester.

Automotive: Justin Long, James Brown, David Hunt, Benjamin Wolf, Christopher Anderson, Christopher Cager, John Chang, Darron Clinton, David Curcio, Joshua Denardo, Jessica Gazvoda, Nicholas Hoovler, Alyssa Kirk, William Lewis, Jacob Luther, James McAvoy, Anthony Rotondo, Jeremy Schiff, Jeffrey Tarpley, Cullen McGrogan, Timothy Smolter, Randy Ward

Diesel: Christopher Bogats, Philip Wilson, Brandon Bell, Michael DeAngelo, Kyle Halfhill, Thomas Hoag, Daniel Janosko, Andrew Lauffer, Michael Loris, Johnathan Vescio, Jordan Greathouse, Taylor Johnston, Christopher Jones, David Jones, Michael Martino, Carl Pascocello, Travis Tyre, Shawn McFarland, Jay Smith, Nathan Pieszak, Tylique Walker

Electrical: Brandon Benec, Zachary Collins, Mark Lucas, Dominick Vella, Christopher Babyak, Jared Colalella, David Jones, Christopher Sigmund, James Callaghan, Michael Jeffery, Joshua Steiner

HVAC: Brian Lukens, Jacob Magdich, Dalton Marrich, Chad McDade, Joseph Sanpietro, Thomas Williams

President’s List - Cumulative GPA of 3.4 or Higher after at least one full semester.

Automotive: Nicole Anderson, Zachery Brown, Kenneth Eckles, Dana Rudolph, Jared Uhrin, Gino Morena, Nicholas Wragg, Carmen Zambrano, Richard Carmichael, Brandon Diewald, Nathan Freiss, Michael Mest, Jason Paola, Ryan Powell, Derek Rose, Timothy Tydeman, David Curcio, Michael Swan, Christopher Yerkey, Bodey Morgan, Brian Kovach, Zachary Schaeffer

Diesel: Christopher Bogats, Paul Caputo, Dylan Kabana, Shane Powers, Patrick Armstrong, Brandon Bell, Thomas Bridges, Michael DeAngelo, Jonathan Driscoll, Cody Gallik, Kyle Halfhill, Brian Hill, Thomas Hoag, Joshua Johnston, Andrew Lauffer, Joshua Leist, Michael Loris, Russell McKenzie, Mikel Mercado, Paige Meyers, Allan Michelotti, Jordan Miller, Jared Mooney, Shane Moss, Shawn Rodgers, Anthony Rumsey, Mark Simpronic, Dionisio Sisco, Johnathan Vescio, Adam Widmer, Jonathan Burgess, Joel Graham, Jonathan Mayhay, Travis Mariano, Andreas Cermirana

Electrical: Matthew Earley, Richard Koenig, Tyler Snodgrass, Von Stevenson, Matthew Robison, Russell Basalyga, Brandon Benec, Jason Johnson, Mark Lucas, Dominick Vella, ChristopherWelch, Marcus Anderson, Luc Bongiorni, Joseph Full, Michael Guckes, Anthony McCullough, Tyler Stiner

HVAC: Todd Evers, Evan Treadwell, Luther Cole, Hunter Curl, Zachary Keller, Brian Lukens, Dalton Marrich

Rosendale Ace: Cumulative GPA of 4.0 after at least one full semester.

Automotive: Billy Fife, Jamie Graves, James Brown, Scott Deschon, David Hunt, Benjamin Wolf, Christopher Anderson, Elisa Askin, Darron Clinton, Geoffrey Darkangelo, Joshua Denardo, Jessica Gazvoda, Nicholas Hoovler, William Lewis, Jacob Luther, James McAvoy, Evan Niedermeyer, Anthony Rotondo, Jeremy Schiff, Jeffrey Tarpley, Scott Tostelevision, Roy Young, Matthew Gill, Jamie Kirkpatrick, Cullen McGrogan, Benjamin Miller, Christopher Cicco, Jared Crespo, Randy Ward

Diesel: Ryan Francis, Darren Reed, Daniel Graber, Philip Wilson, Ian Gayman, Kristina Howell, Daniel Janosko, David Lambe, Sadie O’Neil, Matthew Sharrov, Jordan Greathouse, Taylor Johnston, Christopher Jones, David Jones, Carl Pascocello, Robert Thompson, Travis Tyre, Jason Wilson, Glen Howard, Nicholas Laurito, Shawn McFarland, Jay Smith, Theodore Begley, James Larue, Ryan Muchow, Nathan Pieszak, Denny Smith, Tylique Walker

Electrical: Philip Ford, Carl Klauscher, Michael Thornton, Christopher Bazzoli, Zachary Collins, Adam Kirby, Christopher Babyak, Jared Colalella, Christopher Sigmund, David Teller, Joshua Sutherland, Adam Midler, Dayna Pavelko, James Callaghan, Michael Jeffery, Joshua Steiner

HVPAC: Jacob Magdich, Joshua Ulokoovich, Chad McDade, Joseph Sanpietro, Walter Sarafin, Thomas Williams

Helping Hand Award: Michael Swan, Denis Rader, Ryan Powell, Chris Bazzoli, Ryan Francis, Paul Caputo, Adam Kirby, Russ Basalyga, Zachary Collins, Mike Martino, Tyler Newsome

Extra Effort Award: David Curcio, Blake Wright, Tim Colbert, Brian Lukens, Nicole Ehret, Dan Graber, Paige Meyers, Ian Gayman, Travis Tyre

Most Improved Award: Lydel Bell, Jeremy Owens, Hunter Curl, Dave Ciafardone, Salvatore Leito, Tim Hoag

Community Service Award: Nick Hoovler, Kevin Taggart, Zach Helble, Dillon Krise, Canaan Tsuris, Brian Luebbe

Working Together

The following article was written by Rosendale Tech General Education Instructor Liz Lanskich regarding her experience shadowing one of our valued employers on a teacher in-service day. The article was forwarded to Sears’ corporate office who was so impressed they decided to use it as an internal training piece. Way to go Liz!

LEARNING FROM WORKING PROFESSIONALS TO PREPARE FUTURE PROFESSIONALS

“How can I earn your business today?” is a quote of any employee at the Sears Auto Center located in Robinson Township. Carl Santamaria, Assistant District Manager and Elijah Marshall, Sales Lead, welcomed one of Rosendale Technical Institute’s (RTI) General Education instructors, Liz Lanskich, who was learning first-hand, the importance of technology professionalism, and soft skills at the actual work site.

According to Mr. Santamaria, in the hiring process, applicants are more favorable coming from a career and technical school with a positive attitude. He stated, “In each applicant, I look at the individual and ask myself if this is the face of Sears Auto.” In addition, he also emphasized the role of customer service in the job and in many cases will begin auto technicians at the sales desk. Not only does Mr. Santamaria hire for the Robinson site, but he also hires for several Western PA locations and a handful of sites in Southern Ohio.

With a few hours, Santamaria resolved several customer issues, set appointments, while resolving other auto center issues via telephone and email.

When asked about wanted qualities in an employee, Santamaria said he couldn’t over emphasize experience with hands-on work, accuracy when dealing with customer issues, and the ability to communicate and listen effectively. Elijah Marshall, Lead Sales person at the Robinson site added to the list of qualities. He said, “Employees must be on-time, have a good work ethic, pay strict attention to detail, and work as team player.”

Technology, i.e., computer usage, does carry over to the job site and at Sears Auto, it begins before a newly hired technician turns a wrench. New employees must first spend 40 hours on the computer reading several topics. Topics range from human resource issues, to automotive questions, to customer service situations. After each topic is read, the employee must take and pass a related assessment. Once the online training assessments have been complete, all employees, including Santamaria, have monthly updates to review, some of which is information expressed in Microsoft Excel to show the center’s progression in areas of sales and customer service. “Not all auto centers will have the same type of training, but I’m willing to bet that they have something similar,” Santamaria said.

Professional development activities like this will assist all RTI instructors to better prepare students and to help them be a well-rounded employee for any employer that should hire them after graduation. A huge thank you to all those advisory members who assisted in this initiative!