Welcome Back Alumni!

On Tuesday, April 26, Rosedale Tech welcomed back former students for the 2nd Alumni Social event. Approximately 50 alumni attended the event. This year’s Alumni Social was themed Monte Carlo Night. Attendees enjoyed playing a variety of table games that were run by current faculty and staff. Thank you to all who attended!

Alumni – Stay up-to-date on all alumni-specific events and “Like” Rosedale Tech’s Alumni Facebook page (Rosedale Tech Alumni).

IDEAL Nationals Electrical Competitions at Rosedale Tech

As part of their centennial celebration, IDEAL Industries, a global, diversified family business designing and manufacturing superior products and tools for professional tradesmen in the electrical, wire processing, data communications, aerospace, automotive and construction industries, has announced its first-ever IDEAL National Championship event. The three-round competition is open to professionals, students and apprentices in the electrical field across the country as a way to honor and showcase their abilities.

IDEAL Electrical, the world leader in electrical tools and wire termination, will begin the competition with a series of preliminary events where winners are awarded with tool kits and an opportunity to compete in the semi-finals and finals at Walt Disney World® in Orlando. The competitions kicked off in May and will run until October. Professional electrical tradesmen and students/apprentices can participate either as an individual or a team of three in one of the many first-round events being held across the country by electrical distributors, trade schools and other organizations.

Contestants will need to demonstrate both their problem-solving and physical skills across four categories: wire cutting, stripping, termination and overall accuracy of the wire connection. The highest scores at each location will head straight to the finals and compete on November 12 for the IDEAL National Championship title. Those individuals advancing to the semi-finals and teams advancing directly to the finals will also receive a 13-piece tool kit (valued at $325) and travel accommodations provided by IDEAL.

Winners of the final competition have the opportunity to win cash prizes that can be up to $75,000 for the winning professional electrical tradesman, $60,000 for the winning professional electrical tradesmen team (split amongst the team), $30,000 (plus $5,000 for school) for the winning student/apprentice, and $30,000 (plus $5,000 for school) for the winning student/apprentice team (split amongst the team). Cash prizes will also be awarded to second and third place winners in each category.

Rosedale Technical College will be hosting a series of competitions at its facilities. The competitions are open to outside professionals and students interested in competing.

On Friday, May 13, Rosedale Tech hosted its first competition.

Fastest times from each category included:

**Student/Apprentice: Industrial Technician student**

Cody Badger

**Professional Electrical Tradesman: Instructor Mike Breskovich**

Student/Apprentice Team: Electrical Students Glen Beu, Chase Stewart and Tom Myers

The next scheduled competition at Rosedale Tech is Saturday, August 27 from 10:00 – 2:00 p.m. To register for an upcoming competition, visit www.idealnationals.com.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2016 TOOL AWARD RECIPIENTS!

Rosedale Tech would like to recognize the following incoming students for receiving tool awards from Snap-On, Ideal Tools and Johnstone Supply. Award recipients were judged by representatives from Rosedale Tech and the three sponsor companies based on their record of hard work and documented commitment to the trades.

**AWARD RECIPIENTS:**

**Snap-On Automotive Tool Awards**

1st – Dustin Fiedor – City Charter School

2nd – Albert Wincehel – Mt. Lebanon High School, Parkway West CTC

**Snap-On Diesel Tool Awards**

1st – Euan Longo – Edison High School (OH)

2nd – Autumn Gallantine – Blackhawk High School, Beaver CTC

**Meal Electrical Tool Award**

1st – Devon Wojtowicz – Burgettstown High School, Western Area CTC

**Johnstone Supply HVAC Tool Award**

1st – Nicholas Hawkins – Lenape Tech

Applicants were asked to write an essay on why they had chosen their area of study and their future career goals. Attendance, grade point average, and a letter of recommendation were also requirements that were considered.
Rosedale Technical College is proud to support educational opportunities for service members and their families. For the past four years, Rosedale Technical College has been named a Military Friendly School by GI Jobs Magazine. What is it that makes a school “military friendly”? Our financial aid department includes two officers who are certifying officials for Veterans Benefits, which means that they are trained by the VA to assist military personnel with the financial aid process. In addition, a “shopping sheet” is provided to all veterans during a financial planning session that concisely outlines all aid resources so a veteran can select a financial aid plan that is most suitable to them. They also receive a student loan counseling session. Our office of financial aid, Rosedale Technical College has a military club, known as Tech Vets. On a monthly basis, Tech Vets meets either for breakfast or lunch and provides the school’s military students with an opportunity to reach out and communicate with other military students. On occasion, guest speakers are brought in to speak to the students.

Rosedale Tech’s military student population has grown significantly in the past few years. Just five years ago, the school’s military population was 3% and is now regularly between 17-20%.

Schneider National Inc. Ride of Pride Visits Rosedale Tech

On June 9, Rosedale Tech was the final stop for Schneider National Inc.’s Ride of Pride tractor, Patriot. The Ride of Pride is a truck series designed to be rolling tributes to members of the United States military – past and present. Schneider is one of nine military-themed tractors in Schneider’s fleet, which have been provided by Freightliner. Schneider selects employees who are military veterans to drive the truck for a year to trade schools around the country.

Jay Hull, a military veteran and the selected 2015 Ride of Pride driver, as well as John McClintock, recruiter for Schneider, brought the Schneider’s CDL students during the final stop and shared with them job opportunities within the company. After the presentation, students went outside to see the tractor. Thank you to Schneider for visiting and for your continuous support of our military troops!

RTC Provides Support and Resources for Military

The picture shows some of our military students and faculty from November 2015 meeting.

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### Live Work in Class Provides Real-World Experience for Automotive Students

Last semester, some of our automotive students had the opportunity to get into the lab and begin their hands-on training on a fun project, led by Instructor Brian Winter.

The class worked on an instructor-owned build of a 2002 Chevy Tahoe. The Tahoe was brought in with a bad transmission, fuel lines, brake system components, bald tires, and suspension components.

Half of the class was tasked with the complete overhaul of the brake system to include replacement of all four rotors, brake pads front and rear, rear backing plates, parking brake shoes and hardware, and rear axle seals. The second half of the class had the more difficult task of completing a 6" suspension system to include the following: rear coil springs, rear sway bar links, and bump stop brackets. The front end was stripped to the frame to complete the task.

Once the class had the vehicle stripped, students in instructor Jim Hall’s class were asked to rework, rebuild and reinstall the transmission. The overhaul of the transmission included a complete tear down and replacement of hard component failure items along with clutches and all gaskets and seals. This was completed with accuracy and also done in a very timely manner.

The overall project was completed in eight weeks. Throughout that time, the students involved received experience on what a very structured timeline is on a live job.

The Tahoe rebuild was made possible by the generosity of the following companies: Rough Country Suspension Systems, Mickey Thompson Tires, and Young Towing.

Brian would like to thank everyone who contributed to this project.

Great work everyone!

The Art of Welding

As another semester ended, some of our welding students had the opportunity to use their creativity and create spectacular art pieces from scrap metal in the shop.

Pictured: (left to right) Matt Russell, Taylor Fronzaglio and Ari McCracken

The Circuit
Students in Rosedale Technical College’s electrical program recently partnered with high school students from Forbes Road Career and Technical Center in Monroeville to participate in what is known as the “Invisible Girl Project.” The project consists of building a small, private room that is handicap accessible onto a family home for 18-year-old Jenevieve Woods, who is living with mitochondrial disease. Mitochondrial disease is a progressive degenerative disease that causes a loss of energy production and can lead to many health complications and, in some cases, early death. The mitochondria, found in every cell, make energy for the body. People living with this disease may have a muscle disorder, blindness or deafness. The disease affects about one in 5,000 people. Jenevieve inherited the disease from her mother. Her two brothers, Jesse and Joshua, also have the disease, but to a lesser extent. Because she can no longer climb the stairs in her house, Jenevieve has had to sleep in the first floor living room. This first floor addition will allow her to live as independently as she can while being cared for by her mother.

Forbes Road CTC Principal Dave Barr found out about Jenevieve after reading a poem she wrote, titled “Invisible Girl”, which shares how she feels invisible to her peers because of her disease. In May, Rosedale Tech electrical students in Instructor Mike Brezovitch’s class donated their knowledge and time to help the students from Forbes Road CTC install all of the electrical wiring for the space. All of the supplies and labor have been donated to the project by various companies in the area.

For more information about the Invisible Girl Project, visit www.forbesroad.com. To make a donation to the project, please call (412) 373-8100 x230.

Women of Rosedale Tech

On Wednesday, May 11, Rosedale Tech hosted its bi-monthly Women of Rosedale Tech lunch meeting. We’d like to offer a big thank you to Cara Swanson, Vice President of Equipe, for coming in to speak to the group about the opportunities for women pursuing career opportunities within trades industries. Thank you to the high school girls from A.W. Beattie Career Center for joining us at the meeting.

Our next WORTC lunch meeting is scheduled for July 6.

New Students

Cody Laue
Michael Love
Richard Manko
Matthew Novak
Ashly Pipes
Alexander Shaw
Jason Tornabene
Dominick Watkins

DIESEL
Tyronne Carter
DeWayne Crispin
Robert Gregory, III
Louis Jaquay
Albert McMahon, III
Edward Pugh
William Scott
Hunter Simms
Mark Yuretich, Jr.

COLLISION REPAIR
Frank Condell, II
Logan Foutz
Terrance Waters, III

ELECTRICAL
Travis Andreoli
David Bryan
Christopher Chun

Diesel
Jesse Degennaro
Matthew Gebrosky
John Gasparovich
Ryan McGough
Grant Salak
Dara Stern
Nolan Uchic
Nicholas Zurcher

HVAC
Davin Barish
George Salerno

INDUSTRIAL TECHNICIAN
Seth Llabas
Earnest Price, IV

TRUCK DRIVING
Bradley Morrow
Kenneth Whital

WELDING
David Curcio
Chantel Lively
Damian Mycyk

Real-World Experience Through Real-World Companies

Rosedale Tech’s Applied Business Management program recently completed a final project for their marketing course. Each student was assigned to make a marketing plan for a company of their choice. An avid NASCAR fan, business student David Rhoades selected Stewart-Haas Racing, the title-winning NASCAR Spring Cup Series team comprised of drivers Kevin Harvick, Danica Patrick, Tony Stewart and Kurt Busch.

Originally unsure how to begin his marketing plan, David sat down and began doing his research online. While on Stewart-Haas’ website on the sponsorship page, he came across the contact information for Mike Dinerman, Director of Business Development for Stewart-Haas Racing. David thought he’d try and reach out to Mike. He sent an email and to his surprise, received a response back from Mike right away.

“My name was very happy to help in any way he could,” said David.

After the initial email, David spoke with Mike on the phone and ended up receiving a general proposal outline for a new sponsorship with the team.

They continued conversation through email for the next couple of weeks where David also learned about the different plans for obtaining new sponsors versus retaining existing sponsors.

The result of his marketing plan was that David acted as if he was working for Stewart-Haas Racing and was going to give Rosedale Tech for a sponsorship with the team.

Students Shine Light on Invisible Girl Project
Some of the students in Diesel Technology Instructor Drew Sundquist's electrical and electronic systems class had the opportunity to utilize their training on an "engine" that was a little different from what our students are used to in the shop. Chip Kennedy and Shawn Reed of Core Health Systems challenged the class to improve the functionality of a stationary stair stepper machine.

The intention of the project was to adapt an existing eddy current resistance system to the stair stepper machine which will greatly reduce cost and complexity in the manufacturing of these types of machines.

The class started by removing all of the electrical control components from the stepper machine, then removing the eddy current flywheel and magnetic system from a Schwinn exercise bike. Then, the class designed an entire drive system for the device that operates very similar to an automotive all-wheel drive system.

The group used several timing gear components from a small diesel engine in order to connect the flywheel to the new system. The resistance experienced by the user is adjusted by moving a magnetic caliper in and out of proximity to the spinning flywheel. There was a significant amount of engineering, both mechanical and electrical, done by the class in order to make this a success. In total, it took approximately 35 hours of labor to fabricate the system.

Chip and Shawn were very pleased with the outcome and it gave the students additional in-depth knowledge of electromagnetic principles as they pertain to many vehicle systems. This is especially true when discussing newer technologies in hybrid vehicle drive systems, regenerative braking and many heavy equipment traction systems.

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Congratulations Rosedale Technical College Grads!

JUNE 2016

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Grads: Alex Hamilton (Diesel), Robert Bishop (Welding), Wendell Jones (Electrical) and Zachary Stahara (HVAC), spoke to their fellow classmates.

Rosedale Tech would like to extend a big thank you to guest speaker, Alan Scher, Parts & Service Regional Manager for Ford Motor Company, for attending the ceremony.

Automotive
Associate in Specialized Technology Degree
Ryan A. Baux
Matthew B. Bracall
Geoffrey A. Darkangelo
Jessica M. Foringer
Dylan M. Kerr
Robert L. Lauteria
Caleb M. Perry
Nicholas J. Raith
Kendal M. Smithson

Diploma
William E. Harold
Jonathan M. Hiadney
Remo A. Mazzoleni, IL
Justin E. Sosnowski

Diesel
Associate in Specialized Technology Degree
Tristan M. Arrigo
Paul A. Cameron
Gary F. Carroll, Jr.
Walter C. Clarit, Sr.
D’Andrae J. Cobb, Sr.
Joseph L. Connor
Jason D. Conti
William A. Crawford
Joshua M. DeNardo
Alexander J. Hamilton
Neil M. Kirschner
Chazz K. Lewis
Jarrod R. Mai-Adams Welch
David C. Merviether
John Maxwell O’Hare
Michael J. Pallone
Cody A. Rakowski
Sulaiman A. Savage
Randy M. Shawger
Nathaniel D. Spindler
Logan K. Thomas

Diploma
Kevin S. Ludwig
Eric D. Nelson

Electrical
Associate in Specialized Technology Degree
Darrien L. Baylor
Joshua T. Brugee
Suleman K. Chowdhry
Carlos M. Harrison
Trevor X.P. Hill
Wendell L. Jones
Seth D. Labiaux
Sean C.S. Legree
Michael S. Lindsey
Matthew R. Pugh
Terrance L. Shepherd
Donald H. Swink, Jr.

Diploma
John L. Clark
Erin E. Leet
David L. Pollock
Quinn A. Taylor
Miles R. Wilborn

HVAC
Associate in Specialized Technology Degree
Scott F. Barton
Christopher A. Campbell
Scott A. Slagle
Zachary R. Stahara
Mark J. Walsh
Timothy A. Williams

Truck Driving
Diploma
Simon D. Agare
Jonathan P. Benna
Brandon C. Borofsky
Timothy R. Butler
Jefferson Castano
Nichole M. Cerrinara
Bryan A. Davis
William M. Delval, Jr.
William R. Edmunds, Jr.
Osyru S. Fisher
John J. Flouhouse
Nathaniel B. Greenlee
Farkhod S. Ishmukhamedov
Sheronna C. Johnson
Christopher R. Johnston
Michael B. Lanschak
Eric L. Sillaman
Eliott E. Verk

Welding
Diploma
Robert C. Bishop
Derek J. Faltott
Timothy P. Gazdzich
James A. Karnavas
Jason M. Wilson
Friends Who Learn Together, Work Together

Different pathways brought graduates Jerome Tria and Sean Sullivan to Rosedale Technical College. During their time in class together, they developed a strong bond and lifelong friendship. Just when they thought they’d graduate and part ways, Jerome and Sean both began working together as diesel technicians for the same company, Frank Bryan Inc., which is part of the Bryan Materials Group (BMG), located in the South Side neighborhood of Pittsburgh, PA.

Founded in 1883, BMG is a multi-disciplinary concrete manufacturing, distribution and construction company. BMG is comprised of several different company divisions, which specialize in everything from concrete mix design to dredging and aggregate.

After graduating from Taylor Allderdice High School in 2012, Jerome enrolled in Rosedale Tech’s automotive technology program. A recipient of the Pittsburgh Promise Scholarship, Jerome was fortunate enough to have the means to enroll in a second program. He began the diesel technology program in August 2014, and now works two 12-hour days.

Shortly after Jerome started, Sean began the diesel program in September 2014. He, however, did not come straight from high school. Rather, Sean enrolled at Rosedale Tech after losing his job when the Horsehead Corporation closed its Monaca facilities. Sean tried going to community college after high school, but quickly realized it wasn’t for him.

"I hated school, but I loved Rosedale Tech," said Sean.

After leaving community college, Sean began working at Horsehead, where he was for a short time before the plant closed down. After working with CareerLink and the Trade Readjustment Allowance (TRA) offices, Sean decided to pursue a diesel program. He began the diesel technology program in August 2014, and now works two 12-hour days.

Both Jerome and Sean learned of the job opportunities at Frank Bryan Inc. during a career fair held at the high school. It was the first time the company had attended a career fair, and Career Services Coordinator Liz Lanscheck encouraged both of them to speak to the representative.

Sean began working at Frank Bryan Inc. part-time in September 2015 while he was in school. In January, he began working full-time. For a short period of time, Sean was assigned to work in one of the company’s dregges, which he said was very similar to his job at Horsehead. After a couple of months, he began working in the garage.

After graduating, Jerome started working for Frank Bryan Inc. in the garage full-time in October 2015. In the garage, you’ll find three technicians: Jerome, Sean and their boss, Chad Patterson, shop supervisor. Together, the three technicians work on about 50 vehicles, which include cement trucks, trailers, a truck bed and occasionally some company pickup trucks.

Jerome and Sean both agree that they are happy with their career choices and hope to stay with the company for a long time.

"It’s nice working for a family-run business," said Sean.

April 2016 Awards

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

Automotive: Robert Malmgreen, David Smith, Brian Straka, Chad Gordon, Adam Halula, Jake Higgins, Benjamin Settomio, Spencer McIvor, Dina Pink, Tajidden Weatherspoon


Electric: Logan Rowan, Derek Sullivan, Sean George, Trevor Kurtz, James McKinnon, Bryce Mullins, Christopher Nida, Zachary Tria, Zachary Scheffer, Elok Robinson

HVAC: Timothy Williams, Walter Alford, Zachary Bidwell, Robert Casey, Bryan Clegg, Justin Nicely

Welding: Aron McGrogan, Patrick Smith

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

Automotive: Kendal Smithson, Alec Crane, Shane Evans, John Ryan, Rykoz, Randy Russell, Benjamin Settomio, Ryan Baux, Derek Betchly, Brennan Clegg, Adam Cook, Eric Cross, Mark Hunter, Austin Krye, Christopher Parker, Derek Quigley, Brian Straka, Christina Cochran, Derek Kennedy, Dina Pink, Sishop Pradhan, David Wright, Samuel Pugliese, Kailie Wehner, Tajidden Weatherspoon, Kevin Bollman, John Cain, Alan Hang

Diesel: Gary Carroll, Joseph Connor, Jason Count, Kerehitha Kitka, Robert Hamilton, Nel Krisher, David Meierwether, Mario Bortolussi, James Clark, Aaron Scassa, Nicholas Scibetta, John Altman, Travis Arrner, Dante Baccou, Steven Beatty, Reni Cotoia, Dalton Dalley, Jason Dayton, John Diamond, Samuel Faiglely, Michael Forrester, Patrick Ganddizkarski, Zachary Gebhart, Marc Held, Tyler Impeller, Joshua Keppeler, Taylor Kordich, Corey Lasher, John Lazer, Austin Alexander, Christopher Richardson, Zachary Rotivo, William Waldron, Daniel White, Kristopher Zoretich, Sean Cassandro, Tyler Slagle, Marc Held, Tyler Impeller, Joshua Keppeler, Taylor Kordich, Corey Lasher, John Lazer, Austin Alexander, Christopher Richardson, Zachary Rotivo, William Waldron, Daniel White, Kristopher Zoretich, Sean Cassandro, Tyler Slagle, Marc Held, Tyler Impeller, Joshua Keppeler, Taylor Kordich

Electric: Joshua Brugere, Chris Hanson, Terrance Shepherd, Donald Swink, Ian Walker, Joseph Aracich, Randy Barnhart, Benjamin Bucci, Baneer Carter, Jeremy Eldor, Wendy Gonzagare, Matthew McMeakin, Zachary Ridenour, Logan Rowan, Shane Sennett, Derek Sullivan, Konor Bigley, Christopher Patterson, Peter Hammons, Steven Welch, Michael Barr, Spencer McIvor

HVAC: Timothy Williams, Michael Williams, Brian Johnston, David Peck

Industrial Technician: Cody Badger, Destiny Lucas, Tyler Rodgers

Welding: David Frank, Aron McGrogan, Anthony Runsey

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

Automotive: Jessica Foringer, Nicholas Linza, David Smith, Chad Gordon, Adam Halula, Michael Fitzgerald


Electric: Glen Beu, Michael Dougherty, Thomas Myers, Chase Stewart, Seth Myers, Elie Berard, Sean George, Trevor Kurtz, James McKinnon, Christopher Nida, Zachary Pfeiffer, Arthur Boring, William Faix, Shannon McKenzie, Errol Robinson

HVAC: Zachary Bidwell, Robert Casey, Bryan Clegg, Eric Gregor, Eric Merryman

Industrial Technician: Jeremy Conner

Welding: James Karnavas, Jeffrey Ham, Josh Johnston, David McCarty, Charles Russell, Patrick Popovich

Extra Effort Award: Donald Swink (Electrical), Michael Dougherty (Electrical), Mike Williams (HVAC), Tim Williams (HVAC), Bradley Lyons (Diesel), Jeff Parker (Diesel), Jeffrey Conner (Industrial Technician)

Most Improved Award: Zachary Stahara (HVAC)

Helping Hand Award: Elie Berard (Electrical), Shane Evans (Electrical), Drew Gregory (Diesel)

June 2016 Awards

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

Automotive: Chad Gordon


Electric: Derek Sullivan

HVAC: Robert Casey, Bryan Clegg, Justin Nicely, Walter Alford

Welding: Thomas Burke

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

Automotive: Shane Evans, John Gill, Ryan Kozuz, Robert Malmgreen, Benjamin Settomio, Brian Straka, Derek Quigley, Derek Betchly, Christina Cochran, Jason Gemile, Austin Krye, Randy Russell, Ashleigh Kelley, Caleb Perry, Brian Straka, Troy Protzman, Jason Turner, Sishir Pradhan, Randy Russell


Electric: Barece Carter, Jeremy Elider, Wendy Gonzagare, Joseph Arachich, Matthew McMeakin, Bryce Mullins, Christopher Pattison, Zachary Ridenour, Logan Rowan, Shane Sennett, Derek Sullivan, Ian Walker

HVAC: Benny Chan, Eric Gregor, David Peck, Michael Williams, Victor Benton

Industrial Technician: Cody Badger

Welding: Logan Zawasky, Thomas Burke, Richard Garver, David McCarty, Aron McGrogan

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

Automotive: Nicholas Linza, Chad Gordon, Amanda Boyle, Adam Halula

Diesel: Bradley Roberts, Aaron Stagesin, Bryan Szajko, Devin Thomson, Dalton Weleski, Jacob Wright, Jamie Trump, Jeffrey Parker, Caleb Perry, Bradley Lyons, Shane Markovitch, Nathan Jones, Brian Hanks, Nicholas Atchley, Dalton Dalley, Jason Dayton, Jesse Allison, Daniel Book, Corey Brunner, Lucas Elliott, Dante Dematteo, William Harties, Cody Geisel

Electric: Elie Berard, Michael Dougherty, Sean George, Trevor Kurtz, Seth Myers, Thomas Myers, Christopher Nida, Chase Stewart

HVAC: Robert Casey, Bryan Clegg, Zachary Bidwell

Industrial Technician: Jeffrey Conner

Extra Effort Award: Dante Dematteo (Diesel)

Helping Hand Award: Nicholas Atchley (Diesel), Shane Markovitch (Diesel)
Meet Nick Petrovich

We are pleased to announce that Nick Petrovich joined Rosedale Tech’s faculty as an evening electrical instructor. Nick brings over 40 years of electrical experience to the position, working for companies such as Weirton Steel, O'Neal Steel and Union Electric as well as spending some time being self-employed. In addition to his electrical knowledge, Nick also has worked as an HVAC technician. Nick’s knowledge of the electrical field started when he signed up for a five-year apprenticeship program in electrical maintenance at Weirton Steel (Weirtech). In addition, he spent 16 months at West Virginia Northern Community College in electrical and HVAC studies. Nick is a Master Electrician, a Certified Maintenance Electrician, and a Certified HVAC Technician.

Excited about his new position, Nick understands the importance of having a good mentor to learn from and hopes to be a great mentor to the students.

“Growing up I had a mentor that changed my life,” he said. Nick resides in Weirton, WV where he has been his whole life. When he’s not working, he enjoys playing golf, fishing and raising American Kennel Club (AKC) beagles for competition. Since starting, Nick has raised seven AKC Champion beagles and was chosen twice for AKC Nationals.

Welcome, Nick!

Advisory Board Meetings

Rosedale Tech has hosted a series of advisory board meetings to better understand the industry needs and how our curriculum can better train for these needs. Thank you to all of the employers and industry professionals who attended our recent advisory board meetings!

Diesel Advisory Board Meeting: February 24, 2016
Nicole Zurcher, Staffing Consultant - Express Employment Professionals
Joe Mazur, Service Manager - Hill International Trucks
Mike Chronister, Human Resource Manager - Hill International Trucks
Kent Mcgaughhey, Safety Manager - Lenzner Coach Lines
Tad London, Human Resource Manager - McOlmonds Supply & Transit
Dan Kubiak, Auxiliary Power/Driveline - Point Spring & Driveshift Co.
Bill Towarnicki, Branch Manager - Point Spring & Driveshift Co.
Brock Johnson, Fleet Maintenance - UPMC
Lori Miller, Talent Advisor-Operations - Waste Management
Gene Wapienick, District Manager - Waste Management
Len Strazza, Director of Fleet & Operations - Zoresco Equipment Co.

Truck Driving Advisory Board Meeting: February 24, 2016
Anthony Sandoval, PA & WV Mobile Operators Manager - Castelli Oil & Gas Services
Kent Mcgaughhey, Safety Manager - Lenzner Coach Lines
Tad London, Human Resource Manager - McOlmonds Supply & Transit
Joe Orlich, General Manager - Valley Waste Service
Lori Miller, Talent Advisor-Operations - Waste Management
Gene Wapienick, District Manager - Waste Management
Len Strazza, Director of Fleet & Operations - Zoresco Equipment Co.

HVAC Advisory Board Meeting: April 12, 2016
Mike Valent, General Manager - Climatech, Inc
Danielle Falkner, Staffing Consultant - Express Employment Professionals
Dave Herrmann, President - Herrmann Associates Inc.
Bob Doyle, General Manager - J.J. Sauer, Co.
Rob Chiocchi, Branch Manager - Johnstone Supply
Henry Kinar, General Manager - McKean Plumbing, Heating & Supply Co.
Tim Batman, Owner - One Hour Heating & Air Conditioning

Collision Repair Advisory Board Meeting: May 3, 2016
Michael Elliott, Territory Sales Manager - AutoZone
Nicole Zurcher, Staffing Consultant - Express Employment Professionals
Bruce Gass, Body Shop Manager - Moon Township Automotive
Dave O'Leary, Service Director - Rohrich Automotive Group
Barry Belbuck, Service Manager - Shadyline Honda
Chuck Dyke, Body Shop Manager - Team Automotive Group
Mike Leeper, Collision Center Production Manager - Washington Chevrolet
Don Wolbert Jr., Owner - Wolbert Auto Body & Repair
Bill Miklo, Collision Center Manager - Wright Automotive Group
Len Strazza, Business Development Manager - Zoresco Equipment Company

Automotive Advisory Board Meeting: May 3, 2016
Paul Fruelian, Regional Human Resource Manager - Advance Auto Parts
Michael Elliott, Territory Sales Manager - AutoZone
Ron Crimone, Consultant
Nicole Zurcher, Staffing Consultant - Express Employment Professionals
Alan Scher, Regional Manager - Ford
Jim Silver, Service Manager - Moon Township Automotive
Dave O'Leary, Service Director - Rohrich Automotive Group
Barry Belbuck, Service Manager - Shadyline Honda
Joe Toddy, Service Manager - Wright Automotive Group
Len Strazza, Business Development Manager - Zoresco Equipment Company

Electrical Technician Advisory Board Meeting: May 10, 2016
Jami Ciesieliski, Human Resources Manager - Auma Actuators Inc.
Ken Ball, President - BEK Associates
Nicole Zurcher, Staffing Consultant - Express Employment Professionals
Thomas J Palas, Building & Grounds Coordinator - Forbes Road Career & Technology Center
Eric Davidson, Sr. Area Sales Manager - Ideal Industries
Michael Leedy, Electrical Instructor - Parkway West Career & Technology Gene Giudana, Sales Rep - The Hite Co.

Industrial Technician Advisory Board Meeting: May 10, 2016
Jamie Ciesieliski, Human Resources Manager - Auma Actuators Inc
Nicole Zurcher, Staffing Consultant - Express Employment Professionals
Thomas J Palas, Building & Grounds Coordinator - Forbes Road Career & Technology Center

Welding Advisory Board Meeting: May 12, 2016
Abydee Butler Moore, Vice President - Butler Gas
Jason Shermann, Sales Rep - Economy Welding & Industrial Supply, LLC
Steven Rosenthal, Vice President - Economy Welding & Industrial Supply, LLC
Danielle Falkner, Staffing Consultant - Express Employment Professionals
Thomas J Palas, Building & Grounds Coordinator - Forbes Road Career & Technology Center

Applied Business Management Advisory Board Meeting: May 17, 2016
Ed Pockl, Resident Director - AVI Food Systems
Joani McCormack, Staffing Consultant - Express Employment Professionals
Jermaine Hughley, Director of Branch Operations - Miller Brother Staffing
Susie Puskar, Director of Policy & Innovation - Three Rivers Workforce Investment Board
Jay Alexander, CPA - Wilke & Associates

On Friday, May 20, instructors and staff participated in “Learn a Trade Day” as part of the in-service day training. Interested faculty and staff had the opportunity to sign up and learn about one of four trades offered at Rosedale Tech: truck driving, electrical, HVAC and welding. As an organization that values continuous education, Learn a Trade Day was a great way for skilled tradesmen as well as those who may not be as skilled to learn about our programs.

Welcome Ken Kubler

Instructor Ken Kubler joins Rosedale Technical College’s evening welding program. Ken brings over 43 years of welding experience to his new position.

Ken found his passion for welding in his high school shop class. He then enrolled in the Westmoreland Area Vocational School’s welding program.

After finding the job opening on an internet search, Ken did some research on Rosedale Tech to find that the school offered one of the most prestigious programs in the state. What impressed him most was the size and organization of the school’s facilities. He believes the school is well equipped to teach students what they need to know.

“I think I will be very proud to be associated with Rosedale Tech,” said Ken.

Prior to joining Rosedale Tech’s team of instructors, Ken was working as a foreman for the industrial piping company B.J.R.E.O. Inc in West Elizabeth, PA. He was there for 15 years. Like many trades jobs, the laborious work started to wear out Ken’s body, which brought him to the decision to begin teaching again and share his experiences in the field.

This will be Ken’s second teaching position. Back in the 1980s, Ken taught welding courses for five years at Airco Technical Institute, which was formerly located in the North Hills before closing down in the early 1990’s.

In his new teaching position at Rosedale Tech, Ken hopes to have 100% retention in his class as well as 100% student satisfactory passing of all required certifications. Ken’s dedication and goal-oriented mindset will be a great fit to the program.

“When you put the hook down and strike the arc, it’s strictly business,” he said. “You want to do the best job possible. It could be a matter of life or death in some situations.”

When he’s not working, Ken is an avid fisherman who spends most of his time catching freshwater fish in Yough Lake and the Youghiogheny River.

“I always have a fishing pole in my car,” Ken said.

In addition, Ken enjoys spending time with his extended family at their lake house on Yough Lake.

Ken resides in West Elizabeth, PA.
The Rosedale Enrichment Volunteers, or R.E.V. Squad, has been very busy this year and has helped a number of local community organizations raise funds and awareness for their specific causes. Here’s a recap of some of the groups we recently helped.

Pittsburgh Marathon and Half Marathon

On May 1, members of Rosedale Tech’s faculty and staff again participated in the Dick’s Sporting Goods Pittsburgh Marathon and the UPMC Pittsburgh Half Marathon. This year’s charity was Beverly’s Birthdays, a local non-profit organization that provides birthday cheer for children experiencing homelessness and families in-need. Rosedale Tech helped Team Beverly’s Birthdays raise over $4,000.

Nathan Curl, son of Student Services Assistant Joni Curl, helped raise funds for the South Fayette High School Mini-THON event May 6-7, a smaller-scale event to replicate Penn State University’s THON. The R.E.V. Squad made a donation to help the school raise over $65,000 for Four Diamonds, a non-profit organization whose mission is to conquer childhood cancer by assisting children treated at Penn State Children’s Hospital and their families through superior care, comprehensive support, and innovative research.

On May 21, Dave Detar and his family participated in the South Fayette Relay for Life event. This year, Dave’s son Matt started his own fundraising team and raised over $650. Here’s a look at some of the other organizations the R.E.V. Squad has supported so far this year:

- It’s About the Warrior Foundation (www.iatw.us)
- Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC (www.chp.edu)
- Rivers of Steel Heritage Corporation
- Beverly’s Birthdays
- Four Diamonds

Congratulations to the Pittsburgh Penguins on winning their fourth Stanley Cup Championship! Our Shop Services Technician George Cox is an avid fan of the Pens. Throughout the playoff run, he supported his team like many others and grew the infamous “playoff beard.” After Sunday’s victory in San Jose, George thought it was time for the beard to go. Thank you to Shop Services Manager Dave Sladky for his assistance shearing the beard!

George Cox’s Penguins Playoff Beard

Rosedale Tech’s inaugural Women in the Trades Day is structured to provide female high school students with a fun and educational opportunity to explore various career opportunities in transportation and construction-related fields.

The event will include:

- Meet-and-Greet with regional employers and organizations who will share employment insight for females in the trades
- Hands-on demonstrations led by some of Rosedale Tech’s own female students
- Guest speakers who will discuss their experiences and answer questions.
- And more!

For more information, please contact Kim Bell at (412) 521-6200 or kim.bell@rosedaletech.org.

Additional information will be sent out later in the summer.