

# 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 Helgerman – 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.



*Pictured: Education Outreach Representative **Jake Bier** presenting incoming Electrical Technology student Logan Rowan with the Ideal Tool Award*



*Pictured: Education Outreach Representative **Jake Bier** presenting incoming Diesel Technology student Bryan Hanks with the Snap-On Tool Award*



*Pictured: Education Outreach Coordinator **Sean Barrett** presenting incoming Automotive Technology student Nick Linza with the Snap-On Tool Award*



*Pictured: Education Outreach Manager **Ben Martin** presenting incoming Diesel Technology student Taylor Kordich with the Snap-On Tool Award*



*Pictured: Incoming Automotive Technology student Josh Helgerman with the Snap-On Tool Award*

# 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.

"There is a current trend starting where more and more young drivers are entering the truck driving industry," said Lead Truck Driving Instructor **Vaughan Greil**. "With the demand present, we've had very few issues placing our students at Rosedale Tech. There's definitely money to be made in truck driving."

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 looked 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](http://www.RosedaleTech.org)

## Advisory Board Meetings Welcome Employers from Multiple Programs

Rosedale Tech hosted a series of advisory board meetings for the Automotive, HVAC, Truck Driving, Diesel, and Welding programs. During the meeting, representatives discussed current practices and ideas for further growing the programs.

The following representatives attended the Automotive meeting on April 16, 2015:

**Len Strazza** – Zoresco Equipment  
**Sue Gross** – #1 Cochran  
**Thad Gazzo** – Kelly Automotive  
**Paul Fruehan** – Advance Auto Parts  
**Jay Gagne** – Baierl Automotive  
**Randy Corlew** – Ford Motor Company  
**Brennen Murray** – Ford Motor Company  
**Brian Bates** – Kenny Ross Automotive

The following representatives attended the HVAC meeting on April 21, 2015:

**Bob Mayer** – Johnstone Supply  
**Bob Boyle** – J.A. Sauer Co.  
**Mike Valent** – Climatech  
**Henry Klinar** – McKean Plumbing & Heating  
**Thomas Palas** – Forbes CTC

The following representatives attended the Truck Driving meeting on May 7, 2015:

**Jared Saxton** – Falcon Transport Co.  
**Micah Yarger** – PGT Trucking Inc.  
**Joe McCarthy** – OVR – PA L&I  
**Joe Orlich** – Valley Waste  
**Cindy Derrico** – Southwest Training  
**Alex Keddie** – Crossett Inc.  
**Rick Entinger** – USXpress

The following representatives attended the Diesel meeting on May 7, 2015:

**Cindy Derrico** – Southwest Training  
**Alex Keddie** – Crossett Inc.  
**Joe Mazur** – Hill International Truck  
**Lori Miller** – Waste Management  
**Joe McCarthy** – OVR – PA L&I

The following representatives attended the Welding meeting on June 2, 2015:

**Jim Burnside** – ATI  
**Cindy Derrico** – Southwest Training Services  
**Vicki Waite** – Donjon Shipbuilding  
**Richard Shirnhofer, Jr.** – Shirnhofer Welding  
**Cody Stroud** – Parkway West CTC  
**Dennis Sauers** – Delval Equipment

Thank you for your participation and continued support of Rosedale Tech!

If you are an employer interested in participating in one of our upcoming advisory board meetings, please contact **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. Even though your days might not be the same, the one thing that's always the same is the challenge.

The vehicle in question is a 1994 Chevrolet Lumina 3.8L Vin L engine with 118,000 miles. The concern was the transmission would shift late, the engine would idle erratically and the check engine light would come on. The previous shop repairing the vehicle recorded a P0122 code for Throttle Position Sensor low 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. We replace TPSs all the time when we have an intermittent TPS fault...but this time they replaced it 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 KOEO is 0.33-0.46 volts. My reading was 0.06 volts. Next, I checked the 5-volt 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 sensor from the side of the throttle body to do a bench test (which on this vehicle is no easy task) and what I noticed was the following. The back side of the TPS was covered in antifreeze, a white powdery substance. The antifreeze was seeping out of the throttle body which has a couple of coolant hoses going into it and on this vehicle, it was almost impossible to see.

Upon removal of the TPS, you could "see" traces of dried coolant residue where the sensor was



Paul Plahn

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, is to be really observant and think outside the box as sometimes things aren't what they seem.

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

The need for skilled workers sparked a great interest during Rosedale Technical College's Spring Open House on Saturday, April 11.

Sixty seven 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 program, 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 Wilke**. "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.



## 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 ways. These ways may include: attending Career Fairs where all students network with hiring employers, conduct mock interviews when students are nearing graduation, participating on one or more of the program's Advisory Boards, or attend special functions like an Open House to aid in explaining just how beneficial and critical it is for future employees to have a foundation in career and technical education.

Because of partnerships with over 1,000 employers, who have continually participated in multiple activities at Rosedale Tech, it was no surprise to see **Tony DeLeonibus**, Service Manager for Wright Automotive Group and Rosedale alumni, **Joe Mazur**, Service Manager of Hill International Trucks, at our last Open House event on Saturday, April 11, 2015. They, along with Director of Student Services **Amy Pascarella**, spoke to interested parents about industry trends with the automotive and diesel industries. In addition, they explained to the parents why they choose to continue to work with Rosedale Tech.

When asked, "Why do you continue to partner with Rosedale?" Tony replied, "Over 70% of our technicians are Rosedale graduates. We find the success rate with those graduates far surpass other technical institutions. The quality of the training at Rosedale Tech blends perfectly with our training at Wright, which we know will flourish

into a great career for those hired." Joe added, "Rosedale students have a passion for the industry and not only do I see this in the students, but I see this at Rosedale as well. The school provides a good basic foundation that I need as an employer that allows my business to remain a successful site. At Hill, we build upon our employees strengths to help advance their careers. Including myself, I would say we have hired 33% of our employees from Rosedale."

"In your opinion, how does Rosedale aid the local, regional, and the national economies?" Joe stated, "The school produces technical employees who keep the trucking companies moving, maintained, and on-the-road!" And Tony? "Rosedale provides a consistent flow of able-minded technicians to add to a much needed workforce."

"How does Rosedale Tech prepare students for the skills required for the industry?" Both Joe and Tony agreed that Rosedale allows for a natural progression for the students. First would be the theory of the discipline, adding on an integral hands-on component, that then transitions to the actual live work. That natural progression permits a foundation of learning, allowing companies to capitalize on building the careers of their employees while aiding the business itself to be more successful.

"What skills and credentials do you look for in an applicant?" For Tony, it was simply, "The head, the hands, and the heart." Tony felt that the mechanical aptitude is

just as important as the inner desire to do the best job with the best intentions. If his employees care for what they do, it will absolutely show in their work. Of course, he also felt that it is important to consider the GPA and attendance rate of a candidate. And finally, he looks for dedication in future employees, not for the short-term, but for a life-long career. Joe included, "There needs to be that passion for the industry and what the employee does on-the-job. It makes all the difference on multiple levels." He explained that he looks for potential employees to be open to professional development and those who aspire to be the best in their field. He needs his employees to be at work and punctual. He says, "Customers are scheduled for appointments and my technicians need to be onsite when scheduled. For Hill, it's all about the accountability because in my opinion, punctuality = profitability."

Last question asked, "It is said that there is a shortage and a skills gap in our economy. Do you feel this is true?" Joe replied, "Absolutely! We have yet to fill the shortage. There are many open positions in the industry and due to the lack of qualified candidates, we find that



Pictured (left to right): Joe Mazur of Hill International Trucks, Student Services Coordinator Krista Myers, Director of Student Services Amy Pascarella, Tony DeLeonibus of Wright Automotive Group, and President and Director Dennis Wilke at Rosedale Tech's Spring Open House.

those positions are hard pressed to fill." Tony stated, "The demand for the trades and needed skills in the industry are higher than the potential employees there are to fill the jobs. At Wright, we never stop the recruitment process when looking for talent." In closing, both employers felt that wages do reflect the shortage in both of their respective industries and mostly because of the demand for technicians. Pending a person's experience, one can do very well for themselves.

Both gentlemen were grateful for the opportunity to be at the Open House that Saturday morning. Plus, the inquiring parents of potential students who may be enrolling and who have enrolled at Rosedale Tech, learned that there is opportunity after receiving an education at Rosedale Technical College.

# Brothers' Bond Found in Automotive Program

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 deployed to Afghanistan twice. Like his brother, Ryan

returned from service and pursued an education in criminal justice. Unsure if this was the right fit for him, Ryan decided to change his focus and enrolled in Rosedale Tech's automotive program in March 2015.

The automotive industry was nothing new to the Kozup brothers. Growing up, their uncle and grandfather were mechanics. George and Ryan both enjoyed working on their vehicles as well.

The brothers agreed that making the switch to automotive was the right thing for them. They enjoy the hands-on aspect of working on cars, specifically engines and transmissions. While George is close to completing the program, Ryan enjoys having his big brother around as a reference when working on cars in the shop.

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,



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.

my friend, Matt, recommended Rosedale to me. He 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 become employed in the automotive field. Personally, I would like to get hired by a dealership, so I can gain experience in a more narrowed field of the industry. After I receive the necessary skills, I would like to open my own shop; and as long as the education continues as it is, I would prefer to hire other graduates of Rosedale Technical College.

## Marcus Anderson:



*"Why I Decided to Enroll in the Electrical Program"*

AST, Electrical Technology, May 2015

The reason that I decided to enroll in the electrical program at Rosedale Technical College is because of my brother, **Jason Johnson**. He encouraged me 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 can be proud of.

## 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 am one of those people who learn better when I can physically work on it, instead of only looking at it on a computer or in a book. Prior to Rosedale, I intended to become a police officer. But as I stated previously, the atmosphere at Rosedale pulled me in. Even before leaving the Open House in April 2014, I chose to enroll that day, and haven't looked back.



## 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.

"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 Pascarella**.

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

## Welcome New Students

### MARCH

#### AUTOMOTIVE

Deepak Kharel  
Ryan Kozup  
Philip Price  
Ramon Reid  
Randy Russell  
Alex Schomberg  
Lamont Cross  
Kevin Page  
Joshua Sandusky  
Johnathan Trinsley  
Raymond Trudeau III  
Kailie Wehrer

#### DIESEL

Dante DeMatteo  
Bryce Lee  
Aaron Scassa  
Nicholas Vavrock  
Matthew Gross  
Michael Shifko  
Randy Waxler, Jr.

#### ELECTRICAL

Bradley Acre  
Peter Hamorsky

### WELDING

Nicholas Hoover  
Richard LaFace

#### TRUCK DRIVING

Kevin Hegarty  
Matthe Mrock  
Daniel Paolino  
Keegan Ciccozzi

### APRIL

#### TRUCK DRIVING

James Clark  
Elizabeth Hipps

### MAY

#### AUTOMOTIVE

Victoria Ragan  
Joshua Conley  
Alec Crane  
Darius Donnell  
Shane Evans  
John Gill  
Ronald Grzybowski  
Joseph Miller  
Lauren Paswell  
Dillon Ribar  
Benjamin Settimio  
Joshua Stumpf

#### DIESEL

Patrick Lynch  
Mario Bortoluzzi  
Joshua Denardo  
Cooper Fairman  
Tamarrah Upshaw

#### ELECTRICAL

Glen Beu  
Douglas Dahlstrand  
Michael Dougherty  
Morgan Eichenberger  
Allante McGrant  
Thomas Myers, Jr.

Chase Stewart  
Ian Walker

#### HVAC

David Kanyok  
Michael Williams

#### TRUCK DRIVING

Daniel Donahue  
Clyde Wheeler, Jr.

#### WELDING

Miguel Bright  
Derek Faltot  
Sean Jaracz

Ian Love  
James McAvoy  
Scott Tostevin

### JUNE

#### TRUCK DRIVING

Charles Jones  
Alyssa Kirk  
Robert Moose  
Richard Rihn  
Jonathan Spataro

## May Tech Vets Prepares Veterans For Workforce



As a military veteran, how do you explain that "as an acting NCOIC of the 421st Combat AGE Team, you led your CAT to the successful R&R of a FCU on an AV M32A-60A" with the results "ensuring that this MICAP equipment was FMC well ahead of ETIC" prepared you for a leadership position in the civilian workforce?

This question was answered on May 6 during Rosedale Tech's monthly Tech Vets meeting. General Education Instructor and Air Force veteran **Mark Simoneau** spoke to many of the school's students with military backgrounds about ways to translate skills learned in the military to civilian terms for both a resume and job interview.

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.

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 Niedermeyer  
Derek A Rose  
Anthony D Rotondo  
Jeffrey W Tarpley, Jr.  
Scott J Tostevin  
Matthew A Whetsell  
Christopher W Yerkey  
Dominic A Zuccarelli

### 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 Bongiorno  
Jared S Colalella  
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 Beyers  
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 Pascocello  
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 McDade  
Joseph A Sanpietro  
Walter Sarafin  
Thomas Daniel Williams



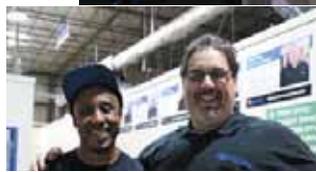
# Welcome Back ALUMNI!

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 shared that she saw an increase in companies responding to her resume

when she replaced Rosedale Technical Institute with Rosedale Technical College.

Thank you to all who attended! Alumni, please also join the Rosedale Tech Alumni Facebook group to keep in touch and learn about future alumni events.



## BIG Dreams Achieved for Rosedale Tech Automotive Graduate



Automotive Graduate Dan Agosh with his Wheelie Champion plaque he and his team recently won in Laredo, TX.

Currently, he is employed by **Feld Entertainment®** working as a technician for **Monster Jam®** in Florida.

Feld Entertainment, a worldwide leader in producing and presenting live touring family

"If you have a dream, go after it." – That's what Automotive Graduate **Dan Agosh** wants to pass along to Rosedale Tech students and graduates. What started out as a childhood interest soon became a reality for Dan.

entertainment experiences, has a national presence with productions appearing in more than 75 countries on six 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 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



Dan standing next to Hot Wheels Fire Storm, the monster truck he was first assigned to work on. (Photo courtesy of Dan Agosh)

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](http://www.monsterjam.com)

## 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 Technology 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 speaking 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. Within 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, Thermo King, SKF, 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 the diesel 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 walk 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.

## JUST HIRED!

Student Name	Program	Employer
Philip Wilson	Diesel	Swisher International
Thomas Spano, Jr.	Diesel	Pennsylvania Dept. of Education
Cody Gallik	Diesel	Powell's Transmission Center
Brian Irlbacher	Diesel	W.L. Roenigk, Inc.
Matthew Kopp	Diesel	TransAxle
Michael Loris	Diesel	FTS International
Russell McKenzie	Diesel	Warren C. Sauers Company
Justin Shaw	Diesel	Pleasant Trucking, Inc.
Adam Widmer	Diesel	Cummins Bridgeway
Daniel Harris	Automotive	Firestone
Andreas Cerminara	Diesel	Georges Supply Center
Jesse Doscher	Truck Driving	Township of Pine
David Hurrell	Truck Driving	A.J. Myers and Sons, Inc.
Timothy Hustava	Truck Driving	Republic Services

Student Name	Program	Employer
Anthony Palladini	Truck Driving	Weavertown Environmental Group
James Brown	Automotive	Wright Automotive Group
Richard Carmichael	Automotive	Tire Kingdom/NTB
Scott Deschon	Automotive	E&M Auto Center
Colin Garrity	Automotive	Wright Automotive
Ricky Hyatt	Automotive	Monroeville Dodge
Jason Paola	Automotive	Enterprise Rent-A-Car
Michael DeAngelo	Diesel	UPS
Jonathan Driscoll	Diesel	Davies Ford
Ian Gayman	Diesel	Kenworth
Brian Hill	Diesel	Golden Eagle Equipment
Thomas Hoag	Diesel	Weavertown Environmental Group
Kristina Howell	Diesel	Silhol Builders Supply Company
John Newcomb	Diesel	Ralich Truck Center
Mark Simpronio, Jr.	Diesel	Red Diamond Trucking
Russell Basalyga	Electrical	Custom Creations
Christopher Bazzoli	Electrical	Steel City Controls, Inc.

Student Name	Program	Employer
Zachary Collins	Electrical	TradeSource
Ronald Cooper	Electrical	Fresh Food Manufacturing Co.
Adam Duerr	Electrical	Adecco – MSA
Samuel Gabig	Electrical	Nicholas Electric Company
Devon Hample	Electrical	Hall Industries, Inc.
Jason Johnson	Electrical	IQ Machines
Adam Kirby	Electrical	Gumphre Electrical Services
Nicholas Scott	Electrical	Smith Electric Service
Christopher Welch	Electrical	Adecco
Luther Coe	HVAC	Tryko Partners
Dalton Marnich	HVAC	ClimaTech, Inc.
Joshua Ulokovic	HVAC	Cintas
Nicholas Ali	Truck Driving	Republic Services
Grant Murray	Truck Driving	US Foods
Anthony Strapazzon	Truck Driving	Gordon Food Service
Brian Cook	Truck Driving	Pepsi Beverages Company
Taylor Foster	Truck Driving	Schneider National Bulk Carriers, Inc.

# AWARDS & RECOGNITION

## April 2015 Awards

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

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

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

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

**HVAC:** Robert Nieman, Robert Arnett, Jeffrey Coyle, Harold Glasure, Scott Barton

**Industrial Technician:** Jeffrey Conner

### **President's List** – Cumulative GPA of 3.4 or higher after at least one semester

**Automotive:** Joshua Denardo, Jessica Gazvoda, James McAvoy, Matthew Tomblin, George Kozup, Jaclyn Movitch, Bryan Pry, Clifford Cabbage, David Delgalo, Nicholas Farich, Mason Guckert, Joseph Hickey, Justin Lee, Matthew Leskovec, David McCarty, Adam Melenzyer, Tyler Moore, Shawn Ramsey, Edward Vibostak, Joshua Young, Robert Lauteria, Brandt Egarter, Jeffrey Lipinski, Randy Ward, Remo Mazzoleni

**Diesel:** Jordan Greathouse, Travis Tyre, Jeffrey Stivison, Clint Chapple, Tyler Guerrieri, William Hissom, Kyla Holmes, David Jones, Brian Kashycki, Lucas Lazek, Chazz Lewis, Gino Morena, Jake Rieffle, Timothy Ryan, Sean Sullivan, Michael Vanauker, Brandon Vargo, Rebecca Venuto, Patrick Watson, Zachary Williamson, Dylan Woelaglagle, Joseph Connor, Brian Lukens, Cody Rakowski, Nicholas Scibetta, Nathaniel Spindler, Theodore Begly, Ryan Muchow, Raymond Schwickrath, Tylique Walker, Christopher Giles

**Electrical:** Christopher Babyak, David Teller, Paul Caputo, Davis Baratta, William Boyd, Aaron Butler, Richard Emery, 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 Coyle, Bradley Nelson, Christopher Campbell, Scott Slagle

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

**Automotive:** Christopher Anderson, Robert Birr, Thomas Palfy, William Waldron, Adam Cunningham, Evan Farine, Patrick Lancaster, James Reese, Thomas Wee, Jessica Foringer, Caleb Perry, Kendal Smithson, Timothy Smolter, Jonathan Hladney, Jerome Scherer

**Diesel:** Gary Carroll, Aaron Casciola, Dion Davis, Nickolas Dinatale, Damien Godfrey, Zachary Johnson, Jacob Joyce, Robert Leist, Daniel Matthews, Russell Meyer, Richard Miller, Taylor Rickert, Kyle Salka, Cameron Tyrpin, Kenneth Wallis, Krzysztof Wasielewski, Paul Cameron, Jason Conti, William Crawford, Richard Dorsey, Alex Hamilton, Jarrod Mai-Adams Welch, David Meriwether, Sulaiman Savage, Randy Shawger, Thomas Logan, Nathan Pieszak, Paul Campbell, Shaun Fehl, Eric Nelson, William Fisher

**Electrical:** Jared Colalella, Christopher Sigmund, Colin Chupinka, Shawn Fossett, Eric Gregor, Dylan Grieco, 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 Conner, 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 McCommon, Pat Lancaster, Christopher Campbell

**Most Improved Award:** Tim Welsh, Lydel Bell, 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 Kozup, Ramon Reid, Randy Russell, Krzysztof Wasielewski

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

**Electrical:** Paul Caputo, Richard Emery, Sean Legree

**HVAC:** Harold Glasure, Robert Nieman, Robert Arnett

**Welding:** Nick Hoover

### **President's List** – Cumulative GPA of 3.4 or higher after at least one semester

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

**Diesel:** Jeffrey Stivison, Kenneth Eckles, Tyler Guerrieri, Kyla Holmes, Brian Kashycki, Lucas Lazek, Robert Leist, Taylor Rickert, Jake Rieffle, Michael Shelby, Brandon Vargo, Kenneth Wallis, Patrick Watson, Zachary Williamson, Nickolas Dinatale, Damien Godfrey, William Hissom, Jacob Joyce, Chazz Lewis, Richard Miller, Gino Morena, Timothy Ryan, Kyle Salka, Sulaiman Savage, Nathaniel Spindler, Sean Sullivan, Logan Thomas, Michael Vanauker, Richard Dorsey

**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 Coyle, Bradley Nelson, Robert Arnett, Scott Slagle, Timothy Williams

**Industrial Technician:** Hunter Curl

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

**Automotive:** Robert Birr, Thomas Palfy, William Waldron, Thomas Wee, Evan Farine, Patrick Lancaster, Caleb Perry, James Reese, Jessica Foringer, Deepak Kharel, Ryan Kozup, Ramon Reid, Randy Russell, Kendal Smithson, Russell Meyer,

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

**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 Conner

**Welding:** Nick Hoover

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

**Extra Effort Award:** Richard Emery, 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 Grieco, 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 Greater 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.

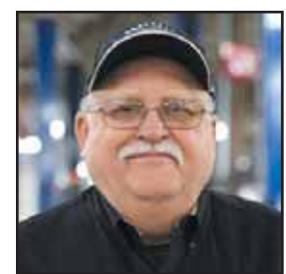
**Great work done by all!**



Pictured (left to right): Back Row - Paul Caputo, Matthew Jankovic, Dylan Grieco, Brenton Mott; Middle Row - Jeffrey Conner, James Oslick Jr., Ryan Ziegler, Hunter Curl, Edward Zahn; Front Row - Electrical Technology Instructor Mike Breskovich



# 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 Hirak: "He's a Nice Guy"



Admissions Representative **Dave Hirak** 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.

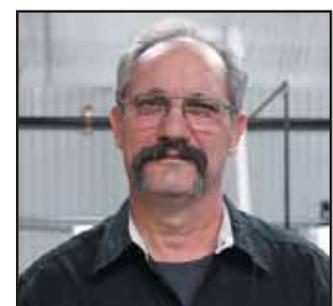
"Dave truly made an impact on the school's growth throughout the decade. He left behind pretty big shoes

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 Tech 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&E 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 machinery 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 companies.

A Pittsburgh native, Cliff resides in Ross Township with his wife, Amy, and daughter, Brittany. In his downtime, he enjoys going on motorcycle rides, going out to dinner, and doing charity work for brain tumor awareness through Denise's People ([www.denisespeople.org](http://www.denisespeople.org)).



# 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 evenings. 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.

# TECH TOKEN REDEMPTION REACHES NEW LEVELS

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.



Pictured: Dave Detar and his bicycle

*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.



# 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 Strelick** General Education Instructor – 4 Years
- Joni Curl** - 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 programs.

*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/Hydraulics Instructor
- Brian Strelick**, General Education Instructor

# Featured Classroom: Northern Westmoreland Career and Technology Center

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, 18 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 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 get on board. They're 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.



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## BMW Showcases Vehicles During Visit



On May 15, **Robert Drahnak** from **BMW Corporate** and **Jason Czap** from the **Sewickley Car Store** visited Rosedale Technical College. They brought two vehicles, an I8 Hybrid and 650, for the students to view. During their visit, Robert and Jason did a presentation to some of the upcoming automotive graduates about their technician development training programs.



**Thank you for visiting Rosedale Tech!**



Members of Rosedale Tech's faculty and staff recently participated in the 2015 **Pittsburgh Half Marathon** and **Marathon Relay** in an effort to raise funds for the school's community service group, Rosedale Enrichment Volunteers, or the R.E.V. Squad. This was the first time for a majority of the team to participate in the event and resulted in a tremendous success.

The team's fundraising efforts raised over \$2,700. Part of the proceeds went to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, while the remaining funds will be utilized to support other charitable organizations serviced by the R.E.V. Squad.

The team would like to thank all of its donors for supporting the cause!



*Pictured (left to right): Runners included JR Mangan, Angela Nelson, Mike Basulto, Suzie McGugin, Sean Barrett, Dennis Wilke, Sue Henze, and Dave Detar.*

## Running for a Reason



*Marathon participants Sue Henze (left), Angela Nelson (left center) and Dennis Wilke (right) present Julie Weber (right center) with a \$1,750 check for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Julie's daughter lives with cystic fibrosis and was the inspiration for the fundraising efforts.*