Rosedale Technical College now offering Student Housing

Rosedale Technical College is pleased to announce that off-campus housing is now available for eligible incoming students. The new student amenity was implemented in a response to accommodate the level of student interest from outside the Pittsburgh region.

Student housing is available at Westpointe Apartments in Robinson Township, just 10 minutes away from Rosedale Tech's campus. The complex provides a number of amenities, such as an outdoor pool, basketball and tennis courts, on-site laundry facilities, storage spaces, and much more. Westpointe Apartments is surrounded by a number of restaurants and retail shops and offers a walking path to the Mall at Robinson.

A bus stop is conveniently located to the complex as well.

Incoming students who are eligible for housing will be placed in an apartment with a roommate based on responses from a roommate questionnaire form. All apartments are furnished with bedroom sets (twin bed, nightstand, dresser), living room furniture (couches, coffee and end tables), as well as a dining room set.

Students interested in housing should contact Admissions Representative Kim Bell at (412) 521-6200 or kim.bell@rosedaletech.org to see if he or she meets the eligibility requirements.

Available apartments will be filled on a first-come first-serve basis.

Congratulations To The Tool Award Recipients!

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

AWARD RECIPIENTS:

Snap-On Automotive Tool Awards
1st – Nick Linza – Burrell High School
2nd – Josh Helgeman – PA Cyber School

Snap-On Diesel Tool Awards
1st – Taylor Kordich – Riverside High School
2nd – Bryan Hanks – Bedford High School

Ideal Electrical Tool Award
1st – Logan Rowan – South Side High School

Johnstone Supply HVAC Tool Award
1st – Dylan Schroeder – Seneca Valley High School

Applicants were asked to write an essay on why they had chosen their area of study and their future career goals. Attendance, grade point average, and a letter of recommendation were also requirements that were considered.

Accepted: Demographic Shift Drives New Era of Truck Drivers

When you hear the word “trucker”, what image comes to mind? For many years, cross-country truck driving has been perceived as an industry dominated by middle-aged white males. In the past few years, however, the demographics of the American truck driver have been changing drastically. The average age of drivers is on the rise with a majority of the Baby Boomers now beginning to leave the industry, due to age, new safety regulations, and even evolving technologies within the trucks. With the turnover rate quickly rising, there are not enough trained drivers to replace the positions.

A recent report submitted by the American Transportation Research Institute states that “the average age of truck drivers is older than the average age in many other sectors of the U.S. workforce” and “there is also evidence that post-Baby Boomer generations, particularly those now in their twenties and early thirties, are not entering the industry in sufficient numbers.”

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (bls.gov) reports that with the high turnover rate growing, employment within the truck driving field has begun to see growth, approximately 13% within the 2008-18 decade, creating an average of 41,460 jobs annually.

With such a high demand to fill these vacant positions, the industry has begun to see a new group of individuals entering the field that break the traditional stereotype of the “American truck driver.”

Since starting its 10-week truck driving program in 2012, Rosedale Tech has seen a diverse group of men and women entering the industry ranging in ages 18 to 64.

In the past three years, the program has begun to see a large increase of students categorized under the Millennial generation entering the industry. Approximately 57.5% of these students are between the ages of 20-34 with approximately 16.4% being between the ages of 20-24.

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Another area where the truck driving industry is looking to pull more drivers is the female demographic. In 2000, 4.7% of truckers were female. This number has remained constant in the recent decade.

Out of those students who have completed the truck driving program at Rosedale Tech, approximately 7% have been female. One of these women is 45-year-old Jennifer Davis. In the December issue of The Circuit, we learned that Jennifer enrolled in Rosedale’s truck driving program in May 2014 looking for a career change. After graduating, Jennifer quickly secured a job in the field.

While many trucking companies have reformed their practices to accommodate the diversity of drivers, females still tend to endure ignorance brought on by the long-instilled lifestyle of a truck driver. Shortly after starting her new position, Jennifer began to experience some of this ignorance, which resulted in her leaving the company. Needless to say, she is with a new company running routes in the southwest and is happy with her decision to change companies.

In recent national news, Bruce “Caitlyn” Jenner has shined a light on the transgender topic that is more present in the community than people think, and can be found in the trucking industry. Recent graduate, Anthony “Taylor” Foster, began the truck driving program in January 2015. A Pittsburgh native, Taylor spent a lot of time traveling the country, which is an aspect that drew her to the trucking industry. For the past few years, Taylor has been going through hormone treatments as part of the transformation process.

Prior to graduating from Rosedale Tech, she had some mixed emotions about entering the workforce and how employers would perceive her.

“Sometimes I feel like I am looking at as if I am a unicorn,” said Taylor. “No matter the circumstances, in the end I’m here to drive trucks.”

While statistics currently are in favor of the middle-aged white male being the leading demographic of the truck driving industry, this will begin to shift with the new era of individuals joining the industry. 20 years from now, when someone is asked what a “trucker” is, what do you think the image will be?

For more information on Rosedale Tech’s 10-week truck driving program, call (412) 521-6200 or visit www.RosedaleTech.org.
The need for skilled workers sparked a great interest during Rosedale Technical College’s Spring Open House on Saturday, April 11.

Sixtyseven prospective students and their families attended from the Pittsburgh area as well as Ohio, West Virginia, New York, Maryland and Eastern PA. During Open House, those in attendance had the opportunity to walk the campus and see live student-run demonstrations in each of the labs. Guests also learned about the school’s newest programs, welding, as well as the collision repair and business programs, which are set to start fall 2015 and early 2016, respectively.

Members of Rosedale Tech’s Student Services and Financial Aid departments presented information regarding personal financial planning for school and available resources for resumes and job interview techniques.

“Each Open House has been bigger than the last one. That’s important, because our Student Services Coordinators have employers continuously calling about hiring more of our graduates, said President and Director Dennis Willke. “These Open House events help us to fill the pipeline for future technicians.”

Rosedale Tech’s next Open House will take place October 24, 2015. Further details will be announced later this summer.

Spring Open House Showcases Growing Campus to Future Technicians in Tri-State Area

Local Employers Find Partnering with Rosedale Technical College a Part of Hiring Protocol

Many local employers and business people actively work with colleges like Rosedale Technical College in several areas. These areas include: attending Career Fairs, being a sponsor or student ambassador, or providing Rosedale Tech’s Student Services Department at (412) 521-6200.

Thinking Outside the Diagnostic – by Automotive Instructor Paul Plahn

One of the greatest aspects of being an automotive service technician is that each and every day you go to work there is always something new. Each day the solutions to your diagnosis might not be the same, the one thing that always is the same is the challenge.

The vehicle in question is a 1994 Chevrolet Lumina 3.8L V6 engine with an engine code of 118,000 miles. The concern was the vehicle would stall, the engine would idle erratically and the check engine light would come on. The previous shop repairing the vehicle recorded a P0112 code for Throttle Position Sensor Voltage. Based on how the system works a TPS that gives the PCM an incorrect reading would allow the transmission to shift late. The previous shop replaced the TPS and the vehicle ran fine replace TPS all the time when we have an intermittent TPS fault … but this time it replaced them three times over a two month period and it did not fix the issue.

This is the challenge, it makes you ask yourself. “What was missed and what didn’t they see?” I hooked up my scan tool to look at the data the sensor was displaying and saw that the voltage was low. The correct spec for this TPS at K0EO is 0.33-0.46 volts. My reading was 0.06 volts. Next, I checked the 5-watt reference from the PCM at the “A” terminal of the connector. The reference voltage was correct and the sensors ground at terminal “B” proved adequate.

So, what am I missing? Based on my interpretation of how the system works, it seemed like the sensor has failed again, but my reference voltage and my ground were good. I removed the TPS, reconnected the TPS connections, and started the vehicle. The TPS was energized, the engine light came on. The previous shop had replaced the TPS and it comes up on test and replaces TPS all the time when we have an intermittent TPS fault. But this time it replaced them three times over a two month period and it did not fix the issue.

Upon removal of the TPS, you could “see” traces of dried coolant residue where the sensor was mounted, but the coolant loss wasn’t enough to alert the technician that a coolant leak was present. So the challenge here as a technician, it is to be really observant and think outside the box as sometimes things aren’t what they seem.
My Story: George Kozup

To be perfectly honest, at first, I was very hesitant to even think about enrolling at Rosedale. Many close friends kept saying to me that trade schools are not something you want to get into if you already have experience in another field of work. Even with all of that, I decided to give Rosedale a look. I enjoyed the atmosphere, and I especially liked the fact that there would be plenty of hands-on experience. I intended to become a police officer. But as I stated previously, the atmosphere at Rosedale pulled me in.

Prior to Rosedale, I had attended Everest Institute in downtown Pittsburgh. I had gone there for criminal justice, and received an Associate’s Degree in Business; specializing in criminal justice. I originally chose criminal justice because I had been a Security Forces Member (equivalent to Military Police in the Army and Marine Corps.) while serving in the U.S. Air Force. Deep down, though, I knew the life as a police officer was not what I had wanted. While searching for a job, I had told me it was a great school. So I decided that I would enroll in the automotive program since I had always had a fascination with automobiles.

I have two close friends that graduated from the automotive program at Rosedale. Both of them spoke highly of their educations and how it helped them they are getting by working in actual shops. They even have been in discussions with each other about opening their own repair shop together in the future.

Currently, George and Ryan are working in the automotive field. George works as a technician at Joe Ball GMC and Ryan recently began working at Wright Automotive. Both enjoy the experience they are getting by working in actual shops. They even have been in discussions with each other about opening their own repair shop together in the future.

As a military veteran, how do you explain the strengths gained from serving in a branch of military? As a military veteran, how do you explain the strengths gained from serving in a branch of military?

For a copy of Mark’s presentation, please speak to your General Education Instructor and ATIC “prepared you for a leadership position in the civilian workforce?”

Throughout the presentation, Mark uncovered some challenges many veterans endure during the interview process, such as communication barriers between civilians and military members, common stereotypes employers have for military veterans, and unrealistic expectations veterans may have when returning to civilian work. In addition, Mark highlighted some of the strengths gained from serving in a branch of military.

“Zack was a big help this school year. We thank him for his service and will miss him greatly,” said Assistant Director and Director of Student Services Amy Pasquarella.

All of us at Rosedale Tech wish Zack the best of luck in his future endeavors!

May Tech Vets Prepares Veterans For Workforce

Brothers George and Ryan Kozup have a lot of common characteristics; both served in a branch of the U.S. Military, pursued work in the criminal justice field, and now both attend Rosedale Technical College’s automotive program.

After spending six years serving as a Security Forces member in the U.S. Air Force, George decided to pursue a degree in criminal justice in the pursuit of becoming a police officer. After completing the program he decided the career path wasn’t for him. After speaking with a family friend and graduate of Rosedale Tech, Matt Blazier, George decided to go back to school for automotive training. In May 2014 George enrolled at Rosedale Tech.

Younger brother, Ryan, spent four years serving as a U.S. Marine in Detainee Operations and was an Air Force veteran. George decided to go to school after hearing me complain about my current job. Once I decided to join the RTC team, I needed to pick a career path. Since I’m not a big fan of cars or trucks, I crossed automotive and diesel off of my list. HVAC or electrical was the question circling my brain.

When I got here and took the tour, I was impressed with the facility and the staff who were very friendly and welcoming.

I started my journey on February 3, 2014, and finished my final semester May 21, 2015. It wasn’t easy, but the instructors are very helpful and more than willing to take extra time to make sure that I understood the curriculum.

I’m happy I chose this field to work in. There are a number of job opportunities available for my line of work. I can wire residential homes, commercial buildings, or I can switch to an industrial electrician and work on motors of 3-phase services. I love the fact that I don’t have to have a job where I’m constantly doing the same thing every day. I will have a career in which I can be versatile. This was a great choice that I made and I can be proud of.

Thank You Zack Fohl!

Rosedale Tech recently said farewell to work study, Zack Fohl. 9th grader from Holy Family Institute. During the 2014-15 school year, Zack spent one day a week at Rosedale Tech working primarily with the Student Services and Education Departments and other departments when help was needed. One of the major projects Zack completed was to develop a database of digital transcripts, which now provides an easy service when students call in requesting this information.

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The presentation concluded with some examples of translations.

For a copy of Mark’s presentation, please stop by the Marketing Department in the Ben Wilke Training Center.
Congratulations Rosedale Technical College Grads!
May 2015

Family and friends gathered together to celebrate the graduation of 91 students on Friday, May 29, 2015 at the Embassy Suites Pittsburgh International Airport in Moon Township, PA. Automotive graduate William Lewis, Jr., Diesel graduate Christopher Jones, and Electrical graduate James Callaghan addressed their fellow classmates. For the instructors, Mark Simoneau took the stage to speak to the students about living out their passion.

Rosedale Tech would like to extend a very special thank you to guest speakers Jim Dunlay of A-Tech and Mark Petrozzi of Penske for attending the ceremony.

Automotive
AST
Christopher M Anderson
Christopher Cager
Darron C Clinton, Sr.
David C Curcio
Joshua M DeNardo
Brandin M Diewald
David W Fiedler II
Jessica L Gazvoda
Christopher Good, Jr.
Nicholas P Hoovler
Tracy L Jackson
William L Lewis, Sr.
Jacob J Luther
James W McAvoy
Evan J Niedermyer
Derek A Rose
Anthony D Rotondo
Jeffrey W Tarpley, Jr.
Scott J Tostevin
Matthew A Whetsell
Christopher W Yrke
Dominic A Zucarelli

Diploma
Christopher J Cicco
Robert P Edinger
Matthew R Gill
Jamie M Kirkpatrick
Bryan W Kovach
Aaron M Manz
Benjamin J Miller
Zachary J Schaeffer
Anthony J Simonetti
Matthew P Starr
Marcus D Thompson
Warren F Wilson
Paul H Young

Electrical
AST
Marcus R Anderson
Christopher G Babyak
Luc R Bongiorni
Jared S Calalella
David A Jones
Christopher L Sigmund
Douglas L Snodgrass
David B Teller

Diploma
James P Callaghan
Michael F Jeffery
Joshua P Steiner

Diesel
AST
Matthew A Bechtold
Mark A Nayers
Jonathan A Burgess
Joseph E Burton
Shea L Daniels
Dylan C Glasure
Joel R Graham
Christopher M Jones
David R Jones
Michael Martino
John J Niederriter
Carl W Pasconcello
Jordan K Thompson
Travis P Tyre
Jason M Wilson

Diploma
Theodore J Begly
Eric N Bryant
Glen L Howard
James D LaRue
Shawn J McFarland
Ryan C Muchow
Ryan S Mueller
Dempy T Smith
Jay M Smith

Truck Driving
Diploma
Leonard W Boyd
Charles H Collins
Harold J Conway, Jr.
Brian W Cook
Michael G Crisanti, Jr.
Taylor Foster
William C Francis, Jr.
Kevin Hegarty
Keith B Huffman
Stacey R Johnson
Joel S Kunkel
Melvin L Mockabee
Stephen R Moss
Matthew L Mrock
Matthew L Quigley
Michael S Reidell
Ronald E Smith, Jr.

HVAC
AST
Chad A McComas
Joseph A Sanpotro
Walter Sarafin
Thomas Daniel Williams
Welcome Back ALUMNI!

Rosedale Tech hosted its first-ever Alumni Social on Tuesday, April 28. 47 alumni representing classes from 1977-2015 returned to their alma mater to enjoy food, conversation with former classmates, and networking opportunities.

During the event, President Dennis Wilke spoke to those in attendance to share some of the changes that have taken place at the school as well as inform them of the school's future goals. In addition, alumni had the opportunity to provide great feedback on their experiences here. One graduate in particular that she shared that she saw an increase in companies responding to her resume with great feedback on their experiences here. One graduate in particular that she shared that she saw an increase in companies responding to her resume with great feedback on their experiences here.

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Currently, he is employed as a technician for Monster Jam® in Florida. Feld Entertainment, a worldwide leader in producing and presenting live touring family entertainment experiences, has a national presence with productions appearing in more than 75 countries on 6 continents. In addition to Monster Jam®, Feld Entertainment presents Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey®, Monster Energy Supercross, Nuclear Cowboyz®, AMSOIL Arenacross, Marvel Universe LIVE!, Disney on Ice, and Disney Live!

Growing up, Dan had always had an interest in monster trucks. In addition to playing with the toy replicas he and his father would enjoy going to see the shows when the tour stopped in the area.

After graduating from Rosedale Tech in January 2014, he began working as a technician for a local dealership. Shortly after starting his new position, Dan received news from friends that there were some technician positions available for Monster Jam. He sent his resume in and soon was asked to come in for an interview. After some time had gone by, Dan was offered a job in November 2014.

Dan accepted the job offer and began his new position in December. As a new technician to Monster Jam, Dan was assigned to the team for training and to learn about the product. A quick month went by before Dan traveled to his first Monster Jam show in Columbus, Ohio January 2015. This first race kicked off a very busy season for Dan – between January and April 2015, Dan worked in 14 shows, which were located in 12 different states and one province of Canada. For this first season, Dan was working on the truck Hot Wheels Fire Storm. Now he is working on Grave Digger the Legend and Soldier Fortune.

While the job requires long hours, a lot of travel and little sleep, Dan loves working with Monster Jam. He said that his favorite part of the job is the atmosphere, especially seeing the fans’ reactions. “Being part of the action makes me feel like a celebrity,” said Dan.

Dan credits his Rosedale Tech automotive instructors for providing him the knowledge needed to enter the field.

“Rosedale Tech gave me the platform I needed to get into the field, but it was up to me to reach my potential,” he said.

A West Virginia native, Dan recently moved to Apollo Beach, Florida to be closer to work. For more information on the upcoming Monster Jam tour, visit www.monsterjam.com.

BIG Dreams Achieved for Rosedale Tech Automotive Graduate

Dual Programs Leads to Dream Job for Brian Lukens

At Rosedale Tech, many of the students choose to pursue multiple programs to advance their knowledge in a variety of technical skills to become more marketable in the workforce. Diesel student Brian Lukens is one of these individuals.

Brian started his journey at Rosedale Tech in August 2013 in the HVAC program. Towards the end of his program, he decided he wanted to enroll in Rosedale’s Diesel Technology program. Brian graduated from his first program November 21, 2015 and quickly started his second program November 24, 2015. Shortly after starting the diesel program, Brian was working with Student Services Coordinator Liz Lanschak about a unique job opportunity at Gordon Food Services (GFS) that encompassed both HVAC and diesel training. Intrigued by the opportunity, he applied for the job. After a week, Brian completed the interview process and was offered the job.

Brian began his journey as a Trailer Mechanic for GFS at the end of March 2015 when he traveled to Springfield, Ohio for a week-long training session. During the week, he went through extensive hands-on training with refrigeration technicians who have been with GFS for over 20 years. When Brian returned back from Springfield, he was then asked to participate in further training at GFS’s Imperial PA facility. This training included instruction from vendors, like Great Dane, Thermoking, and Bendix, with regard to their trucks and equipment.

Following training, Brian is now working 2nd shift at the Imperial facility. He noted that one of the greatest things about working for GFS is that they are very supportive of him finishing his program.

“I’m having a lot of fun,” said Brian. “It’s been an incredible learning experience. The more I work with the trucks the better I am getting.”

During a typical shift, Brian begins by completing scheduled PMs (preventive maintenance) then will go on to complete repair orders for trailers, reefer units, and converter dollies. Oftentimes, he has come across mechanical issues that he has not learned yet in the diesel program but stated that the other technicians at GFS have been excellent resources to him. “There’s a lot of support within the company. If I can’t figure something out I can reach out to the other technicians at any of the facilities and they are always willing to help me through the issue,” he said.

Going back for his second program is something Brian is very happy he did. “Having training in both HVAC and diesel makes me somewhat of a ‘double threat’ in the industry. Both programs are definitely helping me out in my career at GFS,” he said.

Brian will complete the diesel program in May 2016. Upon completion of his second program, Brian hopes to remain a technician at GFS.

“GFS is an all-around great company. I hope to be with them for a long time,” he said.

Dual Programs Leads to Dream Job for Brian Lukens

**Student Name**  
Philip Wilson  
Thomas Spano, Jr.  
Cody Galik  
Brian Irlbacher  
Matthew Kopp  
Michael Loris  
Russell McKenzie  
Justin Shaw  
Adam Widmer  
Daniel Ham  
Andrea Cerminara  
Jesse Doscher  
David Hurrell  
Timothy Hustava

**Program**  
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**Employer**  
Swisher International  
Pennsylvania Dept. of Education  
Pavlows Transmission Center  
W.L. Roenigk, Inc.  
TransAide  
FTS International  
Warren C. Sauer Company  
Pleasant Trucking, Inc.  
Cummins Bridgeyack  
Firestone  
George Supply Center  
Township of Pine  
A.J. Myers and Sons, Inc.  
Republic Services

**Student Name**  
Anthony Palladini  
James Brown  
Richard Carmichael  
Scott Deschon  
Colin Cantey  
Ricky Hyatt  
Jason Paola  
Michael Dangelo  
Jonathan Driscoll  
Ian Gayman  
Brian Hil  
Thomas Hoag  
Kristina Howell  
John Newcomb  
Mark Simpronio, Jr.  
Russell Basalaga  
Christopher Bazzoli

**Program**  
Truck Driving  
Automotive  
Automotive  
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Automotive  
Automotive

**Employer**  
Weavertown Environmental Group  
Wright Automotive Group  
Tire Kingdom/RBT  
E&M Auto Center  
Wright Automotive  
Mooreville Dodge  
Enterprise Rent-A-Car  
UPS  
Daves Ford  
Kenworth  
Golden Eagle Equipment  
Weavertown Environmental Group  
Siloh Builders Supply Company  
Ralph Truck Center  
Red Diamond Trucking  
Custom Creations  
Steel City Controls, Inc.

**Student Name**  
Zachary Collins  
Ronald Cooper  
Adam Duer  
Samuel Gabig  
Devin Hample  
Jason Johnson  
Adam Kirby  
Nicholas Scott  
Christopher Welch  
Luther Coe  
Dalton Mannich  
Joshua Ulokoick  
Nicholas Ali  
Grant Murray  
Anthony Strappazon  
Brian Cook  
Taylor Foster

**Program**  
Electric  
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**Employer**  
TradeSource  
Fresh Food Manufacturing Co.  
Adeco – MSA  
Nicholas Electric Company  
Hall Industries, Inc.  
IQ Machines  
Gumphers Electrical Services  
Smith Electric Service  
Adesco  
Tyko Partners  
Climackle, Inc.  
Republic Services  
US Foods  
Gordon Food Service  
Pepi Beverages Company  
Schneider National Bulk Carriers, Inc.
April 2015 Awards

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

Automotive: Joshua Denardo, Clifford Cubbage, Evan Farine, Patrick Lancaster, James Reese, Thomas Wee, Jessica Foringer, Caleb Perry, Timothy Smolter, Randy Ward, William Harlod, Jonathan Hladney, Remo Mazzoleni, Jerali Holyfield

Diesel: Gary Carroll, Aaron Caciola, Damien Godfrey, Russell Meyer, Michael Miller, Taylor Rickert, Sean Sullivan, Kenneth Wallis, Krzysztof Wasielewski, Paul Cameron, Joseph Connor, Brian Lukens, Jarrod Mai-Adams Welch, Cody Rakowski, Sauliam Savage, Randy Shawger, Paul Campbell, William Fisher

Electrical: Christopher Sigmund, Colin Chupinka, Richard Emerly, Josh Brugere, Suleman Chowdhry, Donald Swink, Erin Leet, David Pollock, Zachary Pfeifer

HVAC: Robert Nieman, Robert Arnett, Jeffrey Conly, Harold Glasure, Scott Barton

Industrial Technician: Jeffrey Conner

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

Automotive: Joshua Denardo, Jessica Gazvoda, James McCaoy, Matthew Tomblin, George Kozup, Jaclyn Movitch, Bryan Pry, Clifford Cubbage, David Delgallo, Nicholas Farich, Mason Guckert, Joseph Hickey, Justin Lee, Matthew Leskocev, David McCarty, Adam Melenyzer, Tyler Moore, Shawn Ramsey, Edward Vibostek, Joshua Young, Robert Lauteria, Brandt Egerter, Jeffrey Lipinski, Randy Ward, Remo Mazzoleni


Electrical: Christopher Babypad, David Teller, Paul Caputo, Davis Baratta, William Boyd, Aaron Butler, Richard Emerly, Nicholas Geahry, George Haldeman, Matthew Jankovic, Eric Price, Frank Scarpaci, Ryan Ziegler, Trevor Hill, Wendell Jones, Terrance Shepherd, Steven Robertson, John Clark, Jacob Peterson

HVAC: Chad McDade, Thomas Williams, Robert Arnett, Daniel Bright, Jeffrey Conly, Bradley Nelson, Christopher Campbell, Scott Slagle

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


Electrical: Jared Calolella, Christopher Sigmund, Colin Chupinka, Shawn Fossett, Eric Gregory, Dylan Groicc, Vicki Jones, James Madden, Matthew Nagy, Josh Brugere, Carlos Harrison, Seth Labiaux, Donald Swink, Shawn Miller, Anthony Stillson, Darrien Baylor, John Clark, McKenzie Coffman, Erin Leet, David Pollock, Taylor Quinn, Zachary Pfeifer

HVAC: Ben Moritz, Robert Nieman, Harold Glasure, Scott Barton

Industrial Technician: Jeffrey Conly, Hunter Curl

Helping Hand Award: Harold Glasure, Eric Gregor, William Boyd, Nicholas Geahry, Alex Hamilton, Kevin Ludwig, Jonathan Hladney, John Clark

Extra Effort Award: Ray Schwickrath, Richard Miller, Tyler Guerrieri, Ryan McComman, Pat Lancaster, Christopher Campbell

Most Improved Award: Tim Welsh, Lydell Bel, Andrew Greenler, Matt Pugh, Aaron Butler

Community Service Award: Mark Lucas, Nick Scibetta, Tom Williams

June 2015 Awards

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

Automotive: Evan Farine, Caleb Perry, Jessica Foringer, Deepak Kharel, Ryan Kouzup, Ramon Reid, Randy Russell, Krzysztof Wasielewski

Diesel: Taylor Rickert, Randy Shawger, Sean Sullivan, Aaron Scassa

Electrical: Paul Caputo, Richard Emerly, Sean Legree

HVAC: Harold Glasure, Robert Nieman, Robert Arnett

Welding: Nick Hoovler

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

Automotive: Matthew Tomblin, Adam Cunningham, Nicholas Farich, Mason Guckert, George Kozup, Matthew Leskocev, David McCarty, Tyler Moore, Bryan Pry, Edward Vibostek, Joshua Young, Adam Melenyzer, Shawn Ramsey, James Reese, Philip Price


Electrical: Davis Baratta, William Boyd, Aaron Butler, Paul Caputo, Richard Emery, Nicholas Geahry, George Haldeman, Matthew Jankovic, Eric Price, Matthew Pugh, Frank Scarpaci, Ryan Ziegler, Trevor Hill, Wendell Jones, Seth Labiaux, Terrance Shepherd

HVAC: Christopher Campbell, Jeffrey Conly, Bradley Nelson, Robert Arnett, Scott Slagle, Timothy Williams

Industrial Technician: Hunter Curl

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


Diesel: Zachary Johnson, Daniel Matthews, Cameron Tyrin, Krzysztof Wasielewski, Randy Shawger, Alexander Hamilton, Aaron Scassa, Shawn Fossett, Eric Gregor, Dylan Groicc

Electrical: Colin Chupinka, Vicki Jones, James Madden, Matthew Nagy, Joshua Brugere, Carlos Harrison, Donald Swink

HVAC: Benjamin Moritz, Harold Glasure, Robert Nieman, Scott Barton

Industrial Technician: Jeffrey Conly

Welding: Nick Hoovler

Helping Hand Award: Mateusz Wasielewski, Colin Chupinka, Christopher Clay, Caleb Perry, Shane McGinnis, Jason Conti

Extra Effort Award: Richard Emerly, Sean Sullivan, Gino Morena, Thomas Wee, Randy Shawger, Christopher Campbell, Dante Dematteo, Aaron Scassa, Dan Matthews

Most Improved Award: Gauge Tarpley

Community Service Award: Paul Caputo, Dylan Groicc, Matthew Jankovic, Brent Mott, James Mott, Austin Ritenour, Ed Zahn, Ryan Ziegler, Hunter Curl

Electrical Students “Brighten” Spirits at Light of Life Rescue Mission

In April, students enrolled in Rosedale Tech’s Electrical Technology program donated their time to Light of Life Rescue Mission on Pittsburgh’s North Side. Light of Life Rescue Mission is a Christian-based nonprofit organization that provides food and shelter for the homeless and instills Christian values in the lives of poor, addicted, abused, and needy individuals in the Great Pittsburgh area. Led by Instructor Mike Breskovich, the students helped with the renovation process of the organization’s Ridge Avenue facility by removing the old fluorescent lights and replacing them with LED high efficiency lights.

Great work done by all!
Happy Retirement Dave Hladik!

From a farm in Oklahoma, to a ship in the Navy, to decades of work as a technician, Automotive Instructor Dave Hladik decided to hang his final hat at Rosedale Technical College. Prior to joining Rosedale’s team, Dave worked as a technician for many years. After deciding to step out of the technician role and become a teacher, he stated that it was the best career decision he made. Dave stated that he is excited to retire, but also nervous about what this next chapter of life will bring. Some of the first plans he has is to do some traveling with his wife, and then start on her much anticipated honey-do list.

“We wish Dave the best of luck in his retirement. We are certainly going to miss his sage words of wisdom,” said President and Director Dennis Wilke.

Good luck, Dave!

Dave Detar: “He’s a Nice Guy”

Admissions Representative Dave Detar completed an 11-year journey at Rosedale Technical College this May when he announced his retirement. Dave started working at Rosedale Tech in February 2004. In his first year working as an admissions representative, he enrolled 36 starts. In 2014, his enrollments more than quadrupled with 174 starts.

“Dave truly made an impact on the school’s growth throughout the decade. He left behind pretty big shoes to fill and we will all miss him greatly,” said President and Director Dennis Wilke.

In addition to his legendary enrollment skills, Dave will be remembered for his easy going manner, his love for managing the office lottery pool, and his infamous “Daveisms”.

All of us at Rosedale Tech wish Dave a happy and healthy retirement.

Welcome Tom Englert

Rosedale Technical College is pleased to welcome Tom Englert as the new HVAC instructor. Tom brings 38 years of field experience, initiated at Ross Park Mall as chief engineer. For over 20 years, he ran his own HVAC business and retired from that after CS&G Company acquired it. Prior to joining Rosedale’s team, Tom had been working as an instructor for the past year and says it is his favorite job.

In his new position at Rosedale Tech, Tom hopes to make a difference in the students’ lives going into the HVAC field. “It’s a great trade to get into!” he said.

Born into a military family, Tom grew up living in places all over the United States. Following his father’s footsteps, Tom served in the Navy for six years working on nuclear submarines as a machinist mate. Tom resides in Franklin Park with his wife and high school sweetheart, Kim. They have three children, a son and two daughters, and three grandchildren. In his spare time, Tom enjoys being outdoors, fishing, hunting and snowmobiling.

New Welding Program Brings New Talent to Faculty

Rosedale Technical College kicked off its welding program in March 2015. Since its inception, the school has recruited instructors with years of experience working at Boilermakers in Union 154.

Julian Morena

Julian Morena joined Rosedale Tech’s faculty in March 2015 and helped kick off the program. For the past 10 years, he has worked as a Boilermaker in Union 154. Julian brings a lengthy list of certifications to his new instructor position and is certified for over 25 commercial and industrial contractors.

His wide knowledge and enthusiasm will be beneficial to the growth of the program. Outside of work, Julian enjoys fabricating and off-roading, particularly with his Jeep. A Pittsburgh native, Julian is originally from Beechview, but is now renovating his new home in Baldwin where he lives with his wife, Tara, and son, Antonio.

Cliff Kauer

Cliff Kauer joined the Rosedale Tech family in May after spending 13 years working as a Boilermaker. After hearing about the job opening from his former colleague, Julian, Cliff is excited to share his professional experiences in the instructor role. In addition, he hopes to continue growing and learning from the students and his new coworkers.

Cliff is certified in four processes with over 20 years of experience, initiated at Ross Park Mall as chief engineer. For over 20 years, he ran his own HVAC business and retired from that after CS&G Company acquired it. Prior to joining Rosedale’s team, Tom had been working as an instructor for the past year and says it is his favorite job.

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More Exciting Personnel News...

Dave Detar

This spring, Dave Detar was promoted to Enrollment Manager in the Admissions Department. In addition to enrolling students, Dave’s additional responsibilities will include: compliance regulations, reporting and training. Dave started at Rosedale Tech in November 2013 as an Admissions Representative.

Brian Mullen

Recently, Brian Mullen accepted a new position as Evening Supervisor. He will continue instructing Diesel Engines during the day, but will now be supporting our evening instructors in the evening. Brian has been an Instructor at Rosedale Tech since November 2011 when he began teaching part-time in the evening. Since then, he has worn many hats between instructing CDL and diesel courses, and tool room positions during both the day and evening.

Ben Martin

Ben Martin, Education Outreach Manager, has taken on a new responsibility of Corporate Training. Ben will be working with local businesses on designing individual training programs tailored to fit their needs. Companies such as Pepsi, Beaver Community College and South Hills Movers have reached out to Rosedale Tech in the past to create individualized training for their employees. Ben has been with Rosedale Tech since February 2010.

EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES

APRIL
Debbie Bier - Director of Admissions – 7 Years
Kim Bell – Admissions Representative – 1 Year
Craig Thornton - Truck Driving Instructor – 2 Years
Dave Sladky - Shop Services Manager – 10 Years

MAY
Marc Mullin - General Education Instructor – 4 Years
Anna Bartolini – Director of Financial Aid – 4 Years
Suzie McGugin - Marketing Manager – 5 Years

JUNE
Brian Strellec - General Education Instructor – 4 Years
Joni Cuff - Student Services Assistant – 4 Years
Kathy Stein - Financial Aid Officer – 33 Years

New Leadership Class Starts at Rosedale Tech

In April, faculty and staff from Rosedale Tech and Precision Manufacturing Institute (PMI) kicked off the 4th session of leadership training with Sandler Training, Management Training program. Participants include:

Lauren Anderson, Financial Aid Representative (PMI)
Kim Bell, Admissions Representative
Dave Detar, Enrollment Manager
Joe Marchese, HVAC Instructor
Krista Myers, Student Services Coordinator
Angela Nelson, Marketing Coordinator
Doug Nelson, Director of Admissions (PMI)
Mark Simoneau, General Education/Financial Instructor
Brian Strellec, General Education Instructor

Happy Retirement Dave Hladik!

Recently, Rosedale Tech employees have been redeeming their Tech Tokens for some pretty cool stuff! For those who do not know, Tech Tokens are an internal reward system for faculty and staff at Rosedale Tech. Individuals are nominated by their co-workers and students if they are identified for going above and beyond their everyday job duties.

Here is a list of some things faculty and staff recently redeemed their Tech Tokens for:

Sue Henze: TV and a Laptop Computer
Dave Detar: Bicycle
Sean Barrett: Voucher for an Airline Ticket

“Just like our education programs adapt to meet the needs of employers, I’m thrilled to see our Tech Token program adapt to meet the needs of our employees,” said President and Director Dennis Wilke.

In addition to redeeming Tech Tokens for prizes, school officials recently announced that Tech Tokens can be redeemed for charitable donations to a charity designated by Rosedale’s community service group, the R.E.V. Squad. Since recently announcing this, there has already been tokens redeemed.

TECH TOKEN REDEMPTION REACHES NEW LEVELS

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One of the trades most affected by our nation’s growing skills gap is HVAC (Heating Ventilation, and Air Conditioning). In fact, the Bureau of Labor Statistics, which gauges job outlook in all areas of industry, projects the field to grow faster than any other trade over the next 10 years or so. The demand for skilled and trained HVAC technicians is already at an all-time high, and is only expected to grow in the coming years. Since Rosedale Tech began its HVAC program roughly three-and-a-half years ago, graduates have realized a 100% job placement—just another indicator we’re seeing firsthand of the great potential in the field.

Bob Myers is the HVAC instructor at Northern Westmoreland Career and Technology Center which serves the Franklin Regional, Kiski, Burrell, and New Kensington-Arnold (Valley HS) school districts. With roughly 30 years in the field, Bob is in the role of instructor, he is truly an authority in the HVAC world. Mr. Myers’ HVAC career began with 4 years of training while serving in the Air Force. After graduating with honors, he spent 8 years working in the field before returning to the classroom as a teacher to share his knowledge and experience. Beyond his role as instructor at the high school level, Mr. Myers is also a certified Master Educator through HVAC Excellence, a highly respected role as instructor at the high school level, Mr. Myers is also a certified Master Educator through HVAC Excellence, a highly respected national accrediting body committed to improving competency through validation of the technical education process. Over the years, he’s had about a dozen students qualify and medal at the state SKILLS competition. This year, Dylan Bartlett, who is a Junior in Mr. Meyer’s class, won the state competition and is headed to Louisville, KY for the national SKILLS competition in June.

NWCTC’s HVAC program is open to students in grades 10-12. Those enrolled are offered the chance to earn a number of industry related certificates to help them advance within the field. “Safety is huge for us. One of the first things my students work on is getting their 10 hour OSHA worksite safety card,” he said. They also have the opportunity to earn the EPA 608 and 609, as well as the indoor air quality 410 A certifications. Other core components of the program include: basic refrigeration, air distribution, duct construction, basic electricity, heating systems, cooling systems, and for more advanced students, commercial refrigeration and efficiency.

Mr. Myers has seen a lot in his years in vocational education. “Even our government is starting to realize the true value of having a skilled trade after it being overlooked for quite a while”, he said. He sees the industry demand all the time. “I have guys I know in the field that are looking for my students to do co-op or go straight to work, and I just don’t have enough to fill the spots,” he went on to say. Mr. Myers thinks a post-secondary education can go a long way for students in HVAC. “A post-secondary school like Rosedale really gives the student a chance to excel in the field and maybe more importantly, develop a sense of confidence and maturity that is missing in a lot of high school graduates,” he said.

Instructors like Mr. Myers, and schools like Northern Westmoreland Career and Technology Center are crucial to the success of our nation’s economy and tackling the growing skills gap. Congratulations to all of Mr. Myers seniors as well as the rest of the 2015 NWCTC graduates.