In June 2005, former NFL and University of Pittsburgh quarterback Tyler Palko and a small group of directors founded the TC House project. Inspired by Palko’s lifelong friend Chris McGough, the group wanted to help individuals with Down’s Syndrome in the Pittsburgh area reach their full potential. Rather than view his disability as a setback, McGough and his friends have seen value in it as a chance to grow and appreciate differences while helping one another.

With that in mind, Palko and his group developed a plan to construct a four-bedroom home that would offer individuals with Down’s Syndrome a chance to thrive with independence and confidence, as well as remain active in the community. A few years of fundraising and gaining awareness, construction on the home began in March of this year. As the project began to take shape, General Contractor Jeff Dezuollovich reached out to Rosedale Tech for assistance, and the Electrical and HVAC Technology students stepped up to offer their services to the construction of the home. Under the guidance of HVAC instructors Wayne Walker and Paul McEowen, students did a complete install of the home’s heating, cooling and ventilation system. They have already completed almost all of the duct work and installed most of the units. The final process will be to finalize the hook up for the remaining units.

The partnership has been great for both RTI and the TC House. The real life experience is extremely beneficial to the students, and TC House is extremely grateful for their volunteered service. For more information and to stay up to date on the progress of the house, please visit www tcbhouse.org.

**August 21st marks the one year anniversary of Rosedale Tech assuming management of its sister school, Precision Manufacturing Institute, located in Monroeville, Pa. Since that time, the resources, training and guidance of RTI Tech’s faculty and staff have enhanced the operation of PMI, positioning for continued growth and success in the upcoming years.**

Leading RTI’s management team to the decision of partnering with PMI were board members President Dennis Wilke, Vice President Ben Wilke, Treasurer/Secretary David Wilke, and Board Member Joe Froehlich.

“While the additional mission of PMI included improving customer service, enhancing the brand and visibility in the community, establishing relationships with high schools within a 100-mile radius, and fine tuning the details of classroom and lab work to ensure the courses are teaching the proper information,” said Amy Pasarella, Director of Admissions Debbie Bier. “PMI’s admissions staff worked tirelessly to learn new techniques and procedures. There is a branding buzz that put PMI back on the radar.”

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**Following the sales training and philosophy of Rosedale’s interview techniques, admissions at PMI have seen tremendous strides. The tools and resources RTI’s admissions team provided to PMI have proven successful. In July, PMI’s enrollment has shown a 115% increase over previous comparable starts. This July will mark the largest starting class at PMI in years with 28 students enrolled.**

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**In May, RTI Tech announced that it would be receiving financial support to start an Industrial Technician program, anticipated to begin this fall based on anaccreditor and state approval. The decision to add the program was prompted by the recent growth of the manufacturing industry in Western Pennsylvania and the need for individuals with this specific training. The $200,000 grant, provided by the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County board, will be used to renovate classrooms and build a welding laboratory at the school. This will consist of the installation of an exhaust system, booters, gas lines, lighting, HVAC systems, sprinklers and the infrastructure to contain them.**

The program will train students to maintain and repair conveyor belts, and similar systems, at local plants. They also will learn welding, electrical and hydraulic skills. The addition of the program will not only attract additional students to RTI, but will also create additional job opportunities at the fast-growing school.

The program, which has received approval from the state Department of Education, could initially enroll 15 to 20 students. While final approval is still needed to move forward with the program, the interest of this high profile industry training program has brought a number of inquiries to RTI.
Equipco Provides Rosedale Tech Students With Employer Insight

Equipping a multitude of companies needs that include forklifts, cleaning equipment, modular offices, industrial racking, and mobile rail car movers, just to name a few, Equipco, located in Bridgeville, Pa, is a one-stop, service-first oriented business. Diesel students who recently completed their Shop Management/Customer Service and Hydraulics courses were recently given a tour of the facility and learned another aspect of the diesel industry and possible future opportunities available as their graduation date nears.

Cara Swanson, Business Development Coordinator, and Mark Armstrong, Service Manager, took time out of their day to tour the group of nine students and two instructors. In addition to explaining what companies their technicians service, they also spoke about the qualities they look for in potential employees, what is expected of their current employees, and why their operation has been in business for the past 70 years. The group quickly learned that Equipco likes to hire those with a mechanical ability, promote from within, and especially likes to speak to students who are studying diesel related technologies who can master the skill of customer service. Equipco employs about 100 employees, half of which are technicians who work within a 15 to 45 mile radius of their home, even if their home is over 200 hundred miles away from the Bridgeville location. Equipco and its team rely on the use of technology to ensure a day’s work is not only scheduled, but completed by communicating to their technicians through a company issued tablet throughout a service coverage area that includes all or portions of DE, MD, NJ, OH, PA, and WV.

After the field trip, a few of the students who attended the tour commented on their experience. They said:

“The field trip showed me how Equipco differed from my expectations. The company had a much broader spectrum of business than I expected.” - Ed Findley

“The field trip to Equipco showed me how important it is to have good communication skills. If you cannot talk to a customer, how are you supposed to know what to fix?” - Adam Windmer

“The field trip to Equipco showed me how to develop an excellent employee relationship. I know this is important in building a successful company.” - Josh Leist

“I thought the field trip to Equipco was really good. It gave me an idea of what employers are looking for and what they want out of an employee. It also gave me a feel for what I want to do in the industry, whether it is working on fork lifts, working in a shop, or becoming a traveling mechanic.” - Jordan Miller

Equipco definitely gave all their guests something positive to think about and apply to their future opportunities. RTI is fortunate to have a company such as Equipco involved with their diesel program, as are the future graduates who just may be their next employee!

Payton Riggins Changes His Life and Career

After working at the Pittsburgh Airport Marriot in maintenance for five years, Payton Riggins realized he wanted to make a change in careers. He was already a professional barber prior to that but realized he needed something different. Becoming an electrician was his original plan, and after speaking with his boss at the Marriot, he was encouraged to look into HVAC. Rosedale Tech’s program was suggested and after exploring it, he decided it to be the best fit, enrolling shortly thereafter.

Just six days after graduating from RTI’s HVAC technology program, Payton Riggins started working for REMCO Inc. based in Monroeville, Pa. It was an eventful two-week start, with travel to Mechanicsburg and York for additional training, as well as trips to Harrisburg and Baltimore for different jobs. Less than a month into the position, Payton was given a company vehicle for travel to service calls. Payton says he’s working a lot and really loving it. “I’ve been here for a short period of time, and I already feel like I’ve done so much. Plus, I like what I’m doing,” he said.

He says RTI was the perfect place for him.

“I’m very happy that I came to RTI. It’s opened a lot of doors for me. This path has been a life changing decision,” he said. Payton says his training has prepared him well for his job. He went on to say that HVAC Technology instructor, Paul McEowen was instrumental in him reaching his goals. “Paul sent out my resume and put me in contact with all the right people,” he said.

Congratulations and continued success in your new career, Payton!

Schneider National Hires Diesel Grad

When Diesel Technology grad David Ciafardone was asked, “what was the best job you’ve had?”, his response was simple. He stated, “when I worked for Stanley Steemer.” The job itself was not ideal, but during his time with Stanley Steemer, David drove past RTI multiple times every week. Finally, after hearing about all of the potential in the Marcellus Shale industry, David decided to give RTI a call.

David, a former Marine, was curious if RTI accepted military funding. He was pleased to discover not only did his GI Bill cover his education but, he would also receive a housing allowance while he was attending school to relieve some of the financial pressure.

After completing CDL training at RTI, David, an Ohio resident, passed his Ohio CDL on the first attempt. Upon graduation, David received multiple job offers and decided to work for Schneider National. Looking back on his education he said he never expected to do so well in the program. He stated, “show up every day and give it your best and it’s amazing what you can accomplish!”

HVAC Students Assist at Camp Kon o’ Kwée

HVAC student Dillon Krise is hard at work on one of the cabins condensing units.

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From L to R): AJButero, Dan Janosko, Instructor Mark Simoneaux, Bob Leist, Jordan Miller, Paige Meyers, Mike Cox, Ed Findley, Adam Windmer, Dave Lambie, Equipco’s Cara Swanson and Mark Armstrong.

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Mike Maleski Open PSK Performance

Two things President and Director, Dennis Wilke asks new students at orientation is why they have chosen to study at Rosedale Tech, and what they hope to get out of the experience. For some, it’s as simple as finding employment, or tangible as a new truck. Others have ambitions to one day open their own business. Mike Maleski, an Automotive Technology graduate in ’08 was among those with an entrepreneurial spirit. This past September, he realized his dream in opening his own automotive repair and performance shop on Streets Run Road in West Mifflin, Pa.

Immediately after graduating from Baldwin High School, Mike enrolled at RTI. Always a passion, he and his friends worked on their cars throughout their youth. While a student at RTI, he worked at several private garages part-time after class and on weekends, including Warp Speed where he got experience working on such manufacturers as Porsche, Rolls Royce, Lamborghini, Lotus, and more.

After earning his Associates degree from RTI, Mike got a job at a Honda dealership where he worked for the next five years. He gained invaluable field experience, got certified in engines and transmissions, and quickly became the shop’s top technician. He was also able to take advantage of unique additional training from Honda and is currently one of 24 certified natural gas technicians in the entire state of Pennsylvania.

From the time he graduated from RTI, Mike had been taking side jobs in his garage at home. After getting to a point in his career where he had the confidence, knowledge and skill, Mike decided it was time to open his shop to the public.

PSK Performance officially opened on September 1, 2013. Mike stayed with Honda until the end of the year, opening his shop at nights, and went full time with PSK at the start of 2014. “People like me because I’m honest,” Mike said. His recommendations always come with the benefit of the customer in mind. “I get asked what the most challenging about running his own business, he said it was gaining the customer’s trust.

“Don’t want it to go to waste. Everything seemed to be closing, but to me, it seemed to have a lot of potential,” Mike said.

Knoxville Welcomes Nutz and Boltz

Add Mike Terrier, who recently completed the Diesel Technology program, to the growing list of Rosedale Tech’s entrepreneurs. On June 1st, Terrier opened Nutz & Boltz Auto Repair and Detailing LLC in the Knoxville neighborhood of Pittsburgh.

Mike wasn’t always the model student. “I was what you might call a “problem” child in high school,” he said. It led people to question how seriously he took his education and future. After finishing high school and working a number of jobs, Mike decided he wanted to give school another try, this time in pursuit of his passion. “People doubted me going back to school, even my mother,” he said.

Opening his own shop wasn’t necessarily the plan he had in mind when he started at RTI. After taking a Business Management course with instructor Marc Mullin, he knew self employment was the path he wanted to take. As he began to pursue his goal, Mike became familiar with all of the required preparation and paperwork, so he reached out to Assistant Director of Education Kara Chan for assistance. “Kara went way above and beyond her duty to give me a hand. I can’t tell you how much she helped,” he said. Kara frequently met with Mike to help with his business plan, making herself available not only at RTI but through phone, email and Facebook at all times of the day and night. “I don’t think there’s any way I’d have been able to get started without Kara’s help,” Mike said. Marc Mullin also assisted Mike in the development of the business plan.

While his behavior and attitude may have been called into question in the past, his work ethic was consistent and true. Classes and training at RTI consumed his days, and on even weekends, he worked as a mechanic for Yellow Cab. Throughout classes and work, he also had his wife and two small children at home. “That time made me realize that I didn’t want to have to rely on others for work. I wanted to create my own,” he said. He then began to scout locations for potential shop space.

A resident of the Knoxville area, he noticed a number of storefronts closing their doors and remaining vacant. One particular business that had closed, a former tire shop, continued to catch his eye. “I didn’t want it to go to waste. Everything seemed to be closing, but to me, it seemed to have a lot of potential,” Mike said.

So far, he seems to have been right. Business has been more than steady since his opening. He says the most rewarding part of the whole experience has been being able to show his accomplishments and prove his doubters wrong.

“I get to come to my shop every day and stand proud,” Mike said. He went on to say that the process to opening a business takes time and determination, but extremely satisfying in the end. After nine failed pitches for a loan, Mike was able to secure an investor. While discouraged at times, his persistence and fortitude paid off.

Mike has a wide range of experience in all things related to mechanics. Nutz & Boltz does everything from Auto and Diesel, motorcycles, new and used tires, car audio, window tint, detailing and some custom fabrication. One of their most recent jobs was a custom fabrication on one of the Pittsburgh Penguins’ promotional vehicles and several current RTI students even help Mike in the evenings and on weekends.

Nutz & Boltz is located at 55 Amanda Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15210. Check them out today!

Recent Grads Take On Entrepreneurial Spirit

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Check out Mike at PSK Performance - 1300 Streets Run Road West Mifflin, PA 15236 – 412-885-2178 or on Facebook. On top of automotive repair, he also offers specialized classes including Women’s Nights, which teach basic maintenance, and how to understand your service repair bill.

Congrats and continued success, Mike!
**June 2014 Awards**

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

**Automotive:** Justin Long, David Hunt, James Brown, David Curcio, Christopher Anderson, Joshua Denardo, Nicholas Hoovler, Alyssa Kirk, James McAvoy, Anthony Rotondo, Jeremy Schiff, Jeffrey Tarpley, Matthew Tomblin, William Waldron, Matthew Whetsell

**Diesel:** Brandon Bell, Kyle Halfhill, Daniel Janosko, David Lambie, Andrew Lauffer, Michael Loris, Jonathan Vescio, Philip Wilson, Michael DeAngelo, Thomas Hoag, David Jones, Jordan Greathouse, Taylor Johnston, Travis Tyre, Ian Wible

**Electrical:** Carl Klauscher, Christopher Bazzoli, Zachary Collins, Mark Lucas, Dominick Vella, Christopher Babyak, Jared Colalella, David Jones, Christopher Sigmund

**HVAC:** Brian Lukens, Jacob Magdich, Dalton Marnich, Chad McDade, Joseph Sanpietro, Walter Sarafin III

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

**Automotive:** Gino Morena, Nathan Freiss, Ryan Powell, Nicholas Wragg, Carmen Zambrano, James Brown, Richard Carmichael, David Curcio, Nicole Ehredt, Jason Paola, Derek Rose, Michael Swan, Timothy Tydeman, Christopher Yerkey, Darron Clinton, Geoffrey Darkangelo, Joshua Denardo, Nicholas Hoovler, Alyssa Kirk, Jacob Luther, Anthony Rotondo, Jeremy Schiff, Scott Tostevin, Blake Wright

**Diesel:** Dylan Kabana, Patrick Armstrong, Brandon Bell, Thomas Bridges, Cody Gallik, Kyle Halfhill, Daniel Janosko, Joshua Johnston, Andrew Lauffer, Joshua Leist, Michael Loris, Russell McKenzie, Paige Meyers, Jared Mooney, Sadie O’Neil, Shawn Rodgers, Anthony Rumsey, Damien Sisco, Jonathan Vescio, Adam Widmer, Jonathan Burgess, Michael DeAngelo, Joel Graham, Brian Hill, Thomas Hoag, Jonathan Mayhew, Mikel Mercado, Mark Simpronio, Taylor Johnston, Christopher Jones, Robert Thompson, Jason Wilson

**Electrical:** Russell Basalyga, Brandon Benec, Jason Johnson, Mark Lucas, Dominick Vella, Christopher Welch, Luc Bongiorni

**HVAC:** Evan Treadwell, Hunter Curl, Zachary Keller, Brian Lukens, Luther Coe, Dalton Marnich, Joshua Ulakovic

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

**Automotive:** Scott Deschon, David Hunt, Benjamin Wolf, Christopher Anderson, Robert Birr, Matthew Fargo, Jessica Gazvoda, William Lewis, Travis Leyda, James McAvoy, Thomas Palfy, Jay Rouse, Jeffrey Tarpley, Matthew Tomblin, William Waldron, Matthew Whetsell

**Diesel:** Daniel Graber, David Lambie, Philip Wilson, Ian Gayman, Kristina Howell, David Jones, Carl Pascocello, Matthew Sharrow, Jordan Greathouse, Travis McBride, Bradley Nolf, Thomas Spano, Jeffrey Stivison, Travis Tyre, Ian Wible, Dorian Williams

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**HVAC:** Jacob Magdich, Chad McCade, Benjamin Moritz, Joseph Sanpietro, Walter Sarafin III, Thomas Williams

**Helping Hand Award:** Timothy Tydeman, Nicole Ehredt

**Extra Effort Award:** Brian Lukens, Christopher Anderson, James McAvoy, Nicholas Hoovler, Scott Tostevin, Geoffrey Darkangelo, Brandon Bell, Michael Loris, Philip Wilson, Scott Deschon

**Most Improved Award:** Christopher Jones, Christopher George

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**Students and Grads Own Unique Vehicles**

**Brandon Stumpf**
January 2013 Auto Technology grad Brandon Stumpf has a 2007 Subaru Impreza WRX STI with a 2.5L turbocharged engine.

**Matthew Sharrow**
Matt bought this 1950 Oldsmobile Series 76 after it had been sitting in a field for 15 years. He rewired it, built a new engine and has been continuously working on it. He recently entered it into the Super Nationals in Salem, OH and won “Best Saved Vehicle” and “Most Unique Vehicle.”

**Mike Swan**
Auto Technology student Mike built his ’97 Honda Civic from the ground up. This Honda has a track suspension and a high compression motor build. He came in 2nd place in an SCCA sanctioned Auto Cross event.

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**Wellness Program Offered to Employees**

In an effort to promote wellness and healthy habits at Rosedale Tech, the Student Services department arranged for Dr. Frank J. Verri of Greater Pittsburgh Joint and Muscle Center to host a series of Lunch and Learn events for employees.

The first topic Dr. Verri covered was how to manage and control stress. He suggested cutting back on cigarettes, eating a balanced and healthy diet and getting up from your desk periodically to take walks. Administrative Assistant Sue Henze stated “I really enjoyed how he had alternative and fun suggestions for reducing stress, like finding a way to laugh whether it be by watching a YouTube video or listening to something funny on the radio.” Dr. Verri also offered a free 15 minute massage and a free strength & muscle screening to any employees that were interested in visiting his office. On July 18th, he will return to speak with employees about overall health and wellness.
Rosedale Tech maintenance employee Tim Noel found himself going around four to five times every evening to check the exterior doors of the Chosky building making sure they were closed and properly latched. This became such a time consuming task he knew there had to be a better way.

**Evening Electrical Students Enhance School Security**

**Paul Caputo** spent 20 years of his life in the Industrial Maintenance field. Although he was happy with his work, he was looking for a change. He wanted to continue his education in his current field or a field that encompassed the same “hands on” feel. After doing some research, Paul discovered that the diesel field was another area where technicians were in high demand.

Very pleased with his education from Rosedale Tech, Paul was discussing his experience with his girlfriend, Christie. Christie’s son, Zack Stephen, just graduated from Chartiers Valley High School and was looking for the next step. After hearing about Paul’s success, Zack decided to visit RTI.

Zack starts the Diesel Technology program in August 2014. His mind is at ease knowing Paul is there to answer any questions and help him through some of his classes. Like Paul, he is also very excited to enter a field that is in such high demand.

**Elec tronics** was not among Paul’s classes, but he had a couple ideas, one being a “Door Ajar Circuit.” When the door was shut and properly locked, a light on the LED display would turn on to alert Tim. The students mapped out the design and got to work. Dan stated, “I’m incredibly proud of my students for not only designing the system but fabricating the majority of the parts. The only parts we purchased were the slide bolts for the doors and the LED lights. “The electrical evening students are in the process of constructing and installing the mechanisms and should be done within a month.

Tim is thrilled because this will make his evening perimeter check go much smoother.

**Fifth Wheel Trainer**

Built in Class

During a recent classroom lesson on powertrains, Diesel Technology Instructor **Brandon Danser** came up with an idea to incorporate a fifth wheel trainer into the curriculum. Brandon knew of a few fifth wheels that needed replaced on the Rosedale Tech semis and rather than discarding the broken ones, he figured he could use one to build a fifth wheel trainer. Diesel Technology student **Phil Wilson** volunteered to help engineer and build the new fifth wheel trainer, and within weeks the project was complete.

The trainer will be used to teach powertrains as well as the components of a fifth wheel, disassembly, locking mechanisms, adjustments, and safety airlocks (you can even supply air to the trainer to demonstrate this.) In addition the CDL and Truck Driving classes will be able to use the trainer to get a better look at the fifth wheel and all of its components.

**Diesel Technology Student Refers Girlfriend’s Son to Program**

**Colin Garritty**

Automotive Technology Student
January 2015 Graduate

Enter to win

“WHAT DID YOU DO OVER SUMMER BREAK?”

CONTEST

Rosedale Tech is having a “What did you do over summer break?” contest. In the past we’ve had students that have traveled to other countries, built decks, sheds and even cars on their summer break.

To enter, email a photo with a 3-5 sentence description of your summer break experience to suzie.mcguin@rosedaletech.org. All entries are due by Friday, August 22nd. The winner will receive a $20 credit for RTI apparel store.

Have a great summer break!
Family, Friends enjoy a win at the Pirates Game

On June 9th, Rosedale Tech students, faculty, staff and family members got together to attend a Pittsburgh Pirates Baseball Game. As the Pirates battled the Cubs, everyone in attendance enjoyed each other’s company and cheered on the home team. The final score was Pirates 6, Cubs 2.

LET'S GO BUCS!

Do What You Were Born to Do

Recently, Rosedale Tech launched a series of new commercials titled “Do What You Were Born to Do.” The commercials highlight students in the Automotive, Diesel, Electrical, HVAC and Industrial Technician programs. The commercials begin with the students as young children who are already interested in their field of study, followed by the students as adults successfully working in their field.

Keep an eye out for the “Do What You Were Born to Do” commercials this year. To view all of our commercials visit our RTI YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/user/RosedaleTech

A Military Family Shares a Passion for the Automotive Industry

Automotive Technology student David Curcio spent six years as a Sargent in the Army, including two tours in Iraq. Not sure what to do following his service, David worked security for a short while, but he missed the fast-paced environment of the Army. While in the Army, David volunteered multiple times for the motor pool, so he decided to look for a job working on vehicles. The search proved to be difficult without formal training, but he soon found a position working in the Recon center at West Hills Nissan. David wanted to do more, and with encouragement from his co-workers, he decided to check out Rosedale Tech.

When David was asked, “Why RTI?” his answer was simple, “My brother-in-law Mark Simoneau works there and loves it.” In addition, David mentioned that he saw the school was voted “Military Friendly” which was a huge bonus for him.

Mark has been teaching Hydraulics at RTI since 2006, and having a background in the military (Air Force) himself, knew what David was going through trying to decide on a career path. David said one of the reasons he was not nervous to start classes at RTI is because he knew if he needed anything Mark would be there for him. David was also very excited that he would be able to use his GI Bill to fund his education. Mark is proud that David not only took the initiative to enroll at RTI, but that he is doing well in all of his classes.

Rosedale Instructor Transforms Trash for a Purpose

One man’s trash is another man’s treasure — the art of repurposing has become a popular trend in today’s culture. For Diesel Technology Instructor Adam Taylor, this art form has allowed him to take a passion of water conservation and create a magnificent float boat assembled entirely out of repurposed trash for this year’s Anything That Floats race. The race, part of the 37th annual EQT Pittsburgh Three Rivers Regatta, took place July 2-4.

The vessel was built by Adam and other volunteers who are part of Allegheny CleanWays, a non-profit organization formed in 2000 to engage and empower people to eliminate illegal dumping and littering in Allegheny County’s waterways.

Adam, a two-year volunteer for Allegheny CleanWays, explained that the boat is part of the organization’s Tireless project, which focuses primarily on cleaning up tires along the river banks in Allegheny County. The Tireless project is a collaborative endeavor of Allegheny CleanWays and several other organizations with a common interest in keeping Pittsburgh’s watersways environmentally healthy and clean.

The 10 foot by 8 foot, 500-pound paddle boat was comprised of pure trash he and other volunteers collected off of river banks during a six-hour period. Once collected, it took four nights for the team to construct the unique float boat. Some of the features of the vessel included tires, barrels, wood pieces from old docks, as well as a water slide that was tested multiple times during their four-mile test run on July 2.

While this was the first float boat built out of trash for Allegheny CleanWays, Adam has previously built five other river rafts, all comprised of junk. Adam stated that the construction of these water vessels has been fun and challenging for him. “I love spending as much time in the water as possible,” said Adam.

The Anything That Floats race took place on Friday, July 4 at 9:30 a.m. More than 20 vessels competed in the 500-yard race. The top three finishers in the race each earn money prizes for their charities, courtesy of Trib Total Media. While Adam and his team finished in last place their first year of participation, they received awards for Most Fun and Best Decorated boat.

For more information on Allegheny CleanWays, visit www.alleghenycleanways.org

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Welcome Angela Nelson

Previous to accepting the position, Angela spent the last three years working for the Pittsburgh Riverhounds - the city's professional soccer team. Her role there was also in marketing with a focus on corporate sponsorships. A graduate of Point Park University, she earned her Bachelor's Degree in Advertising and Public Relations with a minor in Business Management. Her interests outside of work include staying active through biking, playing in a volleyball league, and even learning to ski just last year. Originally from Meadville, she now lives in the Moon Township area.

Angela won’t be a new face to some here at Rosedale. In the summer of 2010, she was brought in as a Marketing Intern. “I’m excited to be back. It’s amazing to see how much is changed so quickly and nice to see familiar faces as well as new ones,” she said. She went on to say that she is looking forward to getting to work with everyone and being able to bring new ideas to the table. Welcome back to Rosedale, Angela!

Recently, Rosedale Tech President Dennis Wilke announced an official Mission, Vision and Value statement. President Wilke states, “We will continually work to incorporate these concepts into our every day work lives as much as possible.”

Mission
The mission of Rosedale Technical Institute is to enable students to obtain employment in positions related to the trade industries using hands on training programs aligned with industry needs and effective student services designed to promote student success.

Vision
We are the engine of our regional economy by providing genuinely valuable hands on training which adapts to meet the needs of employers. We unlock the energy of our students and provide the spark of knowledge which gives our students the confidence to change their lives.

Values
RTI values a student-centered approach in everything we do. We also value continuous improvement and self-development along with honesty, humility and enthusiasm.

Liz Lanshchak

Former General Education Instructor, Liz Lanshchak has transitioned positions and is now Rosedale Tech’s Student Service Coordinator. As students that had her in class know, she will bring real enthusiasm to the position, as well as a commitment to do all that she can to benefit the students she will be assisting. Prior to working at RTI, Liz spent 14 years working in career and technical education at the secondary level. It was there that her eyes were opened to the importance of teaching and education in the trades, totally changing her initial perspective. “I want to be the Joan of Arc for career and technical education. I never want to leave,” she said.

Liz said that she hopes to bring credibility and a passion to her new role. The fact that her work will only help our students, but also the local economy, excites her. She went on to say that she intends to build on current employer contacts and wants to make her start as seamless as possible for the students. “It’d like this to be a one-stop shop for the students. If they come to me, their needs will be addressed. As a team, we will help students to meet their career goals,” she said.

See Liz in the Student Service Coordinator office for your employment needs.

Suzie McGugin: Marketing Manager

Suzie McGugin has been promoted to Marketing Manager, a newly created position at Rosedale Tech. A graduate of Middle Tennessee State University where she earned her Bachelors in Marketing, she has been with RTI for over four years. Currently, she is attending the University of Pittsburgh’s Executive MBA program. Her responsibilities in the role will include the development of commercials, print advertisements, social media, newsletters and managing other marketing materials. “As we continue to grow, it’s exciting to see the need for more resources in this area. I’m looking forward to teaming with Angela Nelson to continue to improve our marketing efforts,” she said.

Congrats and best of luck in the new position.

Welcome Back Brian Strellick!

Rosedale Tech welcomes back Brian Strellick to a full-time instructor position in the daytime general education program. Brian began as a general education instructor at RTI in June 2011, but went back into the field at Kenny Ross Toyota in August 2013. While at Kenny Ross, he continued to work at RTI, teaching evening courses as needed. Brian came back to Rosedale this June when a position opened up in the daytime program. One of the things that he loves about being back at RTI is “seeing students get careers.” In addition to the daytime programs, Brian continues teaching an evening diesel course one night a week and is finishing his MBA program at IUP (expected to be complete December 2014).

Welcome back Brian!

Rosedale Tech Employees Rewarded for Their Extra Effort

Recently, Rosedale Tech started a new employee reward system called “Tech Tokens.” The tokens are rewarded to employees for going above and beyond the call of duty. The tokens can be redeemed for prizes ranging from Rosedale Tech apparel, house cleaning services and even a day of paid vacation!

The following Rosedale Tech employees received Tech Tokens for the months of May and June:

- Brian Winter
- Joni Curi
- Kara Chan
- Debbie Bier
- Darrin Niemeyer
- Dave Nicola
- Craig Thornton
- John Huld
- Dave Slaby
- Anna Bartolini
- Kathy Stein
- Karen Schonbachler
- Mike Basulto
- Amy Pascarella
- Rick Mehn
- Rob Murphy
- Dave Hladik
- Jen Machere
- Jen Cox
- Sean Barrett
- Ben Martin
- Suzie McGugin
- Lou Levine
- Vaughun Greil
- Mike Bresovich
- Paul McCowen
- Tim Welsleski
- Jeff Kaplon
- Brian Mullen
- Dennis Wilke
- John Litvin
- Dave Detar
- Kim Bell
- Jim Ripin
- Dave Hiram
- Sue Hense
- Mary Sue Trohpaugh
- James "Mouse" McClinton
- Ed Petrunak
- Brandon Darsen
- Adam Taylo
- JR Mangin
- Mark Simoneau
- Art Schultz

Truck Driving Instructor Dave Nicola and Craig Thornton nominated for Tech Tokens for assisting the admissions department in answering questions while touring prospective students.
Congratulations
Tool Scholarship Recipients!

Thanks to a record of hard work and a documented commitment to their respective trade, a group of incoming Rosedale Tech students have been awarded tool scholarships. Snap-On, Ideal Tools and Johnstone Supply judged and awarded the prizes, with the contest open to high school students graduating in 2014. Applicants were asked to write an essay on why they had chosen their area of study and their intentions in the field after graduation. Attendance, grade point average and a letter of recommendation were also requirements that were considered.

Educational Outreach Representative Sean Barrett was honored to surprise the winners in their classrooms, cafeterias and awards ceremonies. All should be very proud of their prestigious achievement. Thanks again to Snap-On, Ideal Tools and Johnstone Supply for their continued commitment to quality education in the trades.

Congratulations to the winners and we look forward to seeing all of our 2014 graduates this fall!

Winners:
Auto
1st– John Hladney – Highlands HS
2nd– Billy Harold – Butler Vo-Tech

Diesel
1st – Daniel Matthews – Propel Braddock HS
2nd– Cameron Tyrip – Brownsville HS

Electrical
1st– Nick Konopka – Parkway West CTC
HVA C
1st– Chris Hitchens – Lenape Tech

2014 Annual Picnic & Softball Game

Students, Faculty and Staff celebrated the annual picnic and softball game this July. Steel Toe Station served a delicious meal while Student Services Coordinator Liz Landchak ran a DJ booth. Students, Faculty and Staff also participated in various games such as corn hole, volleyball, frisbee, basketball, and of course, softball. While all of the softball teams played well, the HVAC team prevailed over the faculty and staff team 19 – 6.

Are you a graduate of Rosedale Tech?
Rosedale Tech recently launched a new alumni Facebook group. The group will be used as a networking tool and to update our graduates on alumni events.

If you are a graduate and have not yet joined our alumni Facebook group, please visit www.facebook.com/groups/rosedaletechalumni or scan the QR code with your smart phone.

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