Good, well-rounded workers. “That’s what the job market is looking for,” said Anson Harding, a student in Rosedale Technical College’s Industrial Technician program.

This is one of the many reasons Anson decided to enroll in the Industrial Technician program, one of Rosedale Tech’s newer programs.

Also known as Industrial Maintenance, the Industrial Technician program prepares students to be a “Jack of All Trades” and covers a wide-range of skillsets, such as welding, hydraulics, motor controls and programmable logic controllers (PLCs), transmissions, and so much more. Individuals who might be a good fit for the Industrial Technician program are ones who like variety and want the ability to complete a multitude of skills.

“When I look at job postings online, they list skills that I am learning the skills that they are seeking to fill positions at their companies,” he said. “Rather than hiring multiple people with unique skillsets, companies are looking for employees who possess all skillsets.”

Prior to coming to Rosedale Tech, Anson had been working in a steel mill for 10 years. After the mill shut down in late 2016, Anson was one of about 600 workers without a job. Through online research specifically targeted towards industrial technician training, Anson found Rosedale Tech. After touring the school and learning of its good reputation, Anson enrolled in the industrial technician program in September 2016.

Anson stated that he loves everything that the industrial technician program offers.

“It’s a perfect fit for me,” he said.

He can relate a lot of his work experience in the steel mill to the coursework he is doing now in class. He even mentioned that he has seen and done a lot of the stuff they are working on in class and he now has a better understanding of it.

Upon graduating in February 2018, Anson plans to move to South Carolina and is currently looking for industrial maintenance and industrial technician positions within a manufacturing company, Michelin and BMW to name a few.

“The Industrial Technician program is not for everyone,” said Anson. “It’s for people who enjoy a fast-paced environment and are adaptable to change. Every day is different. There are so many opportunities in this field.”

Another student who has found a future career through the industrial technician program is Ernest Price. For about four years, Ernie has been working as a machinist for O’Neal Steel.

“Be a ‘Jack of All Trades’ with a Career in Industrial Technician”

Ernie began the industrial technician program in May 2016 and loves everything about the program, especially that it covers a wide-range of skillsets. What he particularly loves is the motor controls and PLC training.

“So many employers are looking for this type of training,” he said.

Since starting the industrial technician program, Ernie has been very appreciative of the flexibility his work has provided. In addition to the financial support for school, he has also been able to maintain a full-time position while attending school.

Upon graduation, Ernie will continue to work at O’Neal Steel.

Graduate Update: Hunter Curl

Rosedale Tech graduate Hunter Curl has accepted a position as Maintenance Personnel for the Peters Township School District.

Hunter graduated from Rosedale Tech’s HVAC program in March 2015 and the Industrial Technician program in January 2016.

A typical day for Hunter is making sure each room in the school is cooled and heated properly as well as ensuring that the chillers and boilers are operating correctly.

“This job is great because I’m not doing the same thing every day and I’m always learning something new,” said Hunter.

Hunter stated that the training he received at Rosedale Tech has been very beneficial to his position.

“I use every aspect of both my degrees to achieve completion of the job and also to help others in their areas of expertise,” he said. “I would recommend the Industrial Technician program because you can walk into any job and be able to problem solve with the broad spectrum of knowledge you receive.”
Meet Industrial Technician Graduate Destiny Lucas

Destiny Lucas, a 2014 graduate of Trinity High School, recently completed Rosedale Tech’s industrial technician program, one of the newer and unique programs offered at the College. Upon graduating high school, Destiny knew she wanted to pursue a nontraditional career path where she would have the opportunity to work with her hands. Originally, she wanted to pursue automotive at another school, but after learning about Rosedale Tech’s industrial technician program, she was excited about the number of opportunities available through the training.

“It’s such a variety of skilled training. I was never bored in class,” said Destiny. The industrial technician program encompasses a wide-range of technical skills from welding, hydraulics, machine controls, electrical, powertrains, and more. The training prepares students for technician positions that require an individual to install, dismantle, reassemble, repair and maintain various types of industrial equipment.

Upon graduating from Rosedale Tech in November 2016, Destiny accepted a job offer as a maintenance mechanic for Gordon Food Service (GFS), in Imperial, PA. GFS is the largest privately held, family-managed food service company. Destiny works within one of the refrigerated warehouses, where she helps maintain over seven miles worth of conveyor systems. Currently, Destiny is the only female maintenance mechanic working at her facility.

“Being a female mechanic, at first I thought it was going to be overwhelming and that I wouldn’t really be welcome. A lot of the guys I work with are much older than me and are more ‘old school’, but since starting no one really acknowledged the fact that I am a female. They just cared that I was a good worker,” said Destiny.

Since starting, Destiny has been enjoying the work she completes at GFS and hopes to continue advancing in her career there.

For more information about Rosedale Technical College’s technical career training programs, visit our website at www.RosedaleTech.org or call (800) 521-6262.
On Saturday, May 20, Rosedale Tech celebrated the graduation of 143 students in front of a packed audience of friends and family. Rosedale Tech alumnus Darius Donnell caught the attention of the entire audience when he kicked off the ceremony with his phenomenal rendition of the Star Spangled Banner.

After President Wilke addressed the graduating class, HVAC instructor Tom Englert spoke to the students about his experiences pursuing a lifetime career in the trades. Student speakers included diesel graduates Drew Gregory and Aaron Stagesin.

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