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Pittsburgh Business Times Names Rosedale Technical as the
Best Place to Work in Western Pennsylvania Two Years in a Row

For the second year in a row, Rosedale Technical College
was awarded first place in the Pittsburgh Business Times
Best Places to Work in Western Pennsylvania. The non-profit
technical school received the award based on its fun work
environment and overall culture of the organization.

This year, surveys specifically highlighted the newly instated
personal and professional development funds allotted to
all employees to participate in classes, attend seminars, or
purchase educational materials that will allow them to grow
both professionally as well as learn something they may have
never done before.

“President Dennis Wilke is consistently innovative with ways
to improve the work-life balance of employees, so they are
fulfilled in their professional as well as personal endeavors,”
said Controller Darrin Niemeyer.

In addition, here are some examples of why faculty and staff
think Rosedale Tech is a great place to work:

“I love being challenged, and this job does that but not in
a stressful way. I feel like part of a bigger picture and it’s like
a family. I have learned more and become closer to fellow
employees and students in such a short time than I did in 25
years in a shop. I truly enjoy my job.”

- Chuck Bevington, Automotive Instructor

“It is not only a family oriented company but it is a family
where the daily environment is a positive and happy
experience that leaves you wanting to give more every single
day – a perfect recipe that many companies have not been
able to put together.”

- Elvy Acevedo, Administrative Assistant

“Rosedale offers some very good perks, but it’s the people
you work with that truly make the difference.”

- Jennifer Cox, Executive Assistant

“Rosedale is a great place to work because employees know
they matter. We are given the opportunity to take risks and
try new things in order to help the students and the school.
Employees are treated like family and are encouraged and
supported by the administration and each other.”

- Kim Bell, Admissions Representative

This was the sixth year in a row that Rosedale Tech was
recognized as a Best Place to Work by the Pittsburgh Business
Times, with last year being the first year the school was
awarded first place in the medium size category. This year,
Rosedale Tech was awarded first place in the large size
category.

Rosedale Tech was honored at an awards luncheon on
Friday, October 30, which took place at the Westin Hotel in
Downtown Pittsburgh.

The 5th annual Toys for Techs toy drive concluded and once again was a huge
success. The toy drive was started in an
effort to help support students in need of a
little extra help during the holidays. Since its
inception in 2011, the program has grown
to be a well-respected event amongst the
students, faculty and staff at the school.

“Many of our students have taken financial
risks attending school. Toys for Techs is our
way of helping to eliminate some of the
stress of the holidays so they can focus on
their studies and continue to work towards
a future career in the trades,” said Rosedale
Tech’s President and Director Dennis Wilke.

In order to participate, students with
children are asked to register anonymously.
Upon receiving all registrations, students,
faculty and staff are then asked to bring in
new toys or monetary donations to purchase
toys for the children.

This year’s toy drive benefited 12 families
and a total of 22 children between the ages
of 18 months and 12 years-old.
Overall, Toys for Techs has helped a total of
97 families and 203 children.

“The Toys for Techs program came at a time
when I needed it most,” said a Rosedale Tech
student who participated in the program
back in 2012. “It’s good that they offer this
program. They really care about helping
their own people.”

This was the first time President Wilke or
Rosedale Technical College was nominated
for the award.

Congratulations President Wilke and
Rosedale Tech!
Fall Open House Recap

Over 125 guests toured Rosedale Tech's facility during the school's 2nd Fall Open House on October 24. Visitors came from eastern and western Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia and Maryland.

Live demonstrations in the labs took place throughout the day for visitors to view, and instructors from each program were on hand to engage with prospective students and their families. Representatives from admissions, financial aid, and job placement were also available to answer questions about their respective areas.

Rosedale Tech's Spring Open House is scheduled to take place April 9, 2016. Further details about the spring open house will be communicated early in the new year.

New Program to Provide Stepping Stone for Skilled Technicians

Rosedale Technical College is pleased to announce the start of a new program: Applied Business Management. The program is set to start this February.

Rosedale Tech's Applied Business Management program is geared towards providing skilled technicians with the resources and education needed to prepare them for career advancements in management and leadership positions.

Like Rosedale Tech's current degree and diploma programs, the Applied Business Management program will involve the same hands-on learning techniques in classes taught by business professionals working in a variety of industries.

Throughout the 18-month program, students will be trained to handle a number of managerial tasks, such as selecting appropriate organizational methods and strategies, instructing and supervising personnel and activities, and understanding corporate accounting activities, to name a few.

An Associate Degree in Applied Business Management can be earned upon graduation.

For more information on the Applied Business Management program visit our website at www.RosedaleTech.org or call (800) 521-6262 and speak with an Admissions representative today.

November Tech Vets Meeting

Rosedale Tech's military club, Tech Vets, held their bi-monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 11. The group welcomed John Lee as guest speaker to discuss his non-profit, Heroes Supporting Heroes. Mr. Lee is a US Govt. Program Analyst, US Air Force (Civil Engineering) Senior Master Sergeant, President and Co-Founder of Heroes Supporting Heroes.

Heroes Supporting Heroes is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that serves military members and their families, senior citizens and others in need by volunteering time to help with household repairs and maintenance.

What started out as a few individuals helping families who had loved ones deployed overseas with yard work or other household maintenance needs evolved into a much larger group who now serves anyone in need of assistance at home in the West Allegheny area.

For more information on Heroes Supporting Heroes or for volunteer opportunities, visit www.HeroesSupportingHeroes.org.
Why donate blood? The need is epic!

By teaming up with Central Blood Bank, Rosedale Technical College can save hundreds of lives here in the Pittsburgh area in a single day. Surprised? Here are some more things you might not know about the need for blood donation and the movement to meet it. What we’re up against:

- 37 percent of the population is eligible to donate, yet only 5% actually do.
- Every 2 seconds someone needs blood.
- 4.5 million Americans would die each year without life-saving blood transfusions.
- About 3 gallons of blood supports the entire nation’s blood needs for only 1 minute.
- Car accident victims can need 40 pints of blood or more.
- A person with cancer can need up to 4 pints of blood every day for 2 to 4 weeks to tolerate certain treatments.
- Severe burn victims can need about 20 units of platelets during their treatment.
- Central Blood Bank, a not-for-profit organization; collects, tests and distributes blood to approximately 40 hospitals and healthcare facilities in the western Pennsylvania area.

Donating blood is good for local patients in need but it’s also good for the donor. For starters, Central Blood Bank ensures every donor that shows up to donate gets a free mini-physical that gives them important health information, including: Iron, blood pressure, temperature, and pulse. Additional test results are available upon request, including: total cholesterol, sickle cell and other blood disorders.

Most importantly, every donation saves up to 3 lives! Learn more at centralbloodbank.org. Please consider donating at our upcoming blood drive!

Meet Shannon McKenzie

Shannon McKenzie began working at Alcosan eight and a half years ago. When she started off with the company, she was working as a janitor, but knew she didn’t want to remain in the position forever. Looking for advancement opportunities within the company, Shannon learned that Alcosan offers its employees the opportunity to take an assessment, which is the first step towards moving into a trades position within the company.

Once an employee passes the test, they have the opportunity to train for a trade position within the company. Shannon took the test and passed. When selecting a trade to pursue, she originally applied to work in the electrical field. "I wasn’t 100% sure about going into the electrical field, but I am really enjoying it," said Shannon.

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Company Closure Brings New Opportunities to HVAC Student

Scott Barton has always had a passion for music and wanted to pursue a career in it when he grew up. After graduating high school, he went to Berklee College of Music in Boston, MA where he received a B.S. in music. Equipped with the knowledge and degree to pursue a musical career, Scott started off in a hard rock band, playing instruments such as keyboard and guitar, which lasted about a year. He then took a job working in a Polynesian music show at Sea World in Ohio. He participated in the show for about six years before the show moved to Sea World’s Florida location.

After spending 10 years in the music industry, Scott came to the realization that he needed to think about his future and supporting his family. “I always joked that the difference between a musician and a pizza was that a pizza can serve a family of four,” said Scott. “While I love music, I needed to figure out something else.”

A Beaver County native, Scott and his family returned to PA in 1991. Keeping his family in mind, Scott looked for a job outside of the music industry and took at position at Horsehead-Holding Corp. in Monaca, PA. The company was not unfamiliar to him, as his father had worked there and Scott himself worked there a brief stint doing part time work while he was in college.

For 23 years, Scott worked at Horsehead in various positions throughout the company. His final position there was packing zinc oxide. While the company provided a great benefits package, the working conditions were not something that Scott had enjoyed. When Horsehead announced that it would be shutting down the Monaca plant and moving work to other facilities, Scott saw this as a much needed opportunity.

“The plant closure was the kick in the butt I needed to do something new with my life,” said Scott.

Because Horsehead had moved some of its business to Canada, Scott was eligible to receive the Trade Readjustment Allowance (TRA) and go back to school. Scott worked with the Beaver County Career Link office and was recommended to Rosedale Tech’s HVAC program.

Prior to learning about Rosedale, Scott admitted that he was unfamiliar with the term HVAC. However, he wasn’t until he was speaking with a neighbor that it was recommended to him to look into the HVAC field as there were many opportunities available. Scott did his research on careers in the HVAC field and became interested in pursuing the new opportunity.

Scott started at Rosedale Tech in August 2014 and has enjoyed the experience ever since. “I’ve noticed a lot of similarities and differences being back in school. I think it’s because ‘I’m in a different place in my life,’” said Scott. “Now that I’m older, I can appreciate the skills a trade school offers.”

While a health issue forced him to spend a few months away from school, Scott has been working hard to complete the program in March 2016. Upon graduation, he is interested in doing facility work for a local company.

“Although he has given up his dream career in the music industry, Scott hopes to continue with music as a hobby and hopes to start with a band part-time in the near future.

Scott is expected to graduate from the welding program in November 2016.
CONGRATULATIONS RTC GRADUATES

Rosedale Technical College celebrated the graduation of 119 students on Saturday, November 21, which was noted as the largest attended graduation in school history. The ceremony took place at the Embassy Suites Pittsburgh International Airport in Moon Township, PA.

Student Services Coordinator Liz Lanshak started the evening with a beautiful rendition of The National Anthem.

Diesel Instructor JR Mangan, Automotive Instructor Matt Gaetano, and HVAC Instructor Joe Marchese addressed the graduates on behalf of the faculty. Student speakers included George Kozup, II (Automotive) and Daniel Matthews (Diesel).

Rosedale Tech would like to extend a big thank you to guest speaker Al D’Ambola of Danfoss Refrigeration & Air Conditioning for attending the ceremony.

Best of luck to all of our graduates!

Automotive
Associate in Specialized Technology Degree

Lydel Bell
Robert Birr
Clifford Cubbage, Jr.
Adam Cunningham
Nicholas Farich
Jeffrey Gilchrist
Matthew Gould, Jr.
Mason Guckert
Mario Henderson
George Kozup, II
Justin Lee
Matthew Leskovec
Joshua Malich
David McCary
Michael Mesecke
Tyler Moore
Jaclin Mwutch
Thomas Palfy
Bryan Pry
Donte Randolph
Jeremy Schiff
Brandy Simoneelli
Matthew Tomblin
Edward Vibostak
William Waldron
Thomas Wee
Steven Winston, Sr.
Joshua Young
Daniel Zwick

Diploma
Joshua Brunner
Brandt Egerter
Michael Guardiani
Darrell Johnson, Sr.
Joshua Lamb
Jeffrey Lipinski
Michael Mains
Juan Nava, Jr.
Clayton Neel
George Nowikowski, Jr.
James O’Leary, Jr.
Timothy Smolter
Shawn Taylor
Randy Ward
Timothy Welsh
Reginald Williams

Diesel
Associate in Specialized Technology Degree

Eric Abbondanza
Aaron Casciola
Dylan Clegg
Dion Davis
Cullen Dunn
Carl Farquhar
Brenden Gilmer
Damian Godfrey
Matthew Goettmann
Jordan Greathouse
Tyler Guerri
Andrew Gullo
Kyla Holmes
Zachary Johnson
Taylor Johnston
Brian Kashycki
Lucas Lazek
Robert Leist
Daniel Matthews
Travis McBride
Corey Melia
Bradley Nolf
John Reha
Taylor Rickert
Jake Riefle
Steven Sertich
Michael Shelby

Diploma
Dylan Stewart
Jeffrey Divison
Jerome Trina
Cameron Typin
Brandon Vargo
Rebecca Venuto
Kenneth Wallis
Keilai Wallis, Jr.
Krzysztof Wasielewski
Patrick Watson
Zachary Williamson

Electrical
Associate in Specialized Technology Degree

Timothy Clowser
Javad Lindsey

Diploma
Shawn Miller
Steven Robertson
Anthony Stilson
Earl Williams

HVAC
Associate in Specialized Technology Degree

Ernest Attaway
Jeffrey Coyle
Harold Glasure
Marquay Lane
Kane Lee
Shawn McGinnis
Benjamin Montz
Bradley Nelson
Robert Nieman
Andrew Terry

Truck Driving
Diploma
Travis Alexander
Chandelle Brown
Keegan Ciccozzi
James Clark
Daniel Donahue
Nicholas Farina
Charles Jones
John Lipinski
Robert Moore
Ryan Muchow
Grant Perry
Richard Rhn
Michael Smith
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Honesty is the Best Policy

When Tony graduated from Rosedale Tech’s Browns Hill Road facility in 1981, he began working at a garage in the South Hills area. While working as a technician, Tony developed a loyal customer base, and when the owner of the garage announced he would be closing the business, the customers knew where they would be going next for automobile repairs — wherever Tony went.

Knowing he had customers who depended on him, Tony decided that once the garage closed he would look into opening his own business. While working with the Small Business Administration (SBA) to open an official business, Tony rented garage space to complete repairs on the side. In the process of working through the paperwork of starting a business, the building across the street from the garage Tony rented went up for sale. He decided to purchase the building as well as the land next to it. To this day, Tony’s garage remains in the building.

In February 1998, Balistreri Auto Service officially opened for business. Since opening, it’s been a family owned business, run by Tony and his wife, Joan. Their mission is to always repair vehicles right the first time, which has proven to be a driving force in continued success for Tony.

If one searches the web for Balistreri Auto Service, a number of positive reviews come up, such as: “Finally an auto mechanic I trust!!! I took my car to Balistreri for scheduled maintenance and discovered the dealer had damaged my alternator belt bolts making adjusting the belts impossible! The belts had been squealing for almost 5 months and the dealer refused to look at it without charging me even though they originally damaged them. Balistreri diagnosed the issue without charge, repaired the issue at a fair price, and recommended I use his documentation to discuss additional repairs needed with belts and dealer. The dealer is now fixing the problem at no cost and refunding a portion of what I paid Balistreri. Thank you Balistreri for your expertise and honest, caring service. Without you, the problem would never had been fixed!”

“I love going to Balistreri Auto because they are honest and don’t do any unnecessary on cars. I have been going to Tony for 23 years and have never had any problems. I would recommend him to any of my family and friends.”

“Quality service, trustworthy employees. Tony tells you exactly what is wrong with your car and nothing else! Been going here for 8+ years, wouldn’t go anywhere else.”

“New to the area, so I searched for the best reviews around and Balistreri fit the bill. Honest and quick service is what I discovered after I took my car there. Tony was extremely helpful in explaining any issues and overall seemed like a genuine, helpful person. I’ll be taking my other cars there in the future!”

In addition to his loyal customer base, Tony has been able to secure corporate contracts with Union Railroad, Norfolk Southern, Maxum Crane, and U.S. Steel. Under these contracts, Tony completes mechanical work on all of the companies’ vehicles.

With a growing customer base and numerous corporate contracts Tony has had to bring on additional employees in the past few years to help keep up with the work. When looking for quality employees, he turned to Rosedale Technical College. Balistreri Auto Service now has three technicians, all of which graduated from Rosedale Tech: Tony, Jonathan Pollock (AST, 2010), and Evan Niedermeyer (AST, 2015).

As the company continues to grow, future plans for Balistreri Auto Service include building additional garage space next to the current building and adding two additional bays to the shop.

Balistreri Auto Service is located at 2014 Cherry Street in Jefferson Hills, PA. To schedule an appointment, call (412) 384-2637 or visit www.balistreriautoservice.biz.

Lifetime of Mechanics Leads Grad to Entrepreneurial Success

For 13 years, he found great success in the sport winning a number of competitions, including the Yadkin Valley Storm GNCC in Yadkinville, NC in 2007 at age 14; the GNCC National 4-stroke 6 Lites class championship in 2009 at age 16; and the Vet National at High Point Raceway in Mt. Morris, PA in 2012 at age 19. Also in 2009, out of 13 races AJ competed in, he had five wins and four second place finishes.

Throughout his racing journey, AJ had his family’s support, whether it be traveling to each competition to cheer him on or assisting with bike repairs. Since he was a child, AJ worked on cars and motor bikes, but very rarely did he work on diesel trucks. When AJ decided he wanted to go to school for diesel mechanics, his parents continued to support his decision. He did some research on area trade schools, and decided to enroll in Rosedale Tech’s diesel technology program in August 2011.

“I wanted to go to school to learn how to work on trucks,” said AJ. “Rosedale Tech was one of the best schools around. I may have driven 120 miles round trip every day for class, but it was worth it!”

AJ enjoyed his time at Rosedale Tech, but as he neared graduation it was time for him to think about his future career plans. He was still competing in motor cross competitions so a job that offered flexibility to compete was a priority. The thought then came to mind about opening a business. While he first had doubts, he was determined to move forward with his goal.

After graduating in November 2012, AJ decided to take on the challenge of opening his own business. In order to do so, he had to make one of the biggest decisions of his life — he had to give up motor cross racing and focus strictly on the business. This was tough a tough move for AJ, but the business required a great deal of his attention. According to AJ, starting his own business was a long, drawn out process.

“After I graduated, I had to go through all the legal stuff so I was able to actually run a business. While doing this, I kept trying to build clientele and work on whatever vehicles came into the shop,” he said.

One of the biggest challenges AJ said he had to overcome was getting zoning permits to work in the building, which required the support of his neighbors.

“A lot of the neighbors didn’t want me working in this building, but a lot more were very supportive,” he said.

Despite all of the challenges, AJ’s hard work and determination paid off. In April 2014, he opened AJ’s Wide Range Diesel and Auto Repairs Corp. Since opening the business, he has been able to build a regular clientele and has even secured corporate contracts with FirstEnergy and a stone quarry working with the local aggregates. Through these contracts, he is working on a majority of the companies’ work vehicles, approximately 10-15 vehicles a week. With corporate contracts and individual customers, AJ has been inundated with work. To help keep work moving, AJ’s father has been helping in the garage in the afternoons. Although he misses his first passion of motor cross racing, AJ is happy with his decision to pursue his business venture.

His future goals include continuing to grow the business and eventually hiring an employee.

AJ’s Wide Range Diesel and Auto Repairs Corp. is located in Smithfield, PA. To receive a repair quote, call (724) 984-1019 or email AJ at a.stewart02@gmail.com.
A Lifetime Career in Automotive Repair!

Recent graduate Tyler Moore grew up in an automotive repair shop. His father, James Moore, a 1990 Rosedale Tech graduate, had been working at the shop with the other technicians learning the trade of automotive repair.

“While I would have loved to see the country in a long haul position, I have a family so the localized trucking job really works for me,” he said.

Ron has been with Butler Gas for six months now, and is very happy with his decision to work there. After recently completing a 45-day training period, he began to receive solo deliveries.

As one of seven drivers, a typical day for Ron consists of delivering cylinder gases and cryogenic liquids to customers throughout Pittsburgh and the surrounding areas. Ron

New Opportunities Found in Trucking Industry

When Ron Smith enrolled at Rosedale Tech, he was looking for a life-altering career change. For 13 years, Ron was working a construction job during the day. In the evenings, rather than spending time with his family, he was working part-time at UPS.

With work being seasonal, Ron received the news that he was being laid off. He did some research on schools of opportunities available in the truck driving industry. He did some research on schools of opportunities available in the transportation sector.

“Rosedale Tech offered the best truck driving program around,” said Ron. When Ron started the program, he envisioned himself in a cross-country driving program around,” said Ron.

Scott, a March 2015 graduate of Rosedale Tech's automotive technology program, had been speaking with Marc about job opportunities prior to graduating. He had been working as a technician for a national chain and did not feel that it was his “forever career.”

Tyler completed the automotive technology program on November 19; on November 20, he woke up manager of the shop. Tyler is excited to become manager of the family business. The two technicians who have worked at the shop for over 12 years and watched Tyler grow up have also been very supportive of the change of management.

“They were both so excited for me. I am always learning from them and they are always learning new things from me,” said Tyler.

Jim's Automotive & Towing is located in Farrell, PA. For more information about the shop, call (724) 983-6260.
Meet Mark Martin

Rosedale Tech recently welcomed Mark Martin as its new General Education Instructor. Mark has over 10 years of teaching experience at several career schools in the Pittsburgh area. Prior to teaching, he managed restaurants for about 25 years. Some of the positions he held in the restaurant business were District Manager for Big Boy Restaurants; General Manager for Quaker Steak & Lube and Boston Market; Service Manager for Applebee's and Olive Garden; and Training Manager for Golden Corral.

He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management and a Master's Degree in Education: Business Education, Computer & Information Technology.

Mark resides in the Carnegie area with his wife, Beth, and his four children. In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with his family and working in the yard. He and his wife are both very involved with several of the booster organizations for the sports and activities that his children are involved in.

December 2015 Awards

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

**Automotive:** Evan Farine, James Reese, Caleb Perry, Jason Gentile, Justin Jeffrey, Robert King, Nicholas Linza, Robert Malmgren, Derek Quigley, David Smith, Brian Straka, Christopher Tivo, Jake Young

**Diesel:** Joseph Connor, Randy Shawver, Travis Arner, Nicholas Atchley, Daniel Book, Corey Brunner, Reno Ciotola, Cory Coates, Lucas Elliot, Bryan Hanks, Justin Harshbarger, William Hartes, Marc Held, Corey Lasher, Bryan Sykko, Louis Rotunda, Scott Shedden, Dalton Weleski, Jacob Wright, Samuel Byers

**Electrical**

Richard Emery, Vicki Jones, Donald Swink, Joseph Aracich, Benjamin Bucci, Casey Dunklee, Logan Rowan, Shane Sennett, Derek Sullivan

**HVAC**

Timothy Williams, Tyron Jones, Dylan Schroeder

**Industrial Technician:** Tyler Rodgers, Cody Badger

**Welding:** Sean Jaracz, James Karnavas

**Presidential – Cumulative GPA of 3.4 of Higher after at least one semester**

**Automotive:** Adam Melenzyer, James Reese, Caleb Perry, Shane Evan, John Gill, Ryan Kozup, Randy Russell, Benjamin Settimo, Kendal Smithson, Branndan Clegg, Adam Cook, Eric Cross, Cody Hall, Andrew Jackson, Johnathan Rivera, Myles McCray, Summer Nieder, Christopher Patton, Jake Young

**Diesel:** Clint Chapelle, Nicholas Dinatale, William Hisom, Jordan Knerr, Richard Miller, Sean Sullivan, Timothy Ryan, Kyle Salka, Michael Vanauker, Joseph Connor, Jason Conti, Neil Kirschner, Nathaniel Spindler, Logan Toms, Sulaiman Savage, David Meriwether, Mario Bortoluzzi, Joshua Brugere, Carlos Harrison, Terrance Shepherd, Donald Swink, Morgan Eichenberger, Joseph Aracich, Randy Barnhart, Robert Murray, Seth Myers

**HVAC:** Robert Arnett, Timothy Williams, Scott Barton, Christopher Campbell, Michael Williams, David Peck

**Industrial Technician:** Hunter Curl, Destiny Lucas, Cody Badger

**Welding:** Sean Jaracz

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

**Automotive:** Evan Farine, Patrick Lancaster, Jessica Foringer, Austin Chechuck, Jason Gentile, Zakary Kubala, Austin Kyle, Nicholas Linza, Robert Malmgren, Derek Quigley, David Smith, Brian Straka, Christopher Tivo, Jason Turner

**Diesel:** Russell Meyer, Paul Cameron, Alexander Hamilton, Randy Shawger, Dante Dermatto, Jesse Allison, Nicholas Atchley, Michael Baumgarner, Steven Beatty, Robert Bierline, Daniel Bok, Corey Brunner, James Clark, Dalton Dailey, Jacob Dayton, Lucas Elliot, Samuel Farig, Patrick Gandzarski, Zachary Gebhart, Bryan Hanks, Justin Harshbarger, William Hartes, Justin Hazen, Nathan Jones, Bradley Roberts, Bryan Koster, Corey Lasher, Tyler Slagle, Bryan Sykko, Louis Rotunda, Scott Shedden, Dalton Weleski, Jacob Wright, Derek Betchy

**Electrical:** Shawn Fossett, Eric Gregor, Dylan Grieco, Vicki Jones, James Madden, Glen Beu, Michael Dougherty, Thomas Myers, Chase Stewart, Benjamin Bucci, Bareece Carter, John Demore, Jeremy Elder, Wendy Gougawaye, Zachary Ridenour, Marcel McBride, Matthew McMeekin, Logan Rowan, Shane Sennett, Derek Sullivan

**HVAC:** Brian Johnston

**Industrial Technician:** Tyler Rodgers

**Welding:** James Karnavas, Timothy Gazdich

**Helping Hand Award:** David Smith (Auto), Nick Atchley (Diesel), Scott Shedden (Diesel), Joshua Brugere (Electrical), Destiny Lucas (Industrial Technician)

**Extra Effort Award:** Bryan Hanks (Diesel), Corey Lasher (Diesel), Richard Emery (Electrical), Shawn Fossett (Electrical), George Haldeman (Electrical), Donald Swink (Electrical), Scott Barton (HVAC), David Peck (HVAC)

**Most Improved Award:** Bareece Carter (Auto), Ryan Baux (Auto), Louis Rotunda (Diesel), Forest Bailey (Diesel), Zachary Stahara (HVAC)

**Community Service Award:** Jacob Wright (Diesel), Robert Arnett (HVAC), Dan Bright (HVAC), Mike Williams (HVAC)
Simple Design Wins the Race for Destiny Lucas

Congratulations to the winner of this semester’s mouse trap car races, Industrial Technician student Destiny Lucas prevailed in the races with a distance of 94’6” which take place in General Education Instructor John Shirley’s class. Her secret to success: Utilizing the K.I.S.S. method and keeping her design simple.

The mouse trap cars are a fun, hands-on activity that allow student to utilize their class lessons. They use the following physics principles: Newton’s Laws of Motion, potential and kinetic energy, simple machines, friction, and conservation of energy. Students construct these vehicles out of miscellaneous materials, such as CDs, paint sticks, thread, and of course mouse traps. Each student comes up with a unique design that is tested at the end of the term when they compete with their fellow classmates to see who’s car will drive the farthest.

selected. Jimmy Fieri, Mikah Bruce, Jimmy Harper and Tylan Tranter are the students behind much of it. “I really like getting the chance to do this. It’s definitely something different than we’re used to,” Mr. Fieri said. “I think it’s really good experience,” Mr. Bruce added.

Among the work already completed: lots of body work and basically completely reworking the flares and fenders, replacing the doors and hinges, released and re-installed the rocker panel, a variety of welds, fixed and stretched the trunk for a better fit with the help of an air hammer, and now have the vehicle nearly completely primed for paint. They will also install all of the windows-rear and windshield-when they arrive.

“I love being able to teach a real skill. This is my environment. There’s nothing better than seeing a student see a task or project from start to finish,” Mr. Lipovsky said. Thank you to Tom and all of the students in his auto body class at Pittsburgh Public’s Brashear. We couldn’t do it without you!

Make sure to stop by Rosedale Tech’s booth at World of Wheels January 22-24, 2016 at the David Lawrence Convention Center to see the Chevy Nova!

New Year New Financial Goals

Submitted by Anna Bartolini, Director of Financial Aid

A new year brings new plans for better management of money and student loan debt. Managing wisely is a great plan.

There are many loan repayment resources and tips for helping to make the transition to a comfortable repayment plan when working with student loans.

The loan servicers (Great Lakes, Nelnet, & Navient to just name a few) also provide free online resources for students with student loan debt. Providing expert customer service is just a part of their outreach services.

You may also visit YouCanDealWithIt.com for easy to use advice for recent college graduates.

If you are exploring software options to help with your overall budget, then you might consider www.mint.com. Mint can be helpful in creating and tracking your budget, in addition to writing in goals and monitoring your credit score. Mint is also free! Other online personal finance programs are available such as Quicken and Moneydance but investorjunkie.com gives Mint a good review of their best features.

Also, don’t forget to reach out to any financial aid team member at Rosedale Technical College who can provide additional options to managing student loan debt!