Welding Program Approved For March Class Start

Rosedale Technical College is pleased to announce the start of an eight-month welding program, following recent state and federal approvals. The welding program will be Rosedale Tech’s seventh trade program offered. The decision to begin a welding program came in response to the high demand for welding positions available in Pennsylvania.

Throughout the short eight months, students will receive extensive hands-on training that will allow them to work in the welding industry. The curriculum will focus on a broad spectrum of subjects, such as Arc Welding (SMAW), MIG Welding (GMAW), and TIG Welding (GTMA); Thermal Cutting Processes; Welding Printreading; Welding Fabrication; Metallurgy; Non Ferrous Welding; Pipe Welding; and Welding Testing & Inspection.

A diploma in Welding Technician is awarded upon graduation. In addition, students will have the opportunity to earn AWS (American Welding Society) certifications and API (American Petroleum Institute) certifications.

Rosedale Tech’s welding lab will include 18 Lincoln welding booths and an Avani Environmental ventilating system.

“We’re extremely thankful to our partners at the county and the state for helping us receive necessary grant monies to purchase costly training equipment that will ultimately lead to gainful employment for our students and economic growth for our region,” said Rosedale’s President and Director Dennis Wilke. “Our real world, hands-on programs train students for jobs that are in demand right now and one of those in demand careers is welding.”

Daytime classes are scheduled to begin March 30, 2015 with evening classes projected to begin in the summer. For more information on Rosedale Tech’s welding program, visit www.RosedaleWeld.org or call (800) 521-6262.

New Program, School Growth Sparks Major Construction Projects On Campus

The campus has begun to undergo some major renovations to accommodate its newest welding program as well as the large influx of students that have enrolled at the non-profit, higher education institution. Many of these changes have taken place in the Ben Wilke Training Center.

In late 2014, construction began on the new welding lab. The renovations for both the welding lab and the cutting room are complete and are ready for the installation of the ventilating system. Once the ventilating system is installed, 18 welding booths and approximately 20 welders capable of doing stick, MIG, and TIG welding on steel and aluminum will be installed. According to Director of Curriculum and Compliance Ed Petrunka, the welding lab is on schedule for a timely completion.

At the beginning of the year, construction began on the 1,600 square foot multi-purpose room located in the Wilke building. This space has been converted into three classrooms, equipped with smart board capabilities suited to conduct any type of class. Behind the classrooms, a hallway was constructed to reach three offices and a storage facility that were previously accessible through a multi-purpose room. Once furniture is installed, the classrooms will begin to be utilized by current classes and our new welding students.

Outside the newly constructed classrooms, the main hallway that leads from the front office area to the diesel lab has begun to be freshened up with the removal of wallpaper and a coat of paint.

Construction in the Wilke building is tentatively scheduled to be complete by the end of March.

Inside the Phil Chosky Building, plans are set to construct a new book store, which will house textbooks and student uniforms. The book store will be located near the Steel Toe Station and the work is scheduled to begin the first week of March. Upon completion of the book store construction, will begin on the Student Services offices. The current office and book room will be converted into three work stations along with a private meeting space.

New Funding Available for Truck Driving Program

Bartolini, the program did not initially qualify for grant and loan funds due to federal and state requirements that new short-term programs must be complete. As the Truck Driving program has now surpassed two years of existence, the school has exceeded benchmarks for completion of the federal and state requirements, which now allows students to enter the program with the ability to apply for the PA TIP grant and to borrow from the Direct Student Loan program if they qualify.

“The opportunity to apply for Direct Student Loans is a wonderful benefit. I hope that anyone who is interested in our truck driving program will talk to a financial aid team member at our school to learn more," said Anna.

Applicants interested in the truck driving program can go through a comprehensive financial planning session to learn more about eligibility for funding.

Truck Driving Lead Instructor Vaughan Grell is excited for the projected growth the funding will bring to the program.

“I don’t think we have enough instructors or trucks for what this can turn into now with the funding," said Vaughan. “I’ve been here since the start of the program and have seen enough students go through the full 10 weeks with no funding available. There are currently about 200,000 - 400,000 truck driving jobs available in the country. Combining the funding with the quality staff we have available at the school is going to help take this program to the next level.”

Vaughan continued saying, “Management has been striving to be the best in everything we do here at the school, which is what attracted a lot of the talent we have. Our goal in the truck driving program is to develop the best drivers possible, and our name is getting out there for doing exactly that.”

For more information on applying for the Truck Driving program, please contact the Admissions Department at (800) 521-6262.
Attention Rosedale Tech Entrepreneurs!

Have you gone on to start your own business? If so, we want to hear about it! Rosedale Tech is seeking out entrepreneur grads to feature both in the school as well as in The Circuit. If you are an entrepreneur and have not been contacted yet, please call (412) 527-6200 and ask for Angela Nelson in the Marketing Department.

World of Wheels Drives Auto Enthusiasts To Pittsburgh

The 54th Annual World of Wheels took place January 23-25, 2015 at the David Lawrence Convention Center. Members of Rosedale Tech’s faculty and staff were on site to meet with visitors. Day One kicked off with a student-oriented day, which brought in over 500 high school and college-level students interested in entering the automotive industry.

The session began with a 45-minute presentation where three groups spoke to the students about possible career opportunities available in the industry. As one of the groups, Rosedale Tech spoke about the hands-on training programs available to these students. Education Outreach Representative Jake Bier presented to the group and led the discussion. Hydraulics instructor Mark Simonau spoke to the students about the Nova rebuild project he and Automotive Instructor Brian Winter have been developing. Diesel Instructor Rob Murphy enlightened students on Dieselzilla, a 1995 Chevrolet S-10 truck that was student engineered to become a 700 horsepower diesel drag truck.

After the group discussions, students visited exhibits and checked out all of the great cars at the event. The remainder of the weekend was open to the public and brought in thousands of auto enthusiasts.

Rosedale Tech’s booth featured Dieselzilla as well as Mark Simonau’s 1968 Dodge Dart GT, a 540 horsepower vehicle.

Thank You To Everyone Who Stopped By And Visited With Us!

Ford Hiring Day Places Auto Students In Front Of Area Employers

On January 14, Rosedale Tech welcomed employers from 14 Ford dealerships in Allegheny and other surrounding counties. Auto students from the daytime and evening programs signed up to interview with these employers to discuss full-time or part-time work opportunities. A total of 45 students participated in 68 interviews.

Thank you to the following employers for attending the hiring event:

- Kenny Ross South
- Day Ford
- Butler County Ford
- Shultz Ford/Lincoln
- Shultz Ford
- Star Lake Ford
- #1 Cochran
- Ron Lewis
- Ford of Uniontown
- Baierl Ford
- Washington Ford
- Tri Star Group
- Kenny Ross
- Woltz & Wind Ford
- Davies Ford

Mock Interviews Provide Students with Valuable Insight

Diesel students in Jen Majcher’s Resume & Interviewing Techniques class participated in mock interviews on February 24 with Hunter Truck Sales and Frontier Environmental. Thank you to Kaylan Nock and Drew Wlekski of Hunter as well as Jim Polen and John Finley of Frontier for coming in and interviewing the students.

Students, Faculty Attend African-American Heritage Month Luncheon

On February 27, students and faculty from Rosedale Tech attended the 32nd Annual African-American Heritage Month Luncheon hosted by the 171st Air Refueling Wing. The luncheon took place at the Airport Marriott Hotel in Coraopolis, PA.

Those in attendance included:
- Instructor Mark Simonau
- Chris Cager (Auto Student)
- Jeff Tarpley (Auto Student)
- William Lewis (Auto Student)
- Chazz Lewis (Diesel Student)
- Deon Davis (Diesel Student)

Meet Steel Toe Station’s Newest Member!

There’s a new face in Steel Toe Station – Stacy Gambers joins the team as the new head chef. A self-taught cook, Stacy has a decade of experience in the culinary industry. Prior to joining the Steel Toe Station, Stacy was sous chef at Rivers Club for 10 years. In addition, she had been working at Willow restaurant on Camp Horne Rd. Stacy is excited about her new position as it is a great stepping stone towards her future goal of becoming an executive chef.

With a strong Greek heritage, Stacy stated that food is in her blood. Her biggest influences are her mother and grandmother. Growing up, she always enjoyed cooking with them. Welcome aboard!
Military Experience Drives New Career Path For U.S. Veteran

Jacob Peterson spent eight years in the U.S. Military serving tours overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan. During his two stints, he worked as a truck driver, and when he returned to civilian life, Jacob decided he would continue to work as a truck driver. Jacob completed his last tour in December 2013 and immediately enrolled in Rosedale Tech’s truck driving program in January 2014 to further his skills and obtain his CDL license.

Upon completing the 10-week program he went directly into the field as a CDL driver. Working on the road in the solitary tractor cab, Jacob started to see the difference between working in the military and working as a civilian.

After some time, Jacob decided he needed a career change and returned to Rosedale Tech in September 2014 for the electrical program. “I can do well in anything I put my mind to. Electrical was a new skill that I haven’t worked in and it’s an industry that will always be needed,” said Jacob.

Returning to Rosedale Tech was a great thing for Jacob. As a school dedicated to supporting military veterans, Jacob has been able to find camaraderie with other veterans attending and has helped to ease the anxiety he has been facing.

Do What YOU Want to Do!

When diesel student Rebecca Venuto brought her six-year-old son, Curtis, to Rosedale Tech’s Fall Open House she showed him her classrooms and some of the diesel trucks she had been working on. The fascination that Curtis displayed throughout the visit proved to Becky that her decision to pursue a career in the diesel field was worth it.

Growing up, Becky always enjoyed working on vehicles with her father. When she graduated high school, she wanted to pursue a career in automotive, but was encouraged by her family to pursue a more “feminine” career, like cosmetology or nursing.

Abiding by her family’s wishes, Becky enrolled in a nursing program at a local community college. After a year, she realized nursing wasn’t for her.

Still thinking about a career as an auto mechanic, Becky was speaking to her sister’s father-in-law, a diesel mechanic, about the job opportunities in the field and he encouraged her to pursue it. Although Becky knew little about diesel, she became intrigued by the idea and decided to look into it further.

Becky enrolled in Rosedale Tech’s diesel program in November 2013, but personal issues unexpectedly arose, which caused her to delay her dream. In August 2014, Becky returned to Rosedale excited to finally pursue a technical career.

Becky’s days are long – she starts at 7:00 a.m. with school and then goes straight to work at a plastic molding plant in Ambrose, PA. Because her days don’t typically end until 11:00 p.m., Becky doesn’t get to spend much time with her son during the week.

“My son is my biggest motivation. I want him to have a nice life and be able to take care of him,” she said. “My family has been very supportive with watching Curtis. I know it’s all going to be worth it in the end.”

Becky’s hard work has already begun to pay off. In January, she was offered the opportunity to participate in a mechanic work-internship program with FTS International in Washington County. The new position will allow her flexible work hours while she finishes school, giving her the opportunity to spend time with her son during the week. Upon graduation, she will then begin to work standard business hours.

“I’m excited to work for FTSI. They were very friendly and willing to train me to become the best I can be in the position,” she said.

Despite her family’s uncertainty about her entering a male-dominated field, Becky has had no problems being a female diesel technician.

“While I’ve definitely had some very opinionated people put me down about my decision to go into the trades, I just kept telling myself you have to do what you like to do. As a female, if that’s what you want to do, don’t let anyone stop you from doing it. You’re going to have negative people but you just have to fight through it. When you like to do something you excel at it pretty well,” she said.

New Walk-in Freezer Installed At Rosedale Tech

This winter, Rosedale Tech’s HVAC students offered a hand installing a new 6’x8’x8’ walk-in freezer inside the Steel Toe Station. The freezer, an Imperial Brown Walk-in Freezer, will be utilized as added storage by our food service company, AVI Food Systems. According to HVAC instructor Joe Marchese, the freezer has a unique security system that alerts AVI if the temperature rises above its cooling temperatures.

Great job everyone!

As a Rosedale Technical COLLEGE Graduate, We invite you to join us at the inaugural...

ATTENTION ROSEDALE TECH ALUMNI!

“Like” Us On Facebook!

Rosedale Technical College has launched an Alumni Page as a means of communication for all Rosedale Graduates. To receive alumni exclusive information, simply join “Rosedale Tech Alumni”. The first 50 alumni to join will receive a FREE Rosedale Tech T-shirt!
2015 Tool Scholarships Applications Now Being Accepted

Are you graduating high school this year and enrolled in one of our programs? Rosedale Tech is proud to announce that our tool vendors, Snap-On Tools, Ideal Industries, and Johnstone Supply will be offering 2015 high school graduates the opportunity to apply for tool scholarships for the 2015 school year. The scholarships will be awarded as follows:

**AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY**
Sponsored by Snap-On Tool
First Place $1,000
Second Place $500

**DIESEL TECHNOLOGY**
Sponsored by Snap-On Tool
First Place $1,000
Second Place $500

**ELECTRICAL TECHNOLOGY**
Sponsored by Ideal Industries
First Place $750

**HVC TECHNOLOGY**
Sponsored by Johnstone Supply
First Place $500

In order to be eligible, applicants must be a 2015 high school graduate and he/she has completed at least one semester at Rosedale Technical College for the August or September 2015 school year, submit a personal essay (150-300 words) on how post-secondary education in your field will benefit you; submit a letter of recommendation from either a teacher, employer or community leader; provide a current copy of your high school transcript and attendance record, and submit a list of outside activities (sports, clubs, organizations).

All application materials are due by April 15, 2015 and must be mailed or delivered to Rosedale Technical College, 215 Beetcham Drive, Suite 2, Pittsburgh, PA 15205.

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

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**President’s List** – Cumulative GPA of 3.4 of Higher after at least one semester

**Automotive:** Derek Rose, Jordan Greathouse, Carl Pascollo, Travis Tyre, Jason Wilson, Eric Abbondanza, Kenneth Eckles, Tyler Guernier, Andrew Guillo, Kyla Holmes, Brian Kashycky, Lucas Lazehek, Jake Reffle, Brandon Varga, Rebecca Venu, Patrick Watson, Zachary Williamson, William Hiscomb, Zachary Jukes, Chazz Lewis, Gino Morena, Sean Sullivan, Michael Vanauer, Dylan Woleslage

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**Just HIRED!**

**Student Name** | **Employer** | **Program**
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Jordan Frank | Diesel | PI Heavy Equipment Repair
Steven Mitchell | Diesel | Steve Mitchell Timber and Lumber
Chad Evans | Electrical | Electrical Security Systems
John Mottoppa | Electrical | Hartley Electric, Inc.
Joshua Pershing | Electrical | Marpower
Bryan Schrader | Electrical | CSA Corp
Christopher Roado | Auto | Honda Auto Parts
George Hopper | Auto | Select Energy
William Hudson, IV | Auto | American Starter
Scott McCollough | Auto | Advanced Auto Parts
Patrick Ender | Diesel | City Glass and Mirror, Inc.
Fredrick Smith | Diesel | Don't Glass and Mirror, Inc.
Sade O'Neil | Diesel | Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company
Christopher Brown | Electrical | Tradsourcing
Matthew Robinson | Electrical | Maragoli, USA

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**Student Name** | **Employer** | **Program**
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Michael Boyle | Auto | Safelite Group
Christopher Eisehert | Auto | Spitzer Auto
Nathan Feits | Auto | Wright Automotive Group
Karl Lyons | Auto | Moore Townsend Ford
Thomas Bridges, Jr. | Diesel | PA Department of Transportation
Kyle Haffner | Diesel | Davids Ford
Daniel Jarrico, Jr. | Diesel | Bowman Trail Leasing
David Lambke | Diesel | FTS International
Andrew Lauffer | Diesel | Uncowntown Kawasaki Car-Am
Joshua Liest | Diesel | Vegel Disposal Service, Inc.
Paige Meyers | Diesel | Century III Kia
Jordan Miller | Diesel | Vegel Disposal Service, Inc.
Jared Moorey | Diesel | Stuman Larkin Ford
Damiin Sisco | Diesel | Penn Detroit Diesel Allison
Derek Sylvia | Diesel | Team Automotive

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**Student Name** | **Employer** | **Program**
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Zachary Keller | HVAC | HVAC
Ollin Kinke | HVAC | HVAC
Jacob Madich | HVAC | HVAC
Michelle Cope | HVAC | HVAC
Nicholas Lanor, Jr. | Auto | Auto
Justin Householder | Truck Driving | Auto
Christian Schaefer | Auto | Auto
Shane Wood | Diesel | Diesel
Mark Lahosky | Auto | Auto
Jorge Veledez | Auto | Auto
Benjamin Wolf | Auto | Auto
Ronald Collins | Diesel | Diesel
Aaron Gandzanski | Diesel | Diesel
Matthew Sharrow | Diesel | Diesel

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**The following graduates have accepted employment with the following companies:**

- Zachary Keller, HVAC
- Ollin Kinke, HVAC
- Jacob Madich, HVAC
- Michelle Cope, HVAC
- Nicholas Lanor, Jr., Auto
- Justin Householder, Truck Driving
- Christian Schaefer, Auto
- Shane Wood, Diesel
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Inaugural Signing Day Showcases Incoming High School Students

On February 3, Rosedale Tech welcomed 20 incoming students for the school’s inaugural Signing Day Social. The students present represented some of the many high school seniors in the area who have enrolled in one of Rosedale Tech’s associates degree programs. Structured to replicate an athletic signing event, each student received an official Rosedale Technical College ball cap and school pennant, and was recognized by President and Director Dennis Wilke. Following the ceremony, a reception was held for the students and their families.

“When a student makes the decision to further their education after high school, it’s an exciting time for the individual and their family. This event was a great way to celebrate the accomplishments of these individuals and honor their decision to make an impact in the trades industry,” said Wilke. “I’m thrilled to continue this event for years to come.”

February Tech Vets Meeting

For Students And Faculty

The February Tech Vets meeting took place Tuesday, February 17 inside the Shoebox. Lunch was provided to those veterans who attended, courtesy of Steel Toe Station. Amy Boyles from OEF/OIF/OND and Heather Steele from the VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System joined the group and spoke to students and faculty about the various Veterans Benefits, primarily healthcare benefits, available to them.

Thank you to all of the veterans who attended! In case you missed the meeting but are interested in obtaining information about the healthcare benefits, please see Marketing Manager, Suzie McGugin.
CONGRATULATIONS COLLEGE GRADUATES!

Rosedale Technical College celebrated graduation of 104 students on Friday, February 6, which was noted as the largest attended graduation in school history. The ceremony took place at the Embassy Suites Pittsburgh International Airport in Moon Township, PA. For the first time in school history, graduates who were present wore graduation gowns and colorful cords to symbolize the awards they earned at school, such as Presidential Award, Ace Award, Perfect Attendance, and Instructors Choice Award. Rosedale Tech veterans also were recognized with red, white, and blue cords.

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

Electrical Instructor Mike Breskovich and Automotive Instructor Matt Gaetano addressed the graduates on behalf of the faculty. Student speakers included Thomas Spano (Diesel), Brian Lukens (HVAC), and Adam Kirby (Electrical).

Rosedale Tech would like to extend a thank you to guest speaker Cara Swanson of Equipco for attending the ceremony.

Best of luck to all of our graduates!

Automotive
AST Degree
Michael Boyle
James Brown
Richard Carmichael
Scott Deschin
Nicole Ehredt
Christopher Eisenhart
Austin Fine
Nathan Freiss
Colin Garrity
D avid Hunt
Ricky Hyatt
Mark Lahosky
Karl Lyons
Matthew Mient
Jason Paola
Robert Peasner

Diploma
Mitchell Cope
Daniel Harris

Diesel
AST Degree
Patrick Armstrong
Brandon Bell
Thomas Bridges, Jr.
Antonio Butera
Ronald Collins

Christopher Kulow
David Lambe
Andrew Lauffer
Edward Findley
Cody Galik
Aaron Gandziarski
Ian Gayman
Robert Gregg
Brian Hill
Thomas Hoag
Daniel Janosko, Jr.
Matthew Kopp

Justin Shaw
David Lambie
Andrew Lauffer
Joshua Leist
Michael Loris
Miranda Lowe
Michael Martinac
Russell McKenzie
Paige Meyers
Jordan Miller
Jared Mooney
John Newcomb
Justin Reese
Shawn Rodgers
Matthew Sharrow

Christopher Bazzoli
Mark Simpionio
Damien Sisco
Thomas Spano, Jr.
Derek Staley
Jonathan Vescio
Adam Widmer
Shane Wood

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Luther Coe
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Zachary Keller
Dillion Krise
Brian Lukens
Jacob Magdich
Dalton Marnich
Joshua Ulukovic

Robert Peasner

Diploma
Andreas Cerminara
Nicholas Laurota, Jr.
Cody Williams

Electrical
AST Degree
Russell Basalyga

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Adam Midler

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Nicholas Laurota, Jr.
In addition to his technical background, Chuck is a military veteran serving with the U.S. Army with Special Operations training and Airborne qualifications. Outside of work, Chuck enjoys being outdoors hunting, fishing, tinkering with home remodeling projects, and camping. He serves as a Deputy to the PA Game Commission, Chuck has obtained experience teaching hunter safety classes.

Chuck is excited to return to his alma mater and share his knowledge with the students. Although the facilities have changed drastically from the Brown Hill Rd. location, he is eager to begin teaching in the lab.

"The new facilities are tremendous!" he said. For those who remember the former facility and the ramp to the shop, Chuck continued jokingly saying, "It's much easier to get in the shop here than it was the Brown Hill Rd. location." Chuck begins teaching the Electrical Systems Analysis class beginning March 2, 2015.

Welcome Back Waylon Coleman

Waylon Coleman, a 2011 graduate of Rosedale Tech’s automotive program, returns to the school as the new Diesel Tool Room Coordinator. Waylon is very happy to be back at his alma mater.

A retired Army diesel technician, Waylon served 10 years and was deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq for two tours. When he returned from proudly serving our country, he embarked on a new career path by attending Rosedale Tech.

While attending Rosedale’s evening program, Waylon began working for Sewickley BMW. When he graduated, he continued working there until resigning at the beginning of this year to join Rosedale’s team. Waylon is amazed with all of the changes that have taken place since graduating, both to the facility and the growing faculty and staff.

Waylon currently resides in the Aliquippa area with his wife and two sons, Dakota (11) and Tallon (6). In his free time, he enjoys hunting, fishing, playing in a summer softball league, and coaching his sons in soccer.

Meet Charles Shreve

The Rosedale Tech family keeps on growing – Charles Shreve was recently hired as a new instructor for the evening electrical diploma program. Charles brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to his new position. He has a diverse educational background having earned his Welding Diploma from Airco Technical Institute, his HVAC Diploma from Gateway Tech, and his Associate Degree in Electrical Technology from Dean Tech.

Most recently, Charles was working at Woodland Hills School District maintaining a number of the buildings and equipment. In addition to an understanding of each other’s needs and decided to further discuss employment opportunities.

Since starting, George has been busy working with subcontractors on the new construction taking place in the Ben Wilke Training Center building. The project includes the construction of three classrooms, a hallway behind the classrooms that leads to three offices and a storage room, and the construction of the new welding lab.

"I love it here," said George. He continued in a joking manner saying, “After working 40 years outside in different weather conditions, it’s nice to be able to work inside a warm building.”

George makes his home in Canonsburg, PA and enjoys the easy commute to work.

Welcome George Cox!

In January, Rosedale Tech welcomed George Cox to the staff as the new Diesel Tool Room Coordinator. A native of Monongahela, George has over 40 years as a shop technician, mostly spent with Sewickley BMW. When he retired, he was in the process of transitioning to a new career that would allow him to bring his hands-on expertise to Rosedale Tech.

"The new facilities are tremendous!" he said. For those who remember the former facility and the ramp to the shop, Chuck continued jokingly saying, "It's much easier to get in the shop here than it was the Brown Hill Rd. location." Chuck begins teaching the Electrical Systems Analysis class beginning March 2, 2015.

Leadership Training

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Leadership runs in the Wilke family

The Circuit

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Welcome Back Waylon Coleman

Waylon Coleman, a 2011 graduate of Rosedale Tech’s automotive program, returns to the school as the new Diesel Tool Room Coordinator. Waylon is very happy to be back at his alma mater.

A retired Army diesel technician, Waylon served 10 years and was deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq for two tours. When he returned from proudly serving our country, he embarked on a new career path by attending Rosedale Tech.

While attending Rosedale’s evening program, Waylon began working for Sewickley BMW. When he graduated, he continued working there until resigning at the beginning of this year to join Rosedale’s team. Waylon is amazed with all of the changes that have taken place since graduating, both to the facility and the growing faculty and staff.

Waylon currently resides in the Aliquippa area with his wife and two sons, Dakota (11) and Tallon (6). In his free time, he enjoys hunting, fishing, playing in a summer softball league, and coaching his sons in soccer.

Something most people don’t know about Waylon is that his full name is Waylon Jennings John Coleman. Why you ask? Stop by the diesel tool room sometime to visit Waylon and find out.

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on February 12, Rosedale Tech hosted a Central Blood Bank Blood Drive in the Shoe Box. A total of 49 units (39 units of whole blood, 10 units of double red cells) were collected. Thank you to all of the students, faculty, and staff who donated!

Winter Blood Drive Recap

Career Training Centers and Vocational Technical schools provide many students a highly specialized education in fields not normally offered in the traditional high school setting. The curriculum is generally more technical, hands-on, and often times, a direct reflection of real life industry settings. Attending such a school can provide a solid foundation for those interested in pursuing a career in STEM related fields and beyond. Rosedale Technical College’s partnership with area “CTCs” and “Vo-Techs” is essential to help combat our nation’s growing skills gap.

One area school and program Rosedale Tech would like to showcase is A.W. Beattie Career Center’s Automotive Technology program. Located in Allison Park, A.W. Beattie Career Center serves the Avonworth, Deer Lakes, Fox Chapel, Hampton, North Allegheny, North Hills, Northgate, Pine Richland and Shaler school districts. The program, led by Mr. Larry Parks (16 years) and Mr. Nathan Monroe (11 years), is divided into two sections made up of sophomores, juniors and seniors. The two are highly passionate about sharing their extensive knowledge and experience in the automotive world with young men and women interested in starting a career in the industry.

Mr. Monroe talked about the value of attending a school like A.W. Beattie. “They get a chance to get their hands in a profession that is not provided to them through any other source than vocational education. It offers them the introductory skills they need to get career value out of a post-secondary education,” Mr. Monroe said. “The biggest thing for me is that they’re getting to tackle real world problems, from a real world point of view,” he went on to say. One of his favorite aspects of the program is seeing students realize that the work is highly professional and can lead to a lasting career, after an initial impression that working on cars was just for fun or a hobby.

Much of the live shop work within the program is performed on student, staff and family vehicles. Students are also able to participate in unique, instructor-led projects. For example, Mr. Parks recently brought a 1975 GMC Gentleman Jim, just one of roughly 1,000 in existence, into the shop. The students will essentially be performing a full restoration on the rare truck.

Mr. Monroe also finds a lot of value in post-secondary education in the field. “It really comes down to exposure. At a school like Rosedale, students have the time to go far more in depth, have more shop time, etc. Plus the certifications, the degree, the experience... it gives the student a definite leg up, ” he said. Mr. Parks speaks from experience as he is a graduate of Rosedale’s Automotive Technology program. He attended when the school was in its Homestead location, but has been to the new Kennedy Township facility many times. “The school has evolved leaps and bounds”, he said and went on to reference the improved equipment, labs, additional instructors and classrooms as well as being impressed by the evolving curriculum that stays current with industry standards. He relies on his education from Rosedale daily in his teaching, and even references his old text books from time to time.

Thank you to both Mr. Parks and Monroe, as well as their students, for helping to shape the future of the automotive industry.

Classroom Spotlight: A.W. Beattie CTC Automotive Technology

Rosedale Tech’s Biggest Buck Contest

The results are in for this year’s Biggest Buck Contest. Congratulations to Josh Denardo for claiming first place in contest with an 11-point buck. Brian Hill claimed 2nd place with an 8-point buck, and Maintenance Supervisor Tim Weleski came in 3rd place with a 7-point buck. Thank you to all participants!

Josh Denardo
11 point buck
16" spread

Tim Weleski
7 Point Buck
16.5" Spread

Brian Hill – 8 Point Buck, 16.5" spread

Financial Aid Update

- All students are reminded that once their 2014 taxes are filed, please schedule an appointment with a representative from the Financial Aid department to renew their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- On March 11, James Wolfe, Veterans Education Advisor from the PA Department of Education, will be visiting Rosedale Tech to learn about our newest programs.
- The entire Financial Aid team is preparing for a US Department of Education program review audit scheduled to take place March 16-20.