## ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

### Welcome New AUGUST Students!

- **Automotive Students:** Brian Bakke, Jonathan Catanzaro, Ben Geddes, Karsyn McLaughlin, Logan Moore, Brandon Noffke, Brian Penix, Ian Wroniak, Tadd Young, Bertram Burrell, Christopher Cunningham, Sarah Corta, Joshua Henderson, Eric Hoffman, Bradley Johnson, Matthew Linke, William Mannford, Patrick Metcalfe, Jonathan Reed, Spencer Ridder, Ernest Riggin, Trumane Rogers, Curtis Smith, Michael Tomko, Manuel Vinas.

- **Diesel Students:** Cutek Birkel, Brian Crites, Robert Matovich, David Smith, Zachariah Smith, Richard Young, and Jacob Beaver.

### President’s List – Cumulative GPA of 3.4 or higher at least one full semester.

- **Automotive:** William Allen, Kyle Merritt, Samuel Barkley, Cameron Brown, Rachel Choate, Ted Hodge, Justin Laverty, Chad Miller, Ramon Pern, Steven Phillips, Clint Sisco, Zachariah Smith, Richard Young, and Jacob Beaver.

- **Diesel:** Jesse Montgomery, Aaron Raible, William Allen, Kyle Merritt, Samuel Barkley, Cameron Brown, Rachel Choate, Ted Hodge, Justin Laverty, Chad Miller, Ramon Pern, Steven Phillips, Clint Sisco, Zachariah Smith, Richard Young, and Jacob Beaver.

### Instructor’s Choice – Cumulative Perfect Attendance after one full semester.

- **Automotive:** William Allen, Robert Matovich, David Smith, Zachariah Smith, Ted Christy, Kyle Merritt, Andrew Gmys, Patrick Hill, Daniel Horton, William Allen, Kyle Merritt, Samuel Barkley, Cameron Brown, Rachel Choate, Ted Hodge, Justin Laverty, Chad Miller, Ramon Pern, Steven Phillips, Clint Sisco, Zachariah Smith, Richard Young, and Jacob Beaver.

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### Student of the Month

- **Mathew Wilson (Electrical), Andrew Gmys (Automotive), Robert Matovich (Automotive), William Baird (Diesel).**

### Extra Effort Award

- This award recognizes students that consistently give 110%.

### Most Improved Award

- This award recognizes students that have made a strong improvement in both grades and attendance, or have something to be said for making a comeback.

### Helping Hand Award

- This helping hand award recognizes students that go out of their way to offer assistance and support others through tutoring, classmates, helping others with shop work and lending a hand to staff members.

### Welcome a New August Student!

- **Automotive Students:** Brian Bakke, Jonathan Catanzaro, Mark Freund, Megan Fuller, Anthony Gavita, Robert Goldsmith, Brandon Greening, Edward Gregory, Demetrias Jones, Daniel Keller, Devin Miller, Evan Parr, Brandon Quick, Adam Smith, Jay Wolfe, Keith Youngblood, Dalton Zottola, Joel Carmody, Guy Hutchinson, James Moore, Joseph O’Brien Jr., Paul Tedford, Thomas Tyler, Joshua Walker, Donald Young, Christopher Zell.

- **Diesel Students:** Justin Blakely, Michael Martino, Tyler Caughey, Jesse Demchak, Michael Flook, Michael Foglia, Amanda Hancock, Matthew Hencelle, Donald Higgins, Maverick Kefover, Christopher Kraeer, John Macik, Sammy Martinez, Gage McCartney, Zachary McDonnell, Steven Neal, Benjamin Orris, Thomas Palmer, Cody Parish, Brandon Poland, Ryan Smith, Denessa Jane Stahlher, Christopher Stagner, Allain Stewart, Dillon Stoltz, Joshua Stubber, Nicholas Zalepa, Nicholas Grundy, Joshua Keifer, Jimmy Moses.

(Evening Student Awards will be posted in the next edition of “The Circuit.”)
The APSCU Films Our Students!

Pictured for right is RTI grad, Ed Hairston being interviewed by the APSCU crew.

In late July, the APSCU (Association of Private Sector Colleges and Universities), visited multiple vocational schools throughout Pennsylvania. The purpose of this visit was to film students sharing the successful impact of the education they received. These videos will be sent to relevant members of Congress to continue to reinforce the strong and positive impact of Private Sector Colleges and Universities. We would like to thank the following students and graduates for sharing their success stories: Ed Hairston - Electrical Graduate/Self Employed, Ryan Zier - Automotive Graduate/Wright Automotive, Dan Horhut - Diesel Graduate/Horhut Tree Service, Charlie Williams - Electrical Student, Patrick Hill - Electrical Student.

Success in Safety

Rosedale Tech has been recognized as one of the best places to work in Southwestern PA by the Pittsburgh Business Times. Due to expansion, we are currently accepting resumes for the following positions:

- Full-Time Instructors-Diesel, Auto, Electrical, HVAC
- Part-Time Instructors-Diesel, Auto, Electrical
- Sales-oriented-Admissions Representative

Interested individuals should send a cover letter and resume to hr@rosedaletech.org or call our recruitment business partner, Acuity Human Resources at 724-776-5533 for more information.

Brandon Danser

Brandon joins RTI as a Diesel Technology Instructor with over 25 years of technician experience. Most of his experience came from the Army and the Pennsylvania National Guard. Besides traveling to numerous countries, he also completed two tours in Iraq and served in Desert Storm. Throughout this experience, Brandon obtained his Bachelor of Science degree from California University of Pittsburgh.

Upon leaving the military, Brandon was self-employed maintaining a fleet of 140 Verizon vehicles and then moved on to General Dynamics where he repaired military vehicles once again. While at General Dynamics he was asked to drive military vehicles in the new "Transformers" movie filmed in Chicago! In his free time he enjoys dabbling with auto body work on his personal vehicles, riding his motorcycle, and taking his Mustang to car cruises. Most of all, Brandon enjoys spending time with his wife Gena and kids Brandon (16), and Gillian (11), and Golden Retriever Bailey.

Mike Basulto

Mike Basulto has joined Rosedale Tech as a Financial Aid Officer. Mike started his professional career at Pennsylvania Culinary Institute where he obtained his Associate Degree in Culinary Arts. While Mike enjoys the culinary field, he decided that was not the career path for him. While working full time at a Hampton Inn as a night auditor, Mike continued his studies at CCAC earning a second Associates Degree in General Studies and Business.

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Joni Curl

Joni joins RTI as the new Student Services Assistant, in the Placement Department. Joni has 12 years of customer service experience through U.S. Air, as well as multiple years of experience compiling research and assisting in a medical office. With this experience Joni brings a customer oriented and organizational background.

Joni and her husband Greg enjoy their family time and are constantly on the go with their sons, Nathan (12), Hunter (16), and Matthew (20). The boys participate in multiple sporting events such as baseball, football, and lacrosse. They also enjoy going to their camp out in Enon Valley where they fish, hunt, swim, and have a great time around the campfire!
New Faculty & Staff

Robert Burgy
Rosedale welcomes Automotive Instructor Bobby Burgy to the evening automotive program. Bobby brings to RTI over 20 years of experience in the automotive field. He has had the opportunity to work at numerous independent shops, and dealerships like Century 3 Chevrolet and West Liberty Dodge. He has also participated in numerous Chrysler and GM training courses over the years. Bobby currently works for the Port Authority maintaining a fleet of over 250 buses. Bobby is originally from the Pittsburgh area and lives in Brentwood with his wife, Kim, and his two children Brandon (8) and Hailey (12). Bobby’s son Brandon has shown an interest in vehicles and Tim McLaughlin

Automotive Technology student, Robert “Bob” Matovich will proudly accept his degree on September 30th as an ASE Certified Master Technician, a first in the history of RTI.

Bob started taking his ASE exams in May of this year, and took four at that time to work towards Master Tech. After that he followed each class by completing the ASE exam for that subject. Since May he has completed Tests A1 (Engine Repair), A2 (Automatic Transmissions/Transaxle), A3 (Manual Drive Train & Axles), A4 (Suspension & Steering), A5 (Brakes), A6 (Electrical/Electronic Systems), A7 (Heating & Air Conditioning), A8 (Engine Performance), and X1 (Exhaust Systems). Upon graduation, Bob plans on going into business with fellow Rosedale Auto student, Dave Smith who will graduate the same day. The two are going to purchase and repair used vehicles and sell them to the general public.

Congratulations Bob!

High School Instructors & Counselors:

You and your students are invited to Rosedale Tech for an action-packed field trip. RTI field trips are interactive and include stimulating educational demonstrations and competitions. We would like to take advantage of this opportunity to showcase our state-of-the-art facilities and equipment, as well as introduce you to our staff and experienced instructors.

If you would like to schedule a visit or plan a presentation at your school, contact:

Ben Martin
412-855-4365 (cell)
412-521-6200 (office).

New Automotive Technology Instructor Tim McLaughlin has had a love for the Automotive field since he was a teenager. He attended Beaver County VoTech, and CCAC’s Ford Asset Program. After spending a number of years at Ford, Tim decided that he wanted to teach. Tim was an Automotive Instructor at Bedford County CTC, and an instructor at Beaver County VoTech for the last few years. In his spare time Tim worked as a blacksmith, repaired classic cars and tractors, and participated in demolition derbies. Tim resides in Lawrence County and still enjoys working on classic cars and attending tractor pulls with his wife Tammy and their two children, Wyatt (5) and Morgan (1).

Jennifer “Jen” Cox

Jen joins Rosedale as the Executive Assistant to President Dennis Wilke. Jen completed her Associate Degree in Business Management at ICM School of Business. After college Jen went on to work for Marx, a sheet metal fabrication company. She held a position as Administrative Assistant and maintained the office as well as the shipping department for 12 years.

Jen is originally from the Canonsburg, PA area where she attended Canons-McMillan High School. She ran track for Canons-McMillan while in school, and has been coaching track there for the past five years.

Jennifer “Jen” Cox

The Inside Scoop

Butler VoTech enjoying their day at RTI

Andy Burt

Andy Burt is a new Diesel Technician Instructor. As a 1999 graduate of RTI, Andy has been working in the Diesel field for the past 12 years. Some of the companies Andy has worked for include Fyda Freightliner, D.S. Hill International, and Pitt Ohio Express. He currently works at First Class Auto in Washington, PA performing diesel repair and performance modifications.

Andy’s passion is working on drag trucks. He has his own “project” truck, a 2002 Chevy Crew Cab Duramax Diesel, with a 6 inch rough country lift, 35 inch tires, 6 inch stabs, PPE tuning, and multiple other mods. He likes his Diesel work but most of all, Andy enjoys spending time with his wife, Jillian, and kids Corey (15), Kayla (11), Abbey (5), Shane (4), and his baby on the way!
**Moore than a student...**

Lindsay Moore is a Diesel Technology student at RTI. She has always had a passion for diesel engines, but going to school is no easy task for a single mom like Lindsay. To make matters more challenging, her father started to get ill, and she began to take on some of the responsibilities from his business.

Lindsay’s dad has owned and operated his business, Key Tower Company, for over 15 years. They provide maintenance for radio towers including but not limited to maintaining the lights, bulbs, antennas, and building the towers as well as taking them down. 90% of the work they complete is through Comcast; but, they also provide maintenance for Clear Channel and other independent stations.

Lindsay has been doing the bookkeeping and quarterly taxes at the business since high school, but when her father became ill and decided to close the business, Lindsay still received phone calls for service requests. Lindsay decided that she knew all the ins and outs of the business, and she already had a customer base, so she might as well keep the business going.

Today, Lindsay has about five full-time employees and a few part-time workers. When she leaves school, she spends time with her son Nathan (4 years), and when he goes to sleep, she spends time scheduling employees, bookkeeping, and cutting paychecks. She says she is now responsible for “everything up to climbing the tower.”

Lindsay wants to continue to run the business after she graduates in May 2012, but she states “I want to be a Diesel Mechanic first and foremost.” Her goal is to add a fleet of Diesel company trucks to the business.

**Manuel Vinas Finding a secure field...**

Manuel “Manny” Vinas is an Automotive Technology student that has an exciting path which led him to Rosedale. Manny is originally from Puerto Rico, and joined the military there at age 17. The military led Manny to the United States, where he decided to stay. After completing his time in the military Manny decided to go to Pittsburgh Dental School. He became one of seven Master Techs in Dental Technology in the country. Upon graduation, Manny’s entrepreneurial spirit led him to open his own Dental Lab. He manufactured dental accessories such as crowns and bridges. He started very small, working out of his home, and eventually grew the business to a larger office space and having seven full-time employees.

Around 2004 outsourcing started to take its toll on Manny’s business. He eventually had to close his doors because he could not compete with overseas pricing.

Slightly discouraged by the industry, Manny decided to take this as a sign to retire. After two years in retirement, Manny decided that he wasn’t setting the best example for his children. He wanted to show them that even when outside situations affect your success, you should still keep going. Manny decided to pursue another passion of his, one that can NEVER be outsourced!

Manny will graduate with his degree in Automotive Technology in May 2012. He said he is very excited to start his own business again, this time in a more secure field. He currently works at Pep Boys as an Auto Tech and enjoys his new profession. Manny lives in the Baldwin/Whitehall Borough with his wife Kerri, and sons Jordan (15), Zachary (13) and Lance (8).

**What Summer Break?**

As many of you know, Faculty and Students at Rosedale Tech receive a two week break from school at the end of July. This gives both faculty and students time to relax and prepare for their fall and winter courses. We have some exceptional students and faculty members that put a different twist on “relaxing” . . .

**Mike Breskovich, Charlie Williams, & Jason Schall**

About a year ago Rosedale’s Electrical students had the opportunity to work on the outdoor lighting system for the Pittsburgh Mills parking area. Since then, Pittsburgh Mills will contact our students on occasion when a hands-on opportunity arises. Over the break they requested that we take a look at a few of the street lamps behind Best Buy. Electrical Technology Instructor, Mike Breskovich led students Charlie Williams and Jason Schall (shown on left) to Pittsburgh Mills, thermal imaging camera in tow. After a careful diagnosis by the two students, they advised that there was a bad coil in the lighting contactor. Both students state that it was a very valuable learning experience.

**Jeremy Hepler & Anthony Jeka**

Jeremy and Anthony are both Electrical Technology students. Jeremy’s sister-in-law recently purchased a 75+ year old farm house in Chicora, PA. She noticed quite a few problems prior to moving in (knob & tube wiring, open wires, switches mounted on window sills, etc.) and consulted Jeremy on these issues. Jeremy called up Anthony and the two went over and essentially started what turned into a total re-wire of the house.

J.J. Yedlowski

Electrical Technology student, J.J. Yedlowski (pictured on right), spent his summer break completing business license and insurance paperwork. J.J. is starting his own business, Yedlowski Electrical Contracting, and hopes to have everything up and running by September. He will offer Residential and Commercial services including, but not limited to, new installations, re-work, power installation, and custom electrical work. J.J. currently works at Accel Electromechanical installing and repairing industrial process control machines and equipment.

**Alan Lee**

Alan Lee is an Electrical Technology student that has been golfing for close to 18 years. For the past three years, he has been the member of Sophie’s Saloon bar league. On August 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, Alan’s league participated in a golf tournament that began at Oak Tree Country Club in Sharon, PA and ended at Shadow Lakes Golf Club in Hopewell, PA. The tournament included stroke play, point, and mixed round golf. At the end of the third day, Alan’s team took home the victory with eight points to spare. His trophy proudly sits in Carrick at Sophie’s Saloon!  

**Dan Svitko**

Auto Technology Instructor, Dan Svitko (pictured on left), enjoyed his vacation in Punta Cana, Mexico. He didn’t leave work completely behind though, as he is seen brushing up on his Automotive Heating and Air Conditioning knowledge!