Rosedale Tech has established an agreement to offer a dual enrollment program for selected Parkway West CTC students. Twenty-one students, made up of juniors and seniors, were selected for the opportunity.

Through this partnership, students currently attending Parkway West CTC will have the opportunity to receive advanced, post-secondary styled learning and training in both Automotive and Diesel technologies, enabling the student to earn credits prior to graduating.

Executive Director of Parkway West CTC, Dr. Darby Copeland stated, “Rosedale Tech’s willingness to think outside of the box to help students succeed was a key factor to make the Parkway West CTC/Rosedale Tech dual enrollment program a reality.”

The program started on January 13th and will run through mid-May. Students will report three days per week to Rosedale to take advantage of its state-of-the-art training facilities and learn from their experienced instructors.

Dennis Wilke, President and Director of Rosedale Technical Institute stated, “Rosedale is excited to establish this collaboration with Parkway West CTC. Working together, we can help to close the technical skills gap our region faces.”

This partnership will greatly benefit Parkway West, Rosedale Tech, and the surrounding communities both institutions serve.

Students L-R: Amanda Barton, Rick Sikes, Jerry Close, Dave Sladky (Instructor), Denver Kline, Tyler Carmen, Brandon Vargo, Tom Doven, Brian Krivanek, Corey Melia, Damian Godfrey, Bill Hisom and Marcus Grinage (not pictured)
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Founded in 1952, the Bridgestone Americas Trust Fund supports a variety of important non-profits. The organization focuses on supporting education, environment and conservation as well as children’s programs. Over 20 million dollars has been donated to various corporations in the past five years.

Rosedale Tech has graciously been the recipient of funds using the donations to support technician training programs at the school. This year, the $10,000 donation will go toward the newest automotive project, the Super Nova.

Rosedale Tech students, led by Instructors, are engineering a 1969 Chevy Nova that will have the functionality and power of a Pontiac GTO. The vehicle will be used as a race vehicle, and also be driven to car shows, high schools and various marketing events.

Director of Student Services, Amy Pascarella, stated: “Bridgestone Firestone has always been a valued employer. With their generous donations, we have been able to improve the learning environment for our students.”
Having a FIELD DAY

During in-service days, instructors typically complete specific professional development modules which relate directly to their field and classroom management practices. In searching for a way to get some additional hands-on professional development, Director of Education, Ed Petrunak, thought Rosedale Tech instructors should spend a day in the field. Ed stated: “Our employers visit Rosedale Tech frequently for advisory board meetings, career fairs, mock interviews and presentations, why not send our instructors to their place of business?”

The field day allowed instructors to meet with supervisors, managers and technicians at some of RTI’s most valued employers. The instructors visited businesses where Rosedale graduates were currently employed. Instructors and employers also shared and discussed the principles needed for success in today’s workforce.
With many of its technicians close to retirement, Pepsico was in search of advanced training for its current employees to fill the void. Rather than train in-house as they had in the past, Pepsico reached out to Rosedale Tech to take advantage of the campus’ professional training and facilities. From there, a ten week course that meets twice weekly was created.

The course prepares employees to maintain Pepsico’s vending machines and dispensers through a basic electrical education. Pepsico has also donated two of their soda machines to be used by the students to mimic issues faced in the field.

Leading the course is Electrical instructor, Rick Mehn. “I’m basically giving Pepsico employees a condensed version of our full program. These concepts will give them a base knowledge that could apply to many avenues in the electrical field, not just soda machines.”

Rick went on to say, “The guys have been model students with great attitudes, dedication and an ability to have fun...They never ask for breaks, never miss class and are never late.”

To find out more about industrial training for your company, please contact: Debbie Bier 412-521-6200.

General Education Instructor, Liz Lanshcar, just completed a session instructing a group of Electrical Technology students nearing graduation. Their class? Resumes and Customer Service.

Though some of them had already accepted positions with various employers, Liz had the idea to invite CareerLink representatives into the classroom not just to speak about CareerLink; but, also to have students enroll into the CareerLink database. By doing so, many potential employers who are looking for specific skills and technical experience, such as in the electrical trade, may find the graduating students from RTI.

“CareerLink is a vital organization for anyone who is looking for employment,” says, Liz. She adds, “I felt it was important for our students to understand that CareerLink can match a potential employer to a potential employee at no charge to whoever is looking for a job.”

Cindy Derrico and Ester Clark of Southwest Training Services in Washington and Green Counties came to speak and to assist the students. They explained to the class additional ways to stay up-to-date in the Western Pennsylvania job market and reviewed how to update and/or create a profile on the Job Gateway site.

According to Ms. Derrico, “Knowing how to access and work this site, will allow the students to keep an updated resume available for local employers to view.”

Rosedale Tech student, Keith Starling, stated “That session was one of the best classes we ever had. The information that was being offered was very valuable.”

To find your local CareerLink visit www.pacareerlink.state.pa.us.
Rosedale Supports **CCBC’s Gas & Oil Tech Program**

The Community College of Beaver County was recently awarded a grant to fund education in the field of Gas and Oil Technology. One component of the new program that was created included truck driving with an emphasis on the gas and oil industry. Without the resources or facilities on hand, Hugh Gallagher—Career Coach at CCBC, reached out to Rosedale Tech for assistance.

After meeting with Mr. Gallagher, RTI created a custom 240 hour CDL Class A certificate program to meet their needs. The first section of the class was made up of theory in the classroom and lab, the second was the range and driving portion. Mark Sipin was the lead instructor for the customized class. Beyond the technical resources that Rosedale was able to offer, the CCBC students were also able to take advantage of other services available to full-time students.

Assistant Director of Education, Kara Chan instructed them on resume development and preparedness as well as successful interviewing techniques.

**NEW Training Tools Added to Diesel Lab**

Rosedale Tech’s Diesel Technology program recently added $60,000 worth of training equipment to its engines lab. New to the shop are two engine stands and the real eye-catcher is a 2011 8.9 Liter Cummins complete engine.

The new engine will offer students complete diagnostic and emissions training as well as current sensor training that mirrors today’s industry standards. New technologies, such as EGR (exhaust gas recirculation) and DPF (diesel particulate filter) which help to make the engine run cleaner and more environmentally friendly, are also features of the new training tool. “This will keep our guys current on the new emission standards,” Diesel Technology Instructor Rob Murphy said.

The exposed engine will also allow Mr. Murphy to instruct his students more quickly on various diagnostic issues. “Sometimes when under the hood, not every student can observe the proper procedures. Now, we’re able to work through instructions together,” he went on to say. The new engine will also allow instructors to quickly create a wide variety of scenarios and challenges faced in the field.

The make-up of today’s diesel engine is becoming increasingly computerized and electronic. Scan tools and sensors are used to more efficiently determine engine performance issues. The software behind the tools is also capable of downloading the newest diagnostic updates directly from Cummins as they are implemented, affording the student the most up-to-date training practices.

Rosedale makes every effort to stay current with industry standards so that its graduates continue to meet the growing need for skilled tradespeople.

Visit the Ben Wilke Training Center to take a look at this impressive new upgrade!

**Pictured L-R are the first to complete the program:** Rosedale President & Director Dennis Wilke, Will Bowen, Ray Grzybowski, Chad Householder and Truck Driving Instructor Mark Sipin.

Rosedale’s Student Services Department is also assisting in job placement.
In February, Rosedale Tech students and faculty held their version of the 2014 Winter Olympics. Students were divided into teams of five based upon their program of study and instructor (or team coach).

Students competed in five events: water flip cup (best time), chair race (best time), corn hole (most bags) or basketball (most baskets), hula hoop (longest time) and paper airplane toss (furthest distance). The teams competed in each event and when the scores were tallied, the victors were awarded medals of honor.

Congratulations winners of the Rosedale Tech 2014 Winter Olympics!

**TEAM DIESEL**

Gold:
Mark Simoneau (coach)
Parker Wheaton
Sadie O’Neil
JT Mayhew
Shea Daniels
Dave Jones

Silver:
Jeff Kaplon (coach)
William Lewis
Roy Young
Amorae Bell
Elias Askin
Geoffrey Darkangelo

Bronze: Tied
Dave Hladik (coach)
Dan Adams
Scott Deschon
Brandin Diewald
Dan Chappell
Chris Brown

**TEAM AUTO**

Gold:
Brian Winter (coach)
Steven Winston
Michael Swan
David Curcio
John Chang
Robin Plater

Silver:
Lou Levine (coach)
Adam Beers
Chris Babyak
Luc Bongiorni
Marcus Anderson
Dave Jones

Bronze: Tied
Vaughan Greil (coach)
Kelsey Chermer
Patrick Erickson
Steven McGee
Matthew Montemurro
Ned Sweigart

**ELECTRICAL/ HVAC**

Gold:
Wayne Walker (coach)
Luther Coe
Hunter Curl
Zachary Helble
Evan Treadwell
Canaan Tsuris

Bronze:
John Huld (coach)
Russell Basalyga
Adam Duerr
Devon Hample
Jason Johnson
Nicholas Scott
For the third year, Rosedale Tech joined automotive enthusiasts at the annual World of Wheels car show held at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh, PA. The show highlights hot rods, competition cars and specialty vehicles. World of Wheels is featured in 20 cities across the United States and Canada.

Rosedale proudly displayed DieselZilla, the S10 that students transformed into a diesel drag truck, and the Rosedale Tech hummer, which travels to various high schools and outside events in the tri-state area. Many graduates, instructors, current students and future students stopped by the display to say hello.

Joseph Goldinger, Automotive student at Lenape Tech, won the Rosedale Tech gift basket. He celebrated with fellow students in Mr. Wheeler’s Collision Repair Technology class. Congratulations Joseph!

“Like” Rosedale Tech on Facebook to view additional photos from World of Wheels.

Big Buck WINNER!

Congratulations to Rosedale Tech Electrical graduate Matt Meyers for winning the Big Buck Contest featured in the last issue of The Circuit.

Matt harvested a ten point buck with an 18 inch inside spread. Not only did he take home a great buck but he also won a custom Rosedale Tech camo hoodie!
February 2014

Instructors’ Choice: Cumulative perfect attendance after one full semester.

Automotive: Scott McCollough, Soud Miah, Justin Long, Gino Morena, David Hunt, James Brown, John Chang, David Curcio, Scott Deschon, Michael Swan, Benjamin Wolf

Diesel: John Elling, Christopher Bogats, Daniel Janosko, David Lambie, Joshua Leist, Michael Loris, Jordan Miller, Jonathan Vescio, Adam Widmer, Philip Wilson, Michael Deangelo, Joel Graham, David Jones, Carl Pascocello, Matthew Sharrow

Electrical: Philip Ford, Brandon Benec, Zachary Collins, Mark Lucas, Dominick Vella, Christopher Welch

HVAC: Zachary Keller, Brian Lukens, Jacob Magdich, Dalton Marnich

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

Automotive: Soud Miah, Denis Rader, Brendan Stefano, Michael Abraham, Nicole Anderson, Kenneth Eckles, Gino Morena, Jared Uhrin, Karl Lyons, Matthew Mient, Ryan Powell, Christian Schaefer, Nicholas Wragg, Carmen Zambrano, Richard Carmichael, Brandin Diewald, Mark Lahotsky, Jason Paola, Derek Rose, Timothy Tydeman, Dominic Zuccarelli

Diesel: John Elling, Steven McGee, Mattew Montemurro, Ned Sweigart, Christopher Bogats, Nicholas Bowser, Charles Braham, Paul Caputo, Richard Kaposy, Patrick Armstrong, Brandon Bell, Thomas Bridges, Patrick Erickson, Kyle Halfhill, Andrew Lauffer, Joshua Leist, Michael Loris, Russell McKenzie, Jordan Miller, Jared Mooney, Shawn Rodgers, Damien Sisco, Steven Slater, Derek Staley, Jonathan Vescio, Shane Wood, Michael Deangelo, Jonathan Driscoll, Brian Hill, Zachary Hippert, Thomas Hoag, Allen Michelotti, Shane Moss, Mark Simpronio

Electrical: Matthew Early, Jessica Jones, Richard Koenig, Tyler Snodgrass, Von Stevenson, Matthew Robison, Russell Basalyga, Brandon Benec, Adam Duerr, Devon Hample, Jason Johnson, Nicholas Scott, Dominick Vella

HVAC: Raymond Baburich, Todd Evers, Dustin Moore, Russell Tompkins, Evan Treadwell, Hunter Curl, Zachary Keller, Dillon Krise, Brian Lukens

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

Automotive: Scott McCollough, Billy Fife, Jamie Graves, Nathan Freiss, David Hunt, James Brown, John Chang, David Curcio, Scott Deschon, Ryan Nelson, Benjamin Swan, Christopher Yerkey


Electrical: Philip Ford, Carl Klauscher, Michael Thornton, Christopher Bazzoli, Zachary Collins, Adam Kirby, Mark Lucas, Christopher Welch

HVAC: Jacob Magdich, Luther Coe, Dalton Marnich, Joshua Ulokovich

Student of the Month: Auto: Soud Miah Diesel: Ned Sweigart Electrical: Matthew Earley HVAC: Russell Tompkins

Helping Hand Award: Christopher Eisengart (Auto), Jacob Magdich (HVAC), Luther Coe (HVAC), Dustin Moore (HVAC), Darren Reed (Diesel), Michael Deangelo (Diesel), Kristina Howell (Diesel), Carl Pascocello (Diesel), Richard Koenig (Electrical), Christopher Bazzoli (Electrical)

Extra Effort Award: David Hunt (Auto, Nathan Freiss (Auto), Brian Lukens (HVAC), Christopher Bogats (Diesel), Dave Jones (Diesel), Matthew Earley (Electrical)

Most Improved Award: Evan Treadwell (HVAC)

Community Service Award: Sheldon Noland (Auto), Michael Smith (Auto), Joel Graham (Diesel)
**Graduate Success Stories**

**Electrical Entrepreneur**

**JOHN CALCARA**

Having a lifelong fascination in electronics, John Calcara (January 2014 Electrical Technology graduate) knew that after graduating high school, he wanted to train in the field. Beyond that, he was in search of an education that would develop his business acumen and feed into his entrepreneurial spirit. Once he looked into RTI’s Electrical Technology program, he knew it to be the perfect fit to meet his goal of opening his own business.

The pursuit on an Associate Degree from Rosedale Tech not only offers a hands-on technical education, but also encompasses general education classes that cover things like: small business management, entrepreneurship, marketing and more.

After Electrical Technology Instructor Lou Levine stressed the importance of starting an independent outfit, John applied for Business Liability Insurance. About three months later, he began working with Jason Dohanich through Joe Hall Excavating. Initially, Mr. Dohanich put him on a bit of a trial run; testing him on installing smoke alarms, recessed lighting, outlets and switches. Once proven, and with his Business Liability Insurance, John established his own company, Calcara’s Electric, as a sub-contractor for Jason. John has since worked on dozens of commercial and residential projects. He has rewired parking lots, installed new panels (service), wired a 10,000 square foot home and a 12 unit apartment complex.

John reflected: “Both the technical and academic courses at RTI, coupled with hands-on training, laid the real foundation for building a successful business.” He went on to say, “I love what I do and am so glad I chose this field. When I’m driving through a neighborhood I’ve wired and I see a light come on in a house, I think to myself, I did that.”

**Diesel Tech**

**Shawn Salisbury**

One of the reasons Diesel Technician, Shawn Salisbury, chose to study at Rosedale is his desire to always lead a fast-paced, active lifestyle. Coming in to the program, Shawn worked as a trained EMS provider and non-emergency driver, as well as an installer and driver for Trans 1 Graphix, a contractor for Port Authority buses. Working during the day and attending classes at night, his schedule was packed just the way he likes it.

Roughly halfway through his studies at Rosedale, Shawn faced and overcame some personal challenges that forced him to take some time off. However, showing resilience, he returned focused and determined as ever. He said, “Without the support from my fellow students and the faculty and staff, I wouldn’t have been able to jump back in like I did. I loved being at Rosedale and just wanted to get back to school.”

After graduating in December 2013, Shawn resigned from his EMS position after being hired as a driver for the Port Authority. He continues to work for Trans 1 Graphix as well. Shawn is hoping to soon transition into a technician position with the Port Authority. He added, “I’m confident that if my bus has any issues, I can troubleshoot and assist.”

Reflecting on his time at Rosedale, he said, “I enjoyed the hands-on environment and people more than anything. It was such a great experience. Arty (Instructor Art Shultz) and Brian (Instructor Brian Mullen) really know what they’re doing.”

**Inspired to Teach**

Not long after completing the program, 2012 Automotive Technology graduate, Matt Linko, moved back to his hometown of Munsee, Indiana. While in Pittsburgh, Matt worked as a service manager at Sears Automotive, and was able to transfer to the same position with the company upon the move. In addition to his work there, Matt has also recently started teaching several Automotive Technology classes at Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana. He is very excited to share all the knowledge he learned at Rosedale and from his time in the field. Matt went on to say, “I was inspired by my instructor, Dave Sladky, and I hope to do the same for the students at Ivy Tech.”

L-R: Matt Linko with Rosedale Tech Automotive Instructor Dave Sladky
**Welcome New Students**

**Automotive Technology:**
Christopher Anderson, Elias Askin, Amorae Bell, Chris Cager, Darron Clinton, Geoffrey Darkangelo, Joshua DeNardo, Jessica Gazvoda, Nicholas Hoovler, Alyssa Kirk, Michael Kusniss, William Lewis, Jacob Luther, James McAvoy, Evan Niedermeyer, Anthony Rotondo, Jeremy Schif, Jeffrey Tarpley Jr., Scott Tostevin, Steven Winston, Richard Winton, Blake Wright, Roy Young

**Automotive Technician:**
David Kramer, Jeffery Lipinski, Connor McWilliams, Timothy Smolter, Randy Ward

**Diesel Technology:**
Jordan Greathouse, Taylor Johnston, Christopher Jones, Michael Martino, Tyler Newsom, Robert Thompson, Travis Tyre, Jared Wilson

**Diesel Technician:**
Nathan Pieszak, Tylique Walker

**Electrical Technology:**
Marcus Anderson, Christopher Babyak, Adam Beers, Luc Bongiorni, Jared Colalella, Jeff Gilcrist, David Jones, Lauren Levine, Harrison Murphy, Mark Pendleton, Christopher Sigmund, David Teller

**HVAC Technology:**
Chad McDade, Walter Sarafin III, Joseph Sanpietro, Thomas Williams

**Truck Driving:**
Jacob Peterson III, Abumedian Mohamed, Michael Puchi

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**MEET**

**Jessie Jones**

Electrical Technology student **Jessie Jones** originally chose to learn a trade because of her family’s history of success in the field. Her great grandfather, Joe Fletcher, was one of the first electricians in the Pittsburgh area employed with Westinghouse. On top of that, her mother is a machinist at Bettis Lab and her aunt is a local electrician.

Enamored with the hands-on training atmosphere, Jesse got off to a great start; however, just five months into the program, Jessie learned she was pregnant with her third child. Determined not to put her dream on hold, she continued with classes through her eighth month of pregnancy. On October 3, 2013 her son Jase Bittner was born.

Though it was difficult to leave baby Jase at home, Jessie returned to school within three months. Now scheduled to graduate in May 2014, Jessie is looking forward to a rewarding career in the electrical field.

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**Going the Extra Miles**

Parkway West CTC Junior **Kevin Ball** recently joined the Rosedale Tech Dual Enrollment program. Kevin was excited to participate as his father, **John Ball**, is a 2008 graduate from Rosedale’s Electrical Technology program.

The weather has been difficult this winter, which has caused many of the home schools of Parkway West to cancel classes. Last month, Montour High School (Kevin’s home school) cancelled classes on one of these rough winter days, which meant his bus would not be taking him to Parkway.

Kevin did not want to miss his time at Rosedale so instead of staying home, he drove himself to Parkway to catch the bus to Rosedale. He said “this is the best part of my day, I didn’t want to miss it.”

Instructor **Dave Sladky** stated:

“With Kevin’s desire and drive, he can excel at any career he chooses to pursue.”

Great job Kevin!
Like Father Like Son

Automotive student Kevin Taggart's father is a 1979 Rosedale Tech graduate. This being said, cars haven't always been a common factor for the two. Throughout his automotive career, Kevin's father, Bill Taggart, worked for a local transmission shop for 28 years while performing small automotive repairs in his own garage. At no point was Bill going to coerce Kevin into the automotive field. He wanted Kevin to find what he was passionate about on his own.

Six years ago, Bill opened up his own automotive shop, Northway Transmissions, in the North Hills area of Pittsburgh. Bill still did not pressure Kevin to work at the shop; in fact Kevin held a steady job as a sales associate at Trader Horn, a local large inventory store featuring housewares and home improvement products. Just a couple of years ago, in his senior year at North Hills High School, Kevin started spending more time around the shop and took an interest in what his dad did. He finally mentioned that it may be a career path he'd like to take. Bill thought about his education at Rosedale Tech and scheduled an appointment for Kevin to tour the school.

Bill was impressed by all of the building and technology improvements the school had made since he attended. Kevin was excited by the opportunity to learn about the automotive field and work side by side with his father. Shortly after his tour, Kevin enrolled in the automotive program at Rosedale Technical Institute.

Kevin has already earned his state inspection license and started working at Northway Transmissions five days a week. In fact, the shop is now doing a wide variety of automotive repairs, not just transmissions. Kevin is looking forward to learning everything he can, especially in his transmissions and engine diagnostics courses, and practicing the latest technology and procedures in the family business. He said they've already made a few big changes with equipment and bringing on additional employees and his father recently upgraded to a much needed smart phone!

Giving Back Inspires

Dave Jones

Born and bred in Los Angeles, California, Dave Jones and his wife Melissa were very involved with their local church. Through their parish, they began to volunteer their time in Haiti at a missionary station. Most of their time was spent at an orphanage, playing with and giving love to children. It was through these and other experiences volunteering at similar facilities in impoverished areas of Tijuana, Mexico, that they were inspired to adopt internationally.

Dave explained that while international adoptions are always a challenging process, theirs was extra difficult. Just when everything was seemingly approved, tensions between the U.S. and Guatemalan governments complicated the process. Fourteen months after her birth, many headaches and several trips from L.A. to Guatemala, Dave and his wife Melissa were able to take home their daughter, Samantha Mae.

Spurred by the economy's downturn, Dave and his family relocated to Western Pennsylvania from Los Angeles three and a half years ago. They lived with his wife's family for a few years while she went to nursing school and Dave worked. Upon her graduation and beginning her career, Dave was able to pursue training in his career of choice. He came to Rosedale last fall intending to enroll in the Automotive Technology program.

As he began the process, Admissions Rep Dave Hirak asked if he knew anything about RTI's Diesel Technology program. He didn't and after the tour, immediately agreed with his wife that the Diesel Tech program was the better fit. “Our ultimate goal is to continue our missionary work. My wife’s knowledge in nursing combined with the training and education I’m getting in diesel can help so many people,” Dave said. He plans to work on dilapidated generators, machinery and more, knowing the impact will be massive. “I love my classes. I couldn’t be happier with my choice,” he concluded.

Good luck the rest of the way, Dave!
ATTENTION High Schools Schedule Your Field Trip TODAY!

Throughout the school year, many area high schools, vo-techs and career training centers visit Rosedale Tech during scheduled field trips. It’s an opportunity for interested students to see and explore the type of hands-on training and education offered at RTI. While television commercials and online research can help give a general idea of what a school can offer, nothing compares to a first-hand experience. Students learn about each of Rosedale’s programs of study, job placement, industry outlook and financial aid, and can also get their hands dirty through live interaction in the shops. In addition, visiting instructors and counselors are able to gain insight into current post-secondary educational practices in the trades.

This year’s visitors include:

- Northern Westmoreland CTC
- Propel- Braddock
- Western Beaver High School
- South Side Area High School
- City Charter High School
- A.W. Beattie Career Center
- University Prep
- McKeesport Area High School
- Beaver Valley CTC
- Hopewell High School
- Brashear CTC

To schedule your school’s field trip, please contact:

Sean Barrett
412-855-9956
Sean.Barrett@rosedaletech.org

Have You Signed “THE WALL”?  

Rosedale visitors typically enter the front door and are immediately struck by the appearance of Director of Admissions Debbie Bier’s office. There are hundreds of signatures on the wall, over 1,000 in fact. Most visitors look confused and do not understand the “graffiti” on Debbie’s wall, some will pop their head in and ask the question “what are all those signatures from?”

In 2008 Debbie started the tradition of signing her walls. During orientation the new student will sign his or her name and write their graduation date underneath. Debbie states: “A student signing my wall shows commitment. Many students stop by after graduation to make sure I haven’t painted over their spot.”

There are no plans to paint over any of the names, but there has been talk about getting a ladder in there so the students can start signing the ceiling.
OPEN HOUSE

Rosedale Tech invites prospective students and their families to attend an exploratory Open House on Saturday, April 5, 2014. Activities and programs will include:

- Live demonstrations by Rosedale Tech Instructors
- Tour Facilities
- Meet with Financial Aid Representatives
- Learn how to apply
- Discover career services and job placement information
- Meet Rosedale Grads and YouTube celebrities “EricTheCarGuy” and “ScannerDanner”

To register, text/call/email Sean Barrett at 412-855-9956 or sean.barrett@rosedaletech.org

FAFSA Renewal Made Easy at RTI

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the form that the U.S. Department of Education requires students to file to determine federal financial aid eligibility. Continuing students have a spring deadline of APRIL 30, 2014 to renew their FAFSA.

At Rosedale, the process to renew financial aid is an easy one. The financial aid team can quickly and efficiently enter student data into the system, such as 2013 income, assets and family information. The team also works to ensure that no student misses the deadline to reapply for federal aid.

Did you know that over $238 billion in financial aid is available to help pay for college? Filing your FAFSA is the first step in the financial aid process. Renewing a FAFSA each year is critical to maintaining the ability to receive federal grants and loans (providing need and eligibility exist). Current students do not need to make a special appointment to renew aid as walk-ins are always welcome!

If you are a current “independent” student, who does not plan to file a 2013 tax return, then you may renew your FAFSA now. For those students who are “dependent” or “independent” planning to file a 2013 tax return, please bring in a copy of your tax returns to complete the renewal process. To learn more, please contact:

Anna Bartolini-Director of Financial Aid
412-521-6200, ext.110.

Parkway West AWARDS

During the Rosedale Tech awards ceremony, Instructor Dave Sladky took the time to acknowledge accomplishments from his Parkway West CTC students. Two students received awards for going the extra mile in his classroom.

L-R: Diesel Instructor JR Mangan, Auto Instructor Dave Sladky, Damian Godfrey and President Dennis Wilke. Damian (a Parkway West student from West Allegheny High School), received the Class Participation Award.

L-R: President Dennis Wilke, Kevin Ball and Auto Instructor Dave Sladky. Kevin, (a Parkway West student from Montour High School), received the Extra Effort Award.
Jen Majcher joins the Rosedale Tech FAMILY

Rosedale is pleased to announce the hiring of General Education Instructor, Jen Majcher (rhymes with nature). Mrs. Majcher previously worked for a brokerage company in a number of capacities including the training of employees and human resources. Her knowledge and experience in the field will certainly benefit students in her resumes and other general education classes. She also has two Bachelor Degrees from Point Park University; one in Business Management and the other in Professional Dance.

Jen lives in Kennedy Township with her husband, Greg along with sons Max (12) and Alex (9). Outside of work, she volunteers much of her time and assistance to St. Malachy School and her boys’ Cub Scout troops. She also has a knack for crafts and makes custom greeting cards for her family and friends.

Before joining the Rosedale team, she was considering two other positions back in the brokerage field. After meeting everyone and going through the interview, she knew where she wanted to be.

“I immediately loved the feel of it here; seemed like a big family. Everyone has been very welcoming and I’m excited to try something new and exciting,” Jen said.

Welcome to Rosedale, Jen!

WELCOME

John Miklos

Rosedale Tech welcomes Instructor John Miklos to the HVAC team. John is originally from Pittsburgh, PA. He has his Diploma in Heating and Air Conditioning from Gateway Technical College as well as his Associate Degree in Computer Software and Associate Degree in Network Administration both from Laurel Business Institute. John has over fifteen years of field experience as well as two years of experience teaching HVAC courses at Kaplan Career Institute.

John currently resides in Carmichaels, PA with his wife Heather and three daughters JoAnna (8 mos), Emily (2 ½ years) and Angelina (11 years). He and his family enjoy swimming, baseball games and visiting flea markets.

John said “I am excited about the new experience. Working with state-of-the-art equipment as well as the wonderful students is just great! Everyone has already been encouraging and shown they really care about the students as well as the level of education Rosedale Tech provides.”

Welcome aboard John!

Educational Outreach Representatives

Share a SLICE of History

Jake Bier and Sean Barrett, Rosedale’s Educational Outreach Representatives, recently realized how similar their resumes must look. Both worked part-time in their youth for Hungry Howie’s Pizza, the self-proclaimed “Home of the flavored crust.”

Jake made pizza in Nokomis, Florida while Sean worked in a Phoenix, Arizona location. Founded in Michigan and with regionally located franchises primarily in the south and west, the odds of two former employees of the pizza chain now working together at a trade school in Pittsburgh have to be astronomical.

They now dream of sharing a few slices of ‘butter garlic’ crusted pizza should they expand to Western PA.
Hard Work Pays Off- - -  

Just Ask Marc Mullin

Around late August, General Education Instructor and automotive enthusiast Marc Mullin was approached by friends Jeremy Seanor (Lucky Strike Design), TJ Gefert and Brett Habig (Innovative Autoworks) about building a truck for the upcoming SEMA show in Las Vegas, Nevada. While a great idea, the show was in just 45 days. Marc, Jeremy, TJ and Brett knew they were crazy for trying to complete a full frame-off restoration in such a short time period, but they went for it anyway.

The team completely disassembled a 2008 Chevy Silverado 3500 Dually, 6.6L Duramax Diesel truck, stripping it down to the frame. They painted EVERYTHING during the reassembly as well as completing numerous upgrades to the motor and engine. In addition, they installed a 7-inch suspension lift kit, a 2-inch body lift kit, custom 24-inch wheels (courtesy of American Force), as well as 37x13.50x24 tires. The truck was hand painted with custom paint from PPG Paints and graphics by Lucky Strike Design and had a custom interior and audio installed.

Through hard work and dedication, as well as help from sponsors, American Force and PPG Paints, the team managed to finish the truck in just enough time to have it shipped to the SEMA show in Las Vegas on November 5, 2013. The truck showed so well at SEMA that the team decided to show the truck at the World of Wheels custom car show in Pittsburgh during the weekend of January 24, 2014. The truck won first place in the ’88 to current 4x4’s division and first place overall for the best paint on a daily driver.

The truck will be going to various shows on PPG’s tour this summer as well as some local car shows in the Pittsburgh area.

Great work, guys!

Pictured L-R: Jeremy Seanor, Brett Habig, TJ Gefert and Marc Mullin in front of the Chevy Silverado at World of Wheels

CONGRATULATIONS

Dave Sladky

Rosedale Tech employee Dave Sladky was recently named “Shop Services Manager.” Dave received his Associates Degree in Automotive Technology from Rosedale Tech and has been with the company since 2005, managing the tool room and instructing.

In his new role, Dave will ensure that shop work flows seamlessly in both the Phil Chosky Training Center and the Ben Wilke Training Center. In addition, he oversees the purchase orders in both buildings for tools and equipment and manages the operation of both tool rooms.

Dave will continue to hold his position as Lead Automotive Instructor and teach the Parkway West CTC students in the Dual Enrollment program.

Though his schedule is full, he is excited about all of his new responsibilities and is looking forward to helping the instructors run a smooth and productive shop.
The Student Advisory Board is continuing to make positive changes for the students. Recently, the HVAC program benefited from a tool bag storage area located in the lab. Hunter Curl, Zachary Keller, Brian Lukens and Jacob Magdich, the HVAC student representatives on the Student Advisory Board, expressed their desire to have storage for student tool bags and were able to see their vision turn into action.

Additionally, the Student Advisors wanted to share topics currently being discussed in meetings. They decided to set up communication boards in the lunch areas where students can check out what has been going on at the meetings.

New volunteers are always welcome and can participate by attending meetings every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. in the Phil Chosky Training Center (Room 206-across from the library).