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New Programs Kick Off at Rosedale Technical College

This February, Rosedale Technical College launched its two newest programs: collision repair technology and applied business management.

Students enrolled in the collision repair technology program will receive extensive hands-on training preparing them to work in various areas of automotive collision repair. The program will cover topics such as auto body and components repair, collision repair, mechanical and electrical systems, auto refinishing, panel repair and alignment, estimating, glass replacement, and welding.

Classes are currently being held at Rosedale's Kennedy Township facility, but some classes will also be conducted at the Parkway West CTC Auto Body lab.

Upon completion of the program, an Associate in Specialized Technology degree will be awarded. Students will also be prepared to sit for ASE Certifications as well as ICAR Certifications.

Rosedale Tech's applied business management program is geared towards preparing skilled individuals with the tools and education needed for management and leadership positions within their industry.

Like Rosedale Tech's current degree and diploma programs, the applied business management program involves the same hands-on learning techniques that are currently used in the school's technical training programs.

Upon completion of the applied business management program, students will be awarded with an Associate in Specialized Business Degree. In addition to the degree program, classes can be taken on an individual basis or as corporate group training.

For more information about Rosedale Tech's programs, visit www.RosedaleTech.org or call (412) 521-6200.

Rosedale Technical College Host of SkillsUSA District 8 Regional Competition

On Monday, January 18, Rosedale Technical College hosted 48 high school students from area career training centers for this year's SkillsUSA District 8 Regional Competition.

SkillsUSA is a national organization that partners with over 300,000 students, teachers and industry workers annually to serve as an advocate for specialized career training to ensure America has a skilled workforce for the future. The organization has over 300,000 students, teachers and industry partners with over 300,000 students, teachers and industry workers annually to serve as an advocate for specialized career training to ensure America has a skilled workforce for the future. The organization has 13,000 school chapters in 54 state and territorial associations.

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Welcome to Rosedale Technical College at Pittsburgh's World of Wheels Show

The 53rd Annual World of Wheels show occurred this January at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center. Rosedale Tech was pleased to be a part of the weekend festivities.

Guests in attendance at World of Wheels stopped by Rosedale Tech’s booth to see the 53' wrapped tractor trailer that is utilized by the CDL and diesel programs. In addition, spectators had the opportunity to see a 2005 Pontiac GTO performance system.

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A representative from Rosedale Technical College's admissions team was available throughout the World of Wheels show to answer any questions about the school's Pittsburgh facility.

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Darrien Baylor: Never Gives Up

When working to achieve your goal, there are oftentimes obstacles that come up along the path that may detour you along the way. As a student at Rosedale Tech, for example, bad weather conditions or working an overnight shift may lead you to want to stay in bed instead of going to class in the morning. With just a couple of weeks remaining until graduation, electrical student Darrien Baylor had fought through these exact obstacles to achieve his career goals.

When Darrien graduated high school, he originally was interested in becoming an electrician. This interest came when he was younger. He said when storms would hit and knock out the power, he was always interested in watching the electricians outside his home fix the transformers.

After high school, he attended Orangeburg County Technical School in South Carolina for Industrial Electronics, for a short time. Looking for new opportunities, Darrien left South Carolina and moved to Pittsburgh in 2012 with a friend. Unsure of a career path he wanted to get into, Darrien took a position at an area department store. One day his car broke down, forcing him to take the bus to work. During his bus rides, Darrien became familiar with some of the riders who worked together at the Pittsburgh International Airport as janitors. They told Darrien about a job opportunity working at the airport as a janitor. Darrien applied for the job and began working at the airport in 2013.

Darrien was working night shifts at the airport, and decided he was interested in going back to school to continue his journey towards becoming an electrician. He enrolled in Rosedale Tech’s evening electrical diploma program in spring of 2015.

About eight months ago, a laborer position opened up at the airport, which intrigued Darrien. He applied and was accepted to the position. During his short time working as a laborer thus far, he has done numerous projects, such as laying asphalt, runway repairs, snow removal, installing signage around the airport, assisting the electricians and carpenters, as well as helping out on an oil well site that is located on property owned by the airport.

Because of this job change, Darrien’s hours at the airport changed, which allowed for him to change to Rosedale Tech’s daytime electrical program. Now, Darrien attends school from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and leaves to go straight to work from 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. During the winter months, there were times when he was working a triple shift and still made it to class. He credits this motivation to his mom, Theresa, who taught him about hard work and obtaining your goals. In addition, the discipline he learned through the boy scouts all the way up to becoming an eagle scout has prepared him to make the sacrifices to achieve his goals.

Now that Darrien is close to completing the electrical program, he has new career goals in mind: he would like to obtain a job as an electrician at the airport. He is happy with where he is going at the airport.

“Having my car break down was the best blessing ever,” said Darrien.

Next time you are considering veering away from your goals, think of some of the reasons why you are going after them anyways. Maybe that will be the bumper you need to keep you on the right course.

With over 30 years of experience working in the HVAC field, Joe understands the importance of regular planned maintenance on furnaces and the expense a homeowner or business owner may endure if they do not schedule planned maintenance regularly.

“Having a furnace inspected annually is a wise choice. An improperly operating furnace can lead to dangerous and unhealthy conditions in any home or business,” said Joe.

Oftentimes the cost of a service call can be cumber some on a homeowner who is on a tight budget, thus planned maintenance may be overlooked. On average, a service call cost can cost between $80 and $100 an hour for planned maintenance, but even those costs can double if an emergency service call is needed.

Failure to properly maintain a home furnace unit can result in costly expenses, such as having to replace the furnace in its entirety. A recent report from HomeAdvisors.com stated that the national average cost of a furnace replacement is $3,883, with most homeowners spending between $2,200 and $5,600.

As said previously by Joe, improper maintenance of a furnace can lead to other dangerous or unhealthy conditions in a home or business, such as carbon monoxide leaks or even house fires. Joe stated that he will begin to have his students schedule regular maintenance appointments annually as part of the class.

HVAC Students receive live work experience through community service project

This past January, students in Rosedale Technical College’s HVAC technology program conducted planned maintenance and safety checks on furnace units for homeowners and community organizations. The planned maintenance appointments were part of an assignment given by HVAC instructor Joe Marchese.

“With the understanding of the dangers from a furnace that is operating improperly, the students at Rosedale Tech decided to look for opportunities to assist individuals in need with furnace inspections,” said Joe. “Participating in community projects like this allows for our students to utilize their hands-on training in a live work environment.

As part of the class assignment, students were asked to each find a homeowner or organization whose furnace was in need of an inspection. Students then scheduled to spend the day inspecting the units and reporting any of their findings. All service appointments were complimentary to the homeowners and organizations.

One organization in particular that benefited from the community service project was The Father’s House church in Rochester, PA. Other service appointments include households throughout Allegheny, Beaver and Fayette counties.
Cody Rakowski is a pleasant hard working individual currently studying in Rosedale Tech’s diesel technology program. What many may not know about him is that he has three siblings who all are the same age and share the same birthday. How is this possible? Simple – Cody is a quadruplet.

Growing up with his brother and sisters was fun. There was never a dull moment,” said Cody. “We were all friends growing up. We were sometimes famous getting news stories written about us in the Beaver County Times.”

After graduating from Bethel Christian School in Aliquippa, PA, the quadruplets went their own separate ways. Ironically, the four of them all ended up choosing somewhat similar paths and pursued specialized career training.

Caitlin and Cassie both were interested in entering a field where they could help people. Caitlin is currently studying nursing at Pennacola Christian College in Florida while Cassie is also studying nursing at Cedarville University in Ohio.

Caleb joined the Navy and is currently stationed in Virginia. He will soon be deployed overseas.

Cody was interested in pursuing a career where he could work with his hands. Attending a four-year college wasn’t the right fit for him and he was unable to enter the military like his brother due to health-related obstacles. He then became fascinated by the diesel field.

Growing up, Cody worked on tractors and diesel trucks. “It’s such a unique field. Diesel trucks are like the ‘workhorse’ and I decided I wanted to make a career out of working with this type of equipment,” he said.

Cody heard about Rosedale Tech from his cousin, Ryan Nicely, who graduated from the school. After touring the facilities, Cody enrolled and started the program in February 2015.

Since starting at Rosedale Tech, Cody has enjoyed his classes, particularly hydraulics and engine diagnostics. Cody is scheduled to graduate this May and upon completion of the program, he hopes to work for a construction equipment company.

While Cody and his siblings are working to pursue their dreams, Cody mentioned that they are all very close and connected. Cody said that he had to purchase a PlayStation system to communicate with his brother when he has free time on the base.

With four kids busy in school, Cody said his job pays are proud of the career path he and his siblings chose. “As long as we are going in the direction that the Lord leads us they are happy,” he said.

Aaron and Patrick Gandziarski are identical twins that not only share a lot of the same physical features, but have also discovered that they share a lot of the same interests and goals, like serving their country in the Marine Corp. and attending Rosedale Technical College.

Aaron, the older of the brothers by two minutes, had visited Rosedale Tech during a high school visit. At the time, he wasn’t sure what he wanted to do after graduating, but he started to become interested in pursuing a career in the trades. Upon graduating from high school, Aaron was still unsure of his intended career path and was recruited to enlist in the U.S. Marine Corp in June 2009. In 2010, he was deployed to Afghanistan for seven months.

During his time with the Marines, Aaron went to school for mechanical engineering. The skills he learned in the Marines sparked the idea of pursuing a career in diesel. Soon enough, Aaron returned to Rosedale Technical College, where he had just opened its new diesel building.

“When I originally toured Rosedale’s facilities, the diesel program was tucked behind the auto labs. Seeing its new facilities really made me want to enroll in the program,” said Aaid.

Aaron enrolled at Rosedale Tech in September 2013. Upon completing the diesel program in January 2015, he immediately enrolled in the automotive program, which he just completed this past January.

“I wanted to make myself more marketable by having training in both diesel and automotive,” he said.

Being identical twins, the Gandziarski brothers have had great experiences together and oftentimes will confuse those individuals around them with their similar physical features.

“We like to tell people we are an old married couple who has been together for 25 years,” said Aaron.

“In the Marines, they would confuse the two of us,” said Patrick.

“Even when I started at Rosedale, Instructor JR Mangan thought I was Aaron and said, ‘Of course you’re not on the list; you already graduated!’”

Aaron and Patrick have three younger siblings: two sisters (ages 23 and 9), and a brother (age 15). Patrick is married to his wife, Carly, and Aaron is engaged to be married to his fiancé, Sara, in July 2016.

RTC Alumni Takes Degree to Next Level

A different course of study.

A student who transferred.

An individual. In diesel technology.

Krista Myers.

Matthew Linko.

Dan Myers.

After hearing about the fun his brother was having and as well as the skills he was learning at Rosedale Tech, Patrick decided to follow his brother and enrolled in the diesel technology program. Upon completion of the diesel program, he would like to continue into the automotive program.

Since starting in August 2015, Patrick is enjoying his classwork and learning from the experienced instructors.
Interviewing Techniques that May Lead to Your New Career

By Marc Mulnín, General Education II Instructor

Martin Mark, General Education I Instructor, and Liz Lashack, Student Services Coordinator

In preparation for winning over a potential employer during an interview, here are a few suggestions to consider:

Research the Company AND Research Yourself. It seems like all the answers of the universe are online these days, as are information and articles about companies, businesses, and people of the industry. Research the company that you are planning on interviewing with and writing down information you would need in order to have answered that pertains to the company’s product, routines of the position, work schedules, and who you would work with, i.e., “Would I be out of a team, alone, or by myself?” and “How long is the training period?”

To note if the company has a mission, vision, and values statements. Do you agree with them? If so, that’s a plus for you to work with a company in which you share the same goals and vision. Most importantly, look yourself! We know that our partnered companies look up their potential employees online, especially on social media websites. We have been told by our employers that interviews will not be scheduled due to what is found on personal sites whether it be Instagram, YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, etc. In saying so, be aware of what you post about yourself with blogs, posts, images, and videos.

What to Wear? Prior to your next interview, consider what you need to wear. Depending upon the type of job you are interviewing for, consider wearing clothing that is a step up from what you would need to wear on a daily basis. If you need to buy appropriate clothing but you are short on cash, think about using a consignment store or a thrift shop. For example, if you are interviewing for a job on the move, maybe a pair of dress pants, khakis, or a professional style skirt, will work for a good first impression. Sneakers are a no-no in the trades industry. It would be more acceptable to wear steel-toed boots or boots. Since you are so safety conscious, having a pair of safety glasses and a hard hat on hand may not be such a bad idea either. Having your safety wear with you for the interview may permit you to tour the facility and work areas, allowing you to make a better decision for yourself, should you be offered the position.

What’s that Odor? Grooming is critical too. Yes, take a shower and wash your hair but not too much! It’s best to NOT wear any perfumes or colognes. During an interview, an employer is looking at you thinking, “Will this person represent me and my company to a customer?”

Where to Drive? When scheduling the interview, obtain the address of the location where the interview is going to take place. If the location is unfamiliar to you, go for a map, time permitting, before the scheduled meeting. Make sure you have a contact name and telephone number as well as the address.

What to Bring? You should bring:

- Three to four copies of your resume
- Three to four copies of your cover letter
- List of at least three professional references (your references should know they may be called by a potential employer asking about you)
- If there are Licenses and/or Certifications pertaining to your degree, make a photo copy of anything you may have received so far along with your license.

- Warning signal, and a notepad. The cell phone needs to stay in your vehicle. If taking other transportation, like a bus or taxi, con- seal the cell phone and shut off the volume and vibrate. After the interview is over, mail the thank you letter. If you forgot it, mail it within the week of the interview date.

- Remember to ask for a business card at the end of the interview so you can properly address a “thank you” letter.

What to Say or Ask? First of all, nothing should be in your mouth, except a mint, just before speaking to whoever is interviewing you. After reviewing the job description because you would have done that a couple of times, think of a couple of skills-related questions that pertains to the position. Please know that it is okay to write those questions down instead of pretending that you will bring with you so that you do not forget them. Consider asking the following questions when asked, “What questions do you have about the job or the company?” Always have a follow-up question or two...

A ‘Passion’ for the Nontraditional

Automotive student Christa Cochran has always been interested in doing things nontraditional for women. Growing up, she always loved football. She would play in recreational leagues, which eventually turned into mostly flag football. “No one wanted to tackle me because I was a girl,” she said.

When she heard about opportunities to play for the Pittsburgh Passion, a women’s professional full-contact football team, she was eager to get involved. “I was happy to see there was a women’s full-contact league that didn’t involve wearing lingere,” she said.

Now in her 2nd year with the Passion, Christa plays as a linebacker. This year, however, she has taken a new, temporary role with the team and is supporting the team from the sidelines.

Last season, Christa tore her rotator cuff and doesn’t want to risk hurting herself again while she’s in school. “My schooling is very important to me. I wouldn’t be able to go back to school and get my degree if I had an injury,” she said.

Christa and the rest of the Passion squad kicked off their season April 2 on the road against Brazil’s Cleveland Fusion.

For a complete schedule and more information about the Pittsburgh Passion go to www.pittsburghpassion.com.

Thank you to members of the PA Subcommittee for touring Rosedale Tech on March 17, 2016.

February Blood Drive Results

Thank you to all who participated in the February 11th Blood Drive. Together with the Central Blood Bank, we collected 61 units of blood.

Blood Donors: Make sure to sign up for the Central Bank Blood Rewards program. The Blood Rewards program recognizes committed blood donors. Every time you donate, you earn points towards exclusive rewards through the online store. Those donations made, the more points earned.

You also receive perks for being a donor, including a mini-physical and the ability to track wellness information. It’s a free and easy way to live well.

How it works:
- Earn points with every donation
  - Donation type
    - Points Earned
      - Whole Blood 100
      - Platelet Pheresis 250
      - Double Red Cell 250
      - Plasma Pheresis 150
      - Cord Blood 100

To enroll, visit
http://www.centralbloodbank.org/bl-rewards/sign-up

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

December 2015 Awards

Instructor’s Choice – Cumulative perfect attendance after one full semester

Automotive: Caleb Perry, Robert Malmgren, David Smith, Brian Straka, Nicholas Crawford, Sishir Pradhan, Taylor Wicks

Diesel: Randy Shawgery, Joseph Connor, Travis Arner, Bryan Hanks, William Harties, Joshua Keppler, Dalton Weleiski, Daniel Book, Corey Brunner

Electrical: Logan Rovito, Derek Sullivan

Presidential – Cumulative GPA of 3.4 or Higher after at least one semester

Automotive: Robert Lauteria, Caleb Perry, Ryan Kozup, Randy Russell, Kendell Smithson, Brannan Clegg, Eric Cross, Shane Evans, John Gill, Christopher Patton, Travis Chechuck, John Gentile, Austin Kyles, Zachary Phillips, Sishir Pradhan, Jason Turner

Diesel: Chazz Lewis, David Meriwether, Sulaman Savage, Nathaniel Spindler, Logan Thomas, Joseph Connor, Jason Conti, Neil Kirschner, Jacob Altman, Travis Arner, Dante Baccio, Mario Brito, Corto, James Clark, Jacob Dayton, John Diamond, Samuel Faigley, Michael Forrester, Patrick Gandzianski, Zachary Gebhart, Justin Hazen, Rebecca Huffman, Tyler Imperatore, Joshua Keppler, Taylor Kordich, John Lazeau, Austin Phillips, Zachary Rovito, Nicholas Scibetta, William Waldron, Daniel White, Kristopher Zoretich, Michael Baumgarner, Robert Bivens, Mathew Gallagher, Justin Harsharger, Jacob Knighton, Corey Lasher

Electrical: Matthew Pugh, Joshua Brugere, Carlos Harrison, Terrance Shepherd, Donald Swink, Bareece Carter, Morgan Eisenberg, Joseph Arosch, Randy Barnhart, Benjamin Bucci, John Demore, Casey Dunkle, Marcel McBride, Robert Murray

HVAC: Scott Barton, Scott Slagle, Timothy Williams, David Peck, Michael Williams, Victor Benton, Brian Johnston

Industrial Technician: Jeffrey Conner, Cody Badger, Destiny Lucas

Welding: Timothy Gazdich

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

Automotive: Jessica Foringer, Nicholas Linza, Robert Marquardt, David Smith, Brian Straka


Electrical: Glen Beu, Michael Dougherty, Thomas Myers, Chase Stewart, Jeremy Elder, Wendy Gongavare, Matthew Mcmeekin, Seth Myers, Zachary Ridoney, Logan Rowan, Shane Sennett, Derek Sullivan

Industrial Technician: Tyler Rodgers

Welding: James Karnavas

Extra Effort Award: Brad Roberts (Diesel), Scott Barton (HVAC), Chris Campbell (HVAC), Tom Myers Jr. (Electrical), Travis Arner (Diesel), Bryan Hanks (Diesel)

Most Improved Award: Geoff Danskangelo (Automotive)

Helping Hand Award: Walter Clart (Diesel), Glen Beu (Electrical). James Boden (Diesel)
Congratulations Rosedale Technical College Grads!
February 2016

Rosedale Technical College celebrated the graduation of 74 students on Friday, February 5 at the Embassy Suites Pittsburgh International Airport in Moon Township, PA.

Student Services Coordinator Liz Lanschak started the evening with a beautiful rendition of The National Anthem.

Electrical Instructor Mike Breskovich addressed the graduates on behalf of the faculty and graduates Adam Melenyzer (Automotive), Sean Sullivan (Diesel), Davis Baratta and William Boyd (Electrical) spoke to their fellow classmates.

Rosedale Tech would like to extend a big thank you to guest speaker, Pennsylvania 12th District Congressman Keith Rothfus, for attending the ceremony.

Automotive
Associate in Specialized Technology Degree
Joshua R Everetts
Evan T Farine
Aaron M Gandziasrski
Suman Gurung
Joseph P Hickey Jr.
Patrick S LanCaster Sr.
Adam M Melenyzer
James R Reese Jr.
Christopher A Shelton

Diploma
Candice A Robinson

HVAC
Associate in Specialized Technology Degree
Robert A Arnett
Daniel J Bright

Industrial Technician
Associate in Specialized Technology Degree
Hunter R Curl

Electrical
Associate in Specialized Technology Degree
Davis J Baratta
William B Boyd
Aaron J Butler
Paul D Caputo
Colin J Chupinka
Richard W Emery
Shawn M Fossett
Nicholas E Geahry
Joseph T Gent
Kevin A Gongaware
Eric R Gregor
Dylan A Grieco
George A Haldeman
Matthew S Jankovic
Vicki J Jones
Nicholas A Konopka
James W Madden IV
Harrison D Murphy
Mathew O Nagy
James A Oslick Jr.
Eric R Price
Austin J Ritenour
Frank T Scarpaci III
Edward C Zahn
Ryan Z Ziegler

Diesel
Associate in Specialized Technology Degree
Clint W Chapple
James W Ciocherty
Nickolas A Dinatale
William J Hissem
Jacob P Joyce
Zachary R Jukes
Jordan E Kneer
David J Marks
Brian L McCain
Russell W Meyer
Richard J Miller
Gino F Morena
Timothy A Ryan
Kyle R Salka
Sean T Sullivan
Michael R Van Auker
Nicholas E Woldert
Dylan J Wolesagle

Diploma
Paul R Campbell

Welding
Diploma
Sean M Jaracz
Ian R Love
James W McCawoy

Truck Driving
Diploma
Francis J Comly
Michael L Dantry
Kevin R Garofalo
Nicholas D Hildebrand
Christopher J Hitchens
Sherell C Johnson
Matthew L Mochan
Nico A Morsillo
Omar R Palmer
Eric A Perozich
Zachary D Podish
Kathrine M Roselli
Jacob A Schneider
Meet Al Danjou

Rosedale Tech is pleased to welcome Al Danjou as the new diesel instructor. Al brings 37 years of experience to his new position; including some time spent working with fellow instructor Brian Mullin at Laidlaw.

Al has worked on everything from troubleshooting to managing a shop. For seven years, he ran his own repair shop. Al has experience working on all types of equipment from diesel trucks, to cars and motorcycles. He has trained many technicians in the field and is looking forward to training both in the classroom and the labs here at Rosedale Tech.

In addition, Sean Barrett has been named the Education Outreach Manager. In his new role, Sean will continue to develop relationships with regional high schools and outside agencies that will enhance the growth of Rosedale Tech’s future enrollments.

Congratulations, Suzie and Sean!

There have been some exciting changes to the admissions department.

Suzie McGugin has been named the Director of Marketing at Rosedale Tech. In her new role, she will continue to drive Rosedale Tech’s marketing efforts as well as take on added responsibilities of managing the Education Outreach team and their recruiting practices. Suzie started at Rosedale Tech in 2010 as a General Education Instructor before moving into marketing in 2011. Prior to her promotion, Suzie served as Marketing Manager.

In addition, Brian earned a Bachelor’s degree in vocational education from Oswego State University of New York and a Master’s degree in adult education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. After coming across the job opening through an online search, Brian was recommended to the position by Instructor Marc Mullin. He is extremely excited to work with Rosedale Tech to build a solid, sustainable collision repair technology program for the students.

“It’s really exciting to be able to come in and develop a fresh and new program with Rosedale Tech,” said Brian. Automobile fabrication is not just a job for Brian, but also his passion. Outside of teaching, he enjoys building hot rods. Currently, he is working on a 1932 Ford Roadster. Brian resides in Blairsville, PA with his wife Amy, and two young children, Eversly and Tucker.

New Opportunities for Newfound Friends

There is the famous saying that goes, “Things fall apart so better things can fall together.” This holds true for truck driving graduates Simon Ayagye and Osyrus Fisher. These two didn’t know each other a year ago, but after meeting at a former job they have developed a great friendship and found new opportunities in the trucking industry.

Prior to attending Rosedale Tech, Simon and Osyrus were both working temp jobs at a local food distribution company. Simon had been there for about a month prior to Osyrus joining and the two of them developed a strong bond. After a month had gone by, both gentlemen received news that they were being laid off. During their remaining time at the company, Simon and Osyrus began discussing what they were going to do next. After doing some research they learned about opportunities currently available in the trucking industry, which led them to Rosedale Tech.

Both Simon and Osyrus began Rosedale Tech’s truck driving program in December 2015. From the time they began the program to the time they finished, both agreed that they had a lot of fun and received a quality education.

Throughout the 10 weeks, both not only helped each other through training, but they also helped each other when it came to searching for jobs and preparing for interviews. Now that they have completed the 10-week program, the two gentlemen each have secured work in their field.

Osyrus is working for Schneider in their regional tanker division. At the time of this interview, Simon had two job offers. Both Simon and Osyrus would highly recommend Rosedale Tech’s 10-week truck driving program to anyone.

“I would recommend Rosedale Tech to anyone,” said Simon. “At first, I was afraid to start because of my accent, but it is such a diverse atmosphere. It doesn’t matter who you are or where you are from. I looked at other schools in the area, but there was a big difference. Rosedale Tech is the best school out there!”

Originally from Ghana, Simon has been in the United States for 10 years through the U.S. visa lottery. Throughout his time in the United States, Simon mentioned that he had worked with trucks before at a former place of employment, but not to the extent he did through the truck driving program.

“The instructors made it fun and relaxing for us,” said Osyrus. “We always made the day worth it and learned something new every day. Rosedale Tech has a great facility and provides you with the tools you need. It’s a great group of people to work with, from student services to instructors to front office staff.”

Now that both Simon and Osyrus have found new career paths, they still remain close friends thanks to some misfortunes along the way.

Welcome (back), Randy!

Randy Shawger Hired as New Diesel Instructor

Rosedale Tech is pleased to welcome Randy Shawger as the newest diesel instructor. Randy is not an unfamiliar face to the school; in fact, he just completed Rosedale Tech’s diesel technology program on March 24, 2016.

While he is a recent college graduate, Randy has over 40 years of work experience in the diesel field. Since 1973, Randy has worked at Horsehead Corporation as a garage mechanic, overseeing maintenance and repairs for over 180 pieces of equipment, which were mostly diesel.

From 1974-78, Randy participated in an apprenticeship program at Horsehead where he became a PA Certified Journeyman Mechanic. For 15 years, Randy served as the team leader of his department and the last five years he was at Horsehead he served as the acting supervisor.

When the Horsehead mill shut down its Beaver County facilities, Randy had the option to find a new job or he was eligible to go back to school for additional training. Randy opted to come back to school to learn about the newer technologies and diagnostic equipment.

“I knew a lot coming in, but I learned a lot of new things as well. It has been a great experience,” he said. “I never thought I’d get into teaching, at least not until I got here. Halfway through the program I started to think about it.”

When the opportunity opened up for the instructor position, Randy’s fellow classmates encouraged him to apply for as he had been a great mentor to them and helped answer any questions they had when he could.

While it may be strange at first going from being in class with his fellow students to teaching the class as an instructor, Randy is excited and confident about this new opportunity.

“We all have great respect for each other so it shouldn’t be a problem,” he said. “Going through the diesel program as a student has been a great benefit to me becoming an instructor. I’ve had the opportunity to see how the entire program operates and I’ve been in the classroom environment, so I know what it’s like for these students.”

Randy resides in Hanover Township (Georgetown) with his wife, Patti. They have two girls, a child, and a daughter and son. In his spare time, he likes to hunt and fish, watch the Pittsburgh Steelers and Penguins.

Randy Shawger
Educating Through Experience

The instructors at Rosedale Tech are great at what they do because they have worked in their specific trade fields and apply their experiences to their classes. A recent example of this occurred in February when HVAC instructor Tom Englert assigned his class an unusual task that he himself encountered.

While working as an HVAC technician, he and his team were assigned the task of replacing commercial units on an 11-story office building in Oakland. Since the building was located on the ever-busy Forbes Ave., restrictions prohibited them from completing the job properly, which would have been to close down the units on an 11-story office building in Oakland. Since the building was located on the ever-busy Forbes Ave., the instructors at Rosedale Tech are great at what they do because they have worked in their specific trade fields and apply their experiences to their classes.

In case something like this were to come up in today's workforce, Tom assigned his class the task of dismantling two commercial units on-site and reassembling them on top of the building. Refusing to give up on the job, Tom and his team then decided to dismantle the units and take them up the building's elevator piece-by-piece and reassemble them on top of the building.

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Now if the participating HVAC students ever come across an issue like this in the future they will be prepared.

Great job done by all!

Biggest Buck Contest

The results are in for this year's Biggest Buck Contest. Congratulations to electrical student Logan Rowan for claiming first place in contest with an 8 point buck with a 14.5" spread. Electrical student Logan Rowan was just shy of a tie and claimed 2nd place with an 8 point buck with a 14" spread.

Student Name | Program | Employer
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Taylor Everett | Diesel | McLaughlin Products
Darrell Johnson, Sr. | Auto | Edcote & Cahn
Juan Nava, Jr. | Auto | Eby's Auto Repair
George Novickowski, Jr. | Auto | Eby's Auto Repair
James O'Leary, Jr. | Auto | Eby's Auto Repair
Shawn Taylor | Electrical | Price Electric
Earl Williams | Electrical | Price Electric
Nicholas Farich | Electrical | Price Electric
Mason Guckert | Electrical | Price Electric
Brian McElrindor | Electrical | Price Electric
Matthew Leskovec | Electrical | Price Electric
Tyler Moore | Electrical | Price Electric
Nicholas Farina | Electrical | Price Electric
Michael Smith | Electrical | Price Electric
Dylan Clegg | Electrical | Price Electric
Carl Farquhar | Electrical | Price Electric
Matthew Goettmann | Electrical | Price Electric
Tyler Guerrieri | Electrical | Price Electric
Kyla Holmes | Electrical | Price Electric
Robert Leist | Electrical | Price Electric
Daniel Matthews | Electrical | Price Electric
Corey Melia | Electrical | Price Electric
Bradley Nolf | Electrical | Price Electric
John Reha | Electrical | Price Electric
Taylor Sickett | Electrical | Price Electric
Jake Ruff | Electrical | Price Electric
Cameron Tyra | Electrical | Price Electric
Brandon Vargo | Electrical | Price Electric
Rebecca Venuto | Electrical | Price Electric
Kellan Walls, Jr. | Electrical | Price Electric
Patrick Watson | HVAC | Price Electric
Ernest Attaway | HVAC | Price Electric
Harold Glassure | HVAC | Price Electric
Marquay Lane | HVAC | Price Electric
Kane Lee | HVAC | Price Electric
Bradley Nelson | HVAC | Price Electric
Andy Tenny | HVAC | Price Electric
Nick Hoovler | HVAC | Price Electric
Richard Laface | HVAC | Price Electric
Shorell Johnson | HVAC | Price Electric
Matthew Mochan | HVAC | Price Electric
Nico Morsillo | HVAC | Price Electric
Omar Palmer | HVAC | Price Electric
Candice Robinson | HVAC | Price Electric
Cullen Dunn | HVAC | Price Electric
Gino Morena | HVAC | Price Electric
Joshua Everett | HVAC | Price Electric
Aaron Ganzdaski | HVAC | Price Electric
Joseph Hickey, Jr. | HVAC | Price Electric
Patrick Lancaster, Sr. | HVAC | Price Electric
Christopher Shelton | HVAC | Price Electric
James Cloherty | HVAC | Price Electric
Jacob Joyce | HVAC | Price Electric
Zachary Jukes | HVAC | Price Electric
Jordan Knerr | HVAC | Price Electric
Brian McCann | HVAC | Price Electric
Kyle Salka | HVAC | Price Electric
Sean Sullivan | HVAC | Price Electric
Michael Van Auken | HVAC | Price Electric
Nicholas Wolkert | HVAC | Price Electric
Dylan Wolesagle | HVAC | Price Electric
Paul Casper | HVAC | Price Electric
Chopin Chupink | HVAC | Price Electric
George Haldeman | HVAC | Price Electric
Vicki Jones | HVAC | Price Electric
Nick Hoovler | HVAC | Price Electric
Edward Zahn | HVAC | Price Electric
Robert Arnett | HVAC | Price Electric

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MIH Peripheral Management | Diesel | Peyton Harr | Diesel | Monro Muffler
#1 Cochran Infiniti South Hills | Auto | Justin Wilson | Auto | Sears Holding Corporation
TBC Corporation | Auto | Walter Sarafin | Auto | Sears Holding Corporation
TBX | Auto | Ray Baburich | Auto | Sears Holding Corporation
North Hills Toyota | Auto | Robert Arnett HVAC Barilla Equipment Sales | Auto | Sears Holding Corporation
Monro Muffler | Auto | Edward Zahn Electrical Clear Call Solutions | Auto | Sears Holding Corporation
Sears Holding Corporation | Auto | Vicki Jones Electrical Aerotek/Universal Electric | Auto | Sears Holding Corporation
#1 Cochran of Monroeville | Auto | George Haldeman Electrical Aerotek/Universal Electric | Auto | Sears Holding Corporation
Classic Chevrolet | Auto | Colin Chupinka Electrical Guardian Protection Services | Auto | Sears Holding Corporation
Rally Mazda | Auto | Paul Caputo Electrical Combustion Service & Equipment | Auto | Sears Holding Corporation
Tom Henry Chevrolet | Auto | Dylan Woleslagle Diesel Hill International | Auto | Sears Holding Corporation
Jim's Automotive & Towing | Auto | Nicholas Wolbert Diesel Oak's Auto / Truck Service | Auto | Sears Holding Corporation
U.S. Xpress, Inc. | Auto | Michael Van Auker Diesel United Rentals – Pump Solutions | Auto | Sears Holding Corporation
Thomas Garage | Auto | Kyle Salka Diesel Advanced Auto Parts | Auto | Sears Holding Corporation
Monro Muffler | Auto | Brian McCain Diesel Fraley & Schilling, Inc. | Auto | Sears Holding Corporation
Waste Management | Auto | Jordan Knerr Diesel Bowser Automotive Group | Auto | Sears Holding Corporation
PGT Trucking, Inc. | Auto | Zachary Jukes Diesel Gypsum Express Ltd. | Auto | Sears Holding Corporation
AIM NationalLease | Auto | Jacob Joyce Diesel Shultz Ford | Auto | Sears Holding Corporation
Waste Management | Auto | James Cloherty Diesel Flynn's Tire & Auto Service | Auto | Sears Holding Corporation
Cleveland Brothers | Auto | Christopher Shelton Auto Flynn's Tire & Auto Service | Auto | Sears Holding Corporation
Crafton Services | Auto | Patrick Lancaster, Sr. Auto Hankey Farms Auto Service | Auto | Sears Holding Corporation
Tesone Transport, Inc. | Auto | Joseph Hickey, Jr. Auto Russ Auto Care | Auto | Sears Holding Corporation
Advanced Disposal | Auto | Aaron Gandziarski Auto Bowser Automotive Group | Auto | Sears Holding Corporation
Cleveland Brothers | Auto | Josh Everetts Auto National Tire and Battery | Auto | Sears Holding Corporation
UPMC | Auto | Candice Robinson Auto Mick's North Hills Chrysler – Jeep | Auto | Sears Holding Corporation
Mon Valley Welding Business | Welding | Omar Palmer Truck Driving Stone & Company | Auto | Sears Holding Corporation
Allegheny Country | Welding | Gino Morena Diesel Pitt Ohio | Auto | Sears Holding Corporation
Pepsi Beverages Company | Welding | Richard Laface Welding Mon Valley Welding Business | Auto | Sears Holding Corporation
Iron City Express | Welding | Nick Hoovler Welding ClimaTech Inc | Auto | Sears Holding Corporation
Stone & Company | Welding | Andrew Teny HVAC Harold Ziegler Heating & Cooling | Auto | Sears Holding Corporation
Mick's North Hills Chrysler – Jeep | Welding | Christopher Shelton Auto Flynn's Tire & Auto Service | Auto | Sears Holding Corporation
Sturman and Larkin | Welding | Matthew Leskovec Auto Tom Henry Chevrolet | Auto | Sears Holding Corporation
Pitt Ohio | Welding | Mario Henderson Auto Rohrich Mazda | Auto | Sears Holding Corporation
National Tire and Battery | Welding | Matthew Mochan Truck Driving Pepsi Beverages Company | Auto | Sears Holding Corporation
Bowser Automotive Group | Welding | Darrell Johnson, Sr. Auto #1 Cochran Infiniti South Hills | Auto | Sears Holding Corporation
Russ Auto Care | Welding | Taylor Johnston Diesel MMC Land Management | Auto | Sears Holding Corporation
Hankey Farms Auto Service | Welding | Student Name Program Employer
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Pictured (Left to Right): HVAC graduates working at J.A. Sauer's include Peyton Harr, Justin Wilson, Walter Sarafin and Ray Baburich. Missing from the picture is Chad McDade.