Addressing the State of The School

It’s an exciting time to be a part of Rosedale, both for the students and staff. Rosedale’s President and Director, Dennis Wilke, led the school’s annual “State of the School” meeting. Mr. Wilke revisited the schools “2020 Vision,” a strategic ten year plan originally launched in 2010.

In just three years, Rosedale has successfully implemented the following items in the plan: the addition of the HVAC and Truck Driving programs, incorporating a hands-on service writing program in the classrooms, the addition of new technology such as smartboards and tablets for the students, increasing the automotive shop to over 23 automotive lifts, the addition of the Ben Wilke Training Center, the addition of Rosedale’s café, Steel Toe Station, better education management such as the mentoring program, updating the syllabi and instructor development, improved student evaluations, improved hiring practices and the most recent addition, Rosedale Tech’s sister school, Precision Manufacturing Institute.

Along with the incredible improvements to the facilities, Rosedale is testing stricter student acceptance standards by only accepting “the best of the best”. Due to this change, the HVAC program (now two years old) has 100% retention, 100% graduation and a 100% placement rate.

Mr. Wilke then presented the question “What’s Next?” and filled the staff in on the future plans to continue to add additional programs, purchase more property for expansion, make additions and improvements to the current facilities and focus on professional development for the faculty and staff.

At the meeting’s end, Mr. Wilke was presented with a large poster which listed the “Top 35 Reasons We Love Working at Rosedale,” compiled by Marketing Coordinator, Suzie McGugin from feedback given by Rosedale’s employees.

Learn More About RTI INSTRUCTORS

Rosedale Tech is now displaying Instructor boards in each of RTI’s programs of study. The boards will highlight instructor’s education, work history and certifications.

A flag is illustrated on the instructor boards of those who served our country.

Both current and prospective students will now be able to get a better idea of the type of experience and knowledge that each of Rosedale’s instructors bring to the classroom on a daily basis.
RTI Career Fair

Rosedale Tech welcomed over 60 employers this fall for the semi-annual career fair.

The employers were searching for qualified candidates in the Automotive, Diesel, Electrical, HVAC and Truck Driving fields.

Over 50 interviews were scheduled with students as a result of the career fair. Thank you to everyone who contributed to another successful event!

WELCOME New Students

Automotive Technology:

Automotive Technician:
Dominic Aiello, Christopher Cicco, Jared Crespo, Robert Edinger, Matthew Gill, Daniel Kerr, Jamie Kirkpatrick, Bryan Kovach, Cory Lang, Joseph Long, Aaron Manz, Benjamin Miller, Roy Moorehead, Zachery Porter, Brandon Riggs, Zachary Schaeffer, Anthony Simonetti, Matthew Starr, Marcus Thompson, Willie Tripplett-Pittman, Paul Young

Diesel Technology:

Diesel Technician:
Theodore Begly, Eric Bryant, James Fullgraf, James Guyaux, Glen Howard, James Larue, Shawn McFarland Jr., Ryan Muchow, Dempsey Smith, Jay Smith

Electrical Technology:
Russell Basalyga, Christopher Bazzoli Jr., Brandon Benec, Zachary Collins, Ronald Cooper, Adam Duerr, Samuel Gabig, Devon Hample, Jason Johnson, Adam Kirby, Salvatore Leto, Mark Lucas, Nicholas Scott, David Sproull, Dominick Vella, Gregg Waugaman Jr., Christopher Welch

Electrical Technician:
James Callaghan, Michael Jeffery, Joshua Streiner

HVAC Technology:
Luther Coe, Dustin Kiefer, Dalton Marnich, Joshua Ulokokic

Truck Driving:
Brian Foley, David Frank, Blake Joyce, Matthew Love, Joseph Watkins

If you have announcements, photographs or any news for publication in The Circuit, please contact:
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412-521-6200
For each of its programs of study, Rosedale Technical Institute conducts two Advisory Board Meetings per year. The purpose of these meetings is to get feedback on the current state of the industry in each of our programs from professionals in those respective fields. The results of these meetings helps to dictate the curriculum, ensuring that all students are continually and increasingly employable within the industries.

Thank you to those who participated in our recent Advisory Board Meetings:

**HVAC Advisory Board: September 25, 2013**
- Mark Weiss, Beverly Services
- Jessi Wielock, CareerLink
- Lisa Fulton, CareerLink
- Mike Valent, Climatech
- Ernie Fagnelli, Fagnelli Plumbing, Heating and Cooling
- Dave Herrmann, Herrmann Associates
- Rob Chiocchi, Johnston Supply
- Garmon Longnecker, Robertson Heating Supply
- Bob Romaniak, RMS Mechanical

**Diesel & Truck Driving Advisory Board: October 16, 2013**
- Cara Swanson, Equipco
- Dennis Walker, Hunter Truck Sales & Service
- Lisa Fulton, CareerLink
- Sean Ryan, Point Spring & Driveshaft Co.
- Len Strazza, Zoresco Equipment

**Electrical Advisory Board: October 23, 2013**
- Lisa Fulton, CareerLink
- Brett Lutz, MDIA
- John Kuzel, KuzElectric Inc.
- Eric Davidson, Ideal Industries
- Leslie Basalyga, Adeclo

**Automotive Advisory Board: November 6, 2013**
- Lisa Fulton, CareerLink
- Ed Lyman, North Star
- Carl Santamaria, Sears Auto Center
- Joe Taddy, Sun Chevrolet
- Paul Gurcak, Sun Chevrolet
- Joe McCarthy, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor
- Ryan Westling, Wright Automotive Group

The following students have accepted employment with the subsequent companies. RTI grads have found employment in all levels of the HVAC, Electrical, Diesel, Automotive, and Truck Driving fields within several different industries.

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**NEW Student Advisory Board**

L-R: Nick Scott (Electrical), Jason Johnson (Electrical), Pat Kelly (Diesel), Hunter Curl (HVAC), Cody Gallik (Diesel), Jake Magdich (HVAC), Brandin Diwald (Auto), Ben Hertweck (Diesel), Colin Suierveld (Diesel), Brian Lukens (HVAC), Zach Keller (HVAC). Not pictured: Mike Dieteman (Electrical), Fred Smith (Electrical), Troy Fulton (Auto), Gino Morena (Auto), and Danii Novitchi (Auto).

Diesel Technology student Ben Hertweck brought the suggestion of a student advisory board to the attention of Student Services Coordinator John Fostyk. Volunteers were solicited and the new Student Advisory Board was formed. They have scheduled to meet once a week to discuss ways to improve the learning experience of their fellow students.

Thank you for your time and effort in helping to make RTI the best it can be!
ATTENTION High Schools!

There are a number of options for those in high school interested in learning more about RTI. This fall, plenty of area high school students have taken advantage in one of the following opportunities:

**Field Trips:** Instructors, guidance counselors or other school officials are encouraged to schedule a field trip to learn more about RTI. Catering to groups both large and small, the day includes a presentation, tours of the labs, shops, classrooms and hands-on demonstrations.

**Senior Shadow Day:** High school seniors interested in living a day as a Rosedale student are welcome to take advantage of this great opportunity. Students are able to interact with current students and instructors and basically take the school “for a test drive.”

**Tours:** A tour of our facility can be arranged for students and their families, Monday through Thursday 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM, Friday 9:00 AM-4:00PM and Saturday 9:00 AM-1:00 PM.

To schedule a visit, please contact:

Sean Barrett
Educational Outreach Representative
412-855-9956
Sean.Barrett@rosedaletech.org

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**RTI Biggest Buck Contest**

Do you think you have what it takes to take down a trophy buck?

Rosedale Tech would like to announce our first ever Biggest Buck Contest. All participants must submit a field picture of yourself with your trophy buck and include how many points your buck has. All participants must harvest their deer according to all State Game laws and regulations. No entries from confined hunting areas will be accepted. This contest is open to the public. Email your big buck pictures to Suzie McGugin at:

suzie.mcgugin@rosedaletech.org

Contest deadline is January 13th. Good luck and be safe!
October 2013 Awards

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

**Automotive**: Joshua Cantine, Jamal Smith, Daniel Harris, Cullen McGrogan, Cody Thompson, Joseph Thiem, Mikel Phillips, Scott McCollough, Soud Miah, Brendan Stefano, Justin Long, Gino Morena, Christopher Eisengart, David Fiedler, Austin Fine, Nathan Freiss, David Hunt, Ryan Powell, London Purter, Kevin Taggart, Warren Wilson, Nicholas Wragg

**Diesel**: Jeremy Notzen, James Shoup, Mark Acre, John Elling, Jared Meyer, Patrick Smith, Christopher Bogats, Brandon Bell, Matthew Cox, Daniel Hampshire, Daniel Janosko, Joshua Johnston, David Lambie, Michael Loris, Russell McKenzie, Paige Meyers, Jordan Miller, Shawn Rodgers, Anthony Rumsey, Jonathan Vescio, Adam Widmer, Philip Wilson, Shane Wood

**Electrical**: John Mottiqua, Phillip Ford, Von Stevenson, Christopher Brown, Carl Klauscher, Matthew Robison, Michael Thornton

**HVAC**: Brian Deroner, Patrick Reap, Hunter Curl, Zachary Keller, Dillon Krise, Brian Lukens, Jacob Magdich

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

**Automotive**: Darren Bane, Joshua Cantine, William Herndon, Michael Scrima, Jamal Smith, Justin Logan, Christopher Stewart, Jonathan Yoho, Bradley Frank, Matthew Patton, Mikel Phillips, Soud Miah, Danii L Novitchi, Karl Polonoli, Denis Rader, Brendan Stefano, Michael Abraham, Nicole Anderson, Zachary Brown, Kenneth Eckles, Justin Long, Dana Rudolph, Jared Uhrin, Perry Copeland, Keith Phillips

**Diesel**: Dante Alston, James Shoup, Joseph Sawinski, John Elling, Michael Farrell, Jordan Frank, William Goerl, Benjamin Hertweck, Patrick Kelly, Patrick Malsch, Steven McGee, Jared Meyer, Ned Sweigart, Christopher Bogats, Nicholas Bowser, Charles Braham, Richard Kaposy, Patrick Armstrong, Patrick Erickson, Kyle Halfhill

**Electrical**: Joseph Defazio, Zachary Koontz, Joseph Full, Michael Guckes, Anthony McCullough, Tyler Stiner, Cody Boyde, Michael Dieteman, Gary Martin, John Mottiqua, Cody Rossi, Shane Thompson, Matthew Earley, Tyler Snodgrass, Von Stevenson, Matthew Robison

**HVAC**: Peyton Harr, Justin Wilson, Brian Deroner, Todd Evers, Dustin Moore, Patrick Reap, Russell Tompkins, Peyton Riggins, Evan Treadwell, Canna Tsuris, Hunter Curl, Gerald Jacoby, Dillon Krise, Brian Lukens

**Rosedale Ace** - Cumulative GPA of 4.0 after at least one full semester.

**Automotive**: Benjamin Bjerke, Cody Morgan, Michael Scrima, Jamal Smith, Timothy Bell, Joseph Thiem, Michael Abraham, Nicole Anderson, Zach Brown, Billy Fife, Jamie Graves, Scott McCollough, Jared Uhrin, Carmen Zambrano, Perry Copeland, Gino Morena, Keith Phillips, Joshua Raybuck, Richard Stasko, Nicholas Wragg

**Diesel**: Jeremy Notzen, Travis Mariano, Andreas Cerminara, Nicholas Laurito, Shawn Oleksy, Patrick Smith, Paul Caputo, Ryan Francis, Daniel Graber, Shane Powers, Darren Reed, Brandon Bell, Antonio Butera, Cody Gallik, Daniel Janosko, Joshua Johnston, David Lambie, Andrew Laffer, Michael Loris, Russell McKenzie, Paige Meyers, Jordan Miller, Sadie O’Neil, Shawn Rodgers, Anthony Rumsey, Staven Slater, Derek Staley, Jonathon Vescio, Adam Widmer, Philip Wilson, Shane Wood

**Electrical**: Matthew Meyers, Bryer Schrock, Phillip Ford, Richard Koenig, Christopher Brown, Carl Klauscher, Michael Thornton

**HVAC**: Raymond Baburich, Zachary Keller, Jacob Magdich

**Student of the Month**: Scott McCollough, Justin Logan, Benjamin Bjerke

**Helping Hand Award**: Adam Rodgers, Michael Scrima, Darrell Reed, David Labbie, Tim Davis, Brian Deroner, Jacob Magdich, Gino Morena

**Extra Effort Award**: Jared Uhrin, Ken Eckles, William Herndon, Andreas Cerminara, Jordan Frank, Pat Kelly, Staven Slater, Don Graber, Kelsey Chermer, Zach Teagarden, Parker Wheaton, Derek Gongaware, Joseph Sawinski, Soud Miah

**Most Improved Award**: Hunter Kovach, Matt Robison, Von Stevenson, Patrick Reap, Troy Fulton
Thank you
to the students, faculty and staff who proudly served in the
United States Military:

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Military Times Magazine has named Rosedale Tech as one of its “Best for Vets” career and technical colleges across the United States. The schools were ranked based on educational features most important to veterans through a survey including: university culture, student support, academic policies, academic quality and financial aid.

Diesel Technology instructor Brandon Danser, a U.S. Army veteran said: “It’s an honor for Rosedale. We have a significant veteran student population and they are always among my most on point and dedicated students.”

Dave Cifardone, a current Rosedale student and veteran of the U.S. Marines, has been pleased with his experience at RTI. Dave stated: “I would recommend Rosedale to other veterans for sure. Mike Basulto in Financial Aid has taken care of any issue that’s come up with the VA.”

Air Force veteran and Diesel Technology student, Patrick Smith, echoed his sentiments. He said: “One of the things I really like about Rosedale is Dennis Wilke’s informed and intelligent decisions. He doesn’t just buy new equipment to get it. He gets what we need when we need it.”
CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

AUTOMOTIVE-AST Degree
Ryan J. Allen
Jeffrey M. Anderson Jr.
Timothy R. Bell
Andrew J. Detrick
Jacob N. Donovan
Robert J. Ferri
Bradley J. Frank
Matthew A. Fredley
Cameron E. Ireland
Montere J. Johnson
Matthew A. King
Cole R. Koontz
Kamron D. Krull
Justin D. Logan
Matthew R. Majors
Charles T. Martin
Joshua M. McCool
John J. Niederriter
Matthew J. Patton
Mikel Kirkland Phillips
Michael B. Piemme
Shane C. Potetz
Raymond J. Sanders
Steven J. Schrecengost
Steven M. See
Joshua J. Stevens
Christopher L. Stewart
Joseph A. Thiem
Wesley J. Thomas
Jerome D. Tria
Jonathan J. Webb
Phillip R. Westerman
Jonathan M. Yoho

AUTOMOTIVE-Diploma
Matthew R. Bellay
Ernest W. Hester III
Dempy T. Smith
Matthew W. Snyder
Christopher F. Whiddon

TRUCK DRIVING-Diploma
David A. Hollis Jr.
Kevin L. Miles
Anthony J. Sabatino Jr.
Matthew P. Wright

DIESEL-AST Degree
Brian M. Boylan
Joshua A. Byler
Timothy L. Cider
Timothy J. Davis
Michael H. Farrell Jr.
Raymond T. Gegick
Jared W. Gess
Derek E. Gongaware
Justin E. Gregg
Kyle E. Habedank
Brian D. Henze
Nicholas P. Hoovler
Joshua M. Huff
Joshua L. Keifer
Robert W. King
Joseph A. Sawinski Jr.
Ryan P. Scott
David A. Smith
John R. Smith III
Zachary A. Teagarden
Eric O. Watterson

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Dante L. Alston
Luther J. Coe
Scott D. Dengler
Darren T. Forbes
Jeffrey P. Garner
Lamont K. Moorer
Dennis J. Saputo Jr.
Thomas J. Saunders
Andrew J. Shaffer

ELECTRICAL-AST Degree
Christopher D. Baker
Gary L. Lowden Jr.
Jeremy M. Martin
Eric T. Rodgers
Wayne M. Valocik

HVAC-AST Degree
Peyton L. Harr
Shawn L. Hunter II
Justin C. Wilson

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Rosedale Tech celebrated graduation on November 22nd at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Coraopolis, PA.

Eighty graduates, as well as hundreds of family and friends, came out to acknowledge the graduates’ accomplishments.
Meet Kristina Howell

With this fall’s start being one of the largest in Rosedale’s history, there are many new names and faces on campus. One student beginning her studies in the Diesel Technology program is Kristina Howell.

In search of a new career and after researching paths to a sustainable career, Kristina found Rosedale to be the best fit for her. After graduation, she hopes to land a position as a diesel technician.

Outside of school, Ms. Howell takes her talents to the gridiron. She started playing football at the age of thirteen and even played on the boys varsity team her senior year at Elkins High School in West Virginia. For the past two seasons, she has played fullback and linebacker for the Three Rivers Xplosion, a semi professional football team in the Women’s Spring Football League (WSFL).

To say she’s a standout may be a bit of an understatement. She was named an All-American in the past two seasons as both a linebacker and fullback. In her first season she had 52 tackles and 10 sacks. Last season she rushed for over 500 yards. “It’s been a really great experience and I eventually hope to try out for the Women’s Olympic Football team some day,” she said.

Happy Thanksgiving

Students, Faculty and Staff celebrated Thanksgiving with delicious apple and pumpkin pie provided by Steel Toe Station.
Call It A Coincidence?

Automotive Technology student, Brandin Diewald was always interested in cars both for transportation and for personal projects. While searching for a project car, he realized he could make a career out of something he enjoyed. Brandin purchased a “new” 1998 Camaro and booked an appointment to tour Rosedale Tech.

On his way to his appointment, Brandin dropped his Camaro off at All Access Auto Sales & Service in Aliquippa, PA to get inspected. Greeting him there was technician, Darnell Harris, who just happened to be a Rosedale Tech grad himself (Class of 2007). Darnell found out that Brandin was on his way to tour Rosedale and encouraged him to take the process seriously. Darnell shared with him that the instructors at Rosedale gave him the knowledge to be successful in his career and the career placement staff helped him find a job upon graduation. Darnell’s Service Manager, Ernie Potts, stated that having an education in the field was very important and something he looks for when hiring.

Mr. Potts said “Don’t count on just books. Get hands-on experience as much as you can.” Brandin is very pleased with his decision. He stated: “I’ve always played around with vehicles; but, now I’m learning the proper terms and procedures for everything. It has been an eye-opening experience.”

EricTheCarGuy.com GAINS POPULARITY

Eric Cook is a 1996 graduate of Rosedale’s Automotive Technology program and the mastermind behind the increasingly popular website, EricTheCarGuy.com. Eric’s site addresses the public’s most frequently asked questions on any number of automotive related issues on a wide spectrum of makes and models. A wealth of information is displayed through articles, user forums, manuals, and maybe most popular, “how-to” videos.

Launched in January of 2009, the website is now as seen as ever. His YouTube channel has over 225,000 subscribers and has received nearly 40 million views. Last month alone, he received over 360,000 page impressions and he currently has over 12,000 members to his site.

After graduating from Rosedale, Eric worked at Bob Matthews Import and Domestic Auto Repair in Pittsburgh. His first job in the field, he loved the shop and the work. “I learned a ton there in my first job out of RTI. Those guys really did things right and taught me a lot,” he said. Eventually, family obligations forced him to relocate to Cincinnati, Ohio where he left the “mom and pop shop” environment and took work with a larger dealership. He remembers going down a road with five dealers and dropping off a resume to each. By the time he came home, he had calls for interviews and offers from each. “It’s definitely a testament to the experience and education that I got at Rosedale. How many people are able to turn down offers when relocating to find work?” he said.

He worked at that dealer for roughly eight years, gaining valuable and lucrative experience. It was during that time he began to pursue another one of his passions, video production. He did that for a while, filming weddings, corporate events and even dog shows before he came up with the idea for EricTheCarGuy.com. It incorporated the two things for which he had the most passion, it would help people out and it had the potential to be a real source of income in a time of need.

“I thought, why not blow the industry wide open, show people inside, no holds barred. I wanted to show people how to do things themselves; simple procedures that often are costly. I knew some people in the industry would be bitter about it but that the general public would be happy,” Eric said. The rest, as they say, is history. The website has attracted a worldwide audience and in the meantime, helped Eric to reach his goal of helping people while creating a financially rewarding career for himself on his own terms.

While Eric’s own perseverance and commitment are largely the reason for his success, he says that Rosedale is largely responsible as well. He said he reached a ‘do or die’ moment in his life, unsure of what to do next and then Rosedale came along. Once he realized his path to success, his dedication was second to none. Of his 18 months of class at Rosedale, he missed only 4 hours of class time (that he made up). “All of my instructors there had something different to offer and were extremely knowledgeable. Dan Svitko..., well, he’s the man,” he said.

Please check out EricTheCarGuy.com to see some of his phenomenal work and to also read more about how he has gotten to where he is today. Continued success, Eric!
Rosedale Tech recently launched the 3rd annual “Toys for Techs” toy drive. The program was created in an effort to provide the children of Rosedale students with a little extra holiday cheer.

Many Rosedale students work full-time and attend school full-time as well as have full-time parenting duties. With the expense of everyday life and an education, the holidays can place added stress on what should be a joyous occasion. Hence, the “Toys for Techs” fundraiser was created to help students in need provide a wonderful holiday for their children.

This year, in addition to the faculty and staff and the Toys for Techs committee, the Student Advisory Board is getting involved. Students will be teamed up with faculty members to promote the fundraiser in classrooms and throughout the school.

If you are interested in donating toys, please contact:

*SUE HENZE* at 412-521-6200
The deadline for donations is December 13, 2013.

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The holidays can be a wonderful time full of family, friends and food. Sometimes too much food! I’ve never been asked in the past to give advice on healthy living, but my recent substantial weight loss has given me a new perspective. So, though everyone needs to find the plan that works for them, here is my strategy to survive the holidays with my waistline intact:

1. **Exercise at least 5 days per week** *(I do about an hour a day on the treadmill)*
2. **Watch the carbs!** *(take it easy on the bread, pasta, potatoes, etc…)*
3. **Eat a good breakfast** *(this helps you avoid snacking at night)*
4. **Avoid snacking at night!**
5. **Don’t deny yourself completely** *(one small piece of pie is fine)*

I hope you have a joyful holiday season. And remember…everything in moderation!

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The Rosedale Tech HVAC department recently completed preventative maintenance on the equipment in Steel Toe Station to ensure everything is in good working order. HVAC Instructor *Wayne Walker* and his students checked the compressors and motor amps on the refrigeration units, performed all recommended preventative maintenance on the units and recorded each individual units’ model and serial numbers for future reference.
This gang agrees: RTI is the BEST place to work!

L-R: Joni Curl, Sue Henze, J R Mangan, Dennis Wilke, Marc Mullin, Wayne Walker, Kara Chan, Dave Sladky, Amy Pascarella and Dave Hirak.

Rosedale Tech placed 3rd in the medium companies’ category and 17th overall (out of 114 companies) in the Pittsburgh Business Times Best Places to Work list. Rosedale Tech faculty and staff celebrated being nominated “Best Places to Work” for the fourth year in a row.

The award ceremony was held at The Westin Convention Center Pittsburgh Hotel on Halloween. There were minions, zombies, various TV characters and of course, the Rosedale Tech Biker Gang. The group was also nominated for Best Team Costume.

Steel Toe Station Installs New Equipment

Rosedale Tech’s restaurant and café, Steel Toe Station, recently acquired and installed a new Pitco fryer and Vulcan griddle and grill. The new equipment allows the Steel Toe Station staff to prepare grilled hot sandwiches, cheesesteaks, burgers, wings and more, as well as fresh, crisp French fries.

The new addition is so popular that over 110 cheesesteaks were sold within three days!

Rosedale Tech Admissions Rep Charlie Williams stated: “The cheese steak with a side of fries hits the spot on a cold day.” He also highly recommends the freshly baked chocolate chip cookies.

Corn Hole Club

Electrical Technology students: Cody Boyde, Shane Thompson, Jimmy Baker, Chase Evans, Bryer Schrock, Nick Matotek, Matt Meyers (not pictured) and Cody Rossi (not pictured) get together during lunch every day and play a quick game of corn hole. The game lets the guys take a break from their busy day but keeps them active during lunch.
Rosedale Tech is pleased to announce the addition of **Liz Lanshcak** to its faculty as a General Education Instructor. Liz brings with her fourteen years of experience in vocational education. After graduating from Slippery Rock University with her Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in Marketing Management, she worked at Mercer County Career Center assisting students as an Occupational Aid. Most recently, Liz worked at Parkway West Career and Technical School as a Career Education Coordinator where she organized recruitment presentation and events, as well as managed social media, web maintenance and advertising for the school.

Liz Lanshcak
Liz lives in Monaca, PA with her husband Michael and their two sons Cross and Cole. In her spare time, Liz enjoys traveling (mostly to the beach) as well as camping with her family. Liz said, “The one thing that I am most excited about is making a difference in the lives of the students.”

Welcome aboard, Liz!

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Rosedale’s Automotive department recently welcomed **Matt Gaetano** as a new evening instructor. Matt graduated from Rosedale in 2006 earning an Associate Degree in Automotive Technology. He worked at PepBoys as an installer while a student and was promoted to Technician upon graduation. Matt then continued his career in the field at Monro Muffler as a Technician and Assistant Manager and is currently employed at Team Nutz as an installer.

Mr. Gaetano prides himself on his thorough understanding of electrical systems and is excited to pass on all of the knowledge that he’s gained in his 12 years of experience. “Basic electrical is one of the core components and one of the hardest things to understand in the automotive world. I look forward to teaching the students everything I know,” he said.

Matt lives in Bethel Park with his wife, Brittany. The happy couple is expecting their first child in April. Congratulations and welcome!

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Joining the admissions team as an Educational Outreach Representative at Rosedale this fall, is **Jake Bier**. Jake comes to RTI having most recently worked as an admissions counselor for two years at the Santa Fe University of Art and Design in New Mexico, where he also earned a Bachelor’s degree in Contemporary Music. He looks forward to bringing his experience in post-secondary education admissions and is ready to take on the challenges that the new position will bring. “The students I’ll now be working with come from an entirely different skill set. It’s exciting for me to change things up and see other trades,” he said.

While in New Mexico, Jake played guitar in a Bluegrass/Americana band all around Santa Fe for two years called the Free Range Ramblers. On top of music, he also enjoys hiking, camping, backpacking, basketball and brewing his own beer.

Jake is glad to be back home, close to family here in Pittsburgh and is enjoying his time at RTI. “It’s been great so far, very nice people. It just feels like a really comfortable place to work,” he said.

Welcome to Rosedale, Jake!

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New to the staff is Rosedale Tech graduate **James McClinton** also known by his friends as “Mouse”. James was hired in November 2013 as the Tool Room Coordinator for the Ben Wilke Training Center.

While attending Rosedale Tech, James was employed part-time at Nathan’s Auto in East Liberty as well as at Rosedale as a work study for the maintenance department. He graduated in January 2013 with his Degree in Automotive Technology.

James currently resides in Wilkinsburg PA with his fiancée. He stays busy outside of work by spending time with his seven children and playing the occasional video game. James said that he is excited about joining the Rosedale Tech team and very excited to work with the students.

Congratulations, James!
Also new to Rosedale is Truck Driving instructor, Mark Sipin. An army veteran, Mark has over fifteen years of truck driving experience with a diploma from PIA as well as his Associates Degree in Business Management from University of Phoenix. He has worked for such companies as AIM Nationalease, Honda House Pittsburgh and most recently, as an Abrams Tank Instructor with General Dynamics Land Systems.

In addition to his passion for driving trucks, Mark is also a successful musician. He plays guitar, bass and drums as well as sings, writes, engineers and produces his own original music. His 11th solo album “Can You Hear Me Now?” which he describes as “new classic rock,” was just released.

Mark Sipin
Mark is very excited to join the Rosedale Tech Truck Driving team and looks forward to bringing his knowledge and years of experience in the field to his students.

Welcome aboard, Mark!

Dave Nicola
Rosedale has added another instructor, Dave Nicola, to its Truck Driving fleet. RTI students will benefit from Dave’s 35 plus years of experience in the field with the majority of it spent driving for Lyons and New Penn Trucking.

He had the opportunity to drive everything from fork lifts to double and triple axles as well as tankers throughout his career.

On top of his extensive on the road experience, Dave has also spent time in the classroom as the lead CDL Instructor at All-State Career Center, here in Pittsburgh and is a certified PA state CDL examiner.

He and his wife currently live in Pleasant Hills. His hobbies include rebuilding and restoring vehicles such as his 1955 F 100 and his wife’s 1956 T-Bird. Welcome to Rosedale, Dave!

Dave Detar
Rosedale welcomes new Admissions Representative Dave Detar.

After graduating from Penn State University with his degree in Financial Management, Dave worked in the fields of software sales and account management with city, county, state and federal recreation departments where he sold and managed a complete booking solution for these departments. Throughout his 20 years in this field, Dave was able to travel the United States and as a result has visited 46 out of the 50 states. He has seen almost every National park and says that the most amazing is Yosemite due to the diverse scenery of mountains and waterfalls.

Most recently, Dave worked for a local gift card exchange company, Giftcards.com, as the Director of Customer Service. Dave said he is excited to work directly with the “customers” again and cannot wait to experience the process of enrolling students, watching them grow, learn and graduate.

Dave resides in Bridgeville, PA with his wife Toni and their two sons Matthew and Andrew. He and his family are all avid Penn State football fans; in fact, they are season ticket holders. In addition to Penn State football, Dave is an athlete. He focuses on running but also enjoys the occasional softball game. Looks like we have a new addition to the faculty and staff softball team!

APPPOINTMENTS
Ed Petrunak was recently named Director of Education. Ed has been with Rosedale for over two years. In his past position, Ed assisted in developing the curriculum and necessary state approvals for both the HVAC and Truck Driving programs as well as handling compliance related issues. Ed will still be developing new programs and curriculum but will also take on additional responsibilities such as managing the faculty and scheduling student courses.

Kara Chan was recently named Assistant Director of Education. Kara has been teaching computer concepts, math, technical writing and automotive service management for over two years. Kara will now be mentoring instructors, assisting in developing new classroom activities and practices and assisting students with grades and attendance. She is excited to be working with the students more closely and making sure she does everything she can to contribute to their success throughout their entire education at Rosedale.

Congratulations to both Ed and Kara on their new positions!
Congressman Keith Rothfus Visits Rosedale Tech

Rosedale Tech received a “treat” this Halloween. Congressman Keith Rothfus of the 12th Congressional District and Rudy Agras, Executive Vice President of Triangle Tech and fellow member of the PAPSA Board of Directors, paid a visit to Rosedale Technical Institute.

Both Congressman Rothfus and Mr. Agras met with Rosedale Tech President Dennis Wilke and received a tour of the facilities including hands-on demonstrations from both faculty and students. The tour consisted of demonstrations of the Mechatronics Simulator in the electrical department, diagnostic equipment in the automotive department, a tour of the HVAC training labs, a demonstration of biodiesel fuel production and a demonstration of the CDL simulator in the truck driving department. Congressman Rothfus had the opportunity to get behind the wheel of the CDL simulator to experience the challenges of driving a tractor trailer.

Although President Wilke and some instructors and staff were still in costume from the “Best Places To Work” luncheon prior to the Congressman’s visit, our guests enjoyed the school spirit. We’d like to thank both Congressman Rothfus and Rudy Agras for taking the time to visit Rosedale Tech.