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ROSEDALE TECH JOINS SNAP-ON AND MAKE-A-WISH® TO GRANT LOCAL TEEN'S WISH AND MORE

Eighteen-year-old Mason Holstetler, a senior at Rockwood High School in Rockwood, Pa., was recently granted his wish to outfit his garage with Snap-on tools. Mason, who was diagnosed with cancer, received his wish on behalf of Make-A-Wish® Greater Pennsylvania and West Virginia and Snap-on. However, the surprises for Mason kept coming when Rosedale Technical College also got involved.

Separate from his wish, Rosedale Technical College is providing Mason with a full tuition institutional grant to pursue an Automotive Technology Associates Degree.

"In learning of Mason's wish through Snap-on and the National Coalition of Certification Centers (NC3), I was so impressed to hear that a young person would focus their desires on something so substantial and long lasting as a set of quality tools to pursue his automotive passion," said **Dennis Wilke**, President of Rosedale Technical College. "Upon hearing this story, it was clear that Rosedale Tech should step in to fully support his dream."

More than anything, Mason loves working on cars. Since he does not have a garage of his own, he does all his tinkering in the garage at his grandmother's house. On August 25, Mason was surprised when a Snap-on franchise truck pulled up to his grandmother's house to reveal a truckload of new tools and gadgets.

"I was in disbelief," said Mason. "Why me? Make-A-Wish and Snap-on surprised me with



Pictured (left): Mason Holstetler arriving to his grandmother's house surprised by the Snap-on Truck. (above) Mason surrounded by his parents as well as representatives from Snap-on and Rosedale Tech's Education Outreach Coordinator Natalie Olup.

everything I will ever need to work on vehicles. Those tools combined with the education from Rosedale Tech will have me set for life!"

Snap-on, with the help of Rosedale Technical College, presented Mason with his wish to have Snap-on tools that included a professional set of Snap-on hand tools, power tools, tool storage and the addition of a full tuition grant to Rosedale Tech.

Jeff Rosensteel, Snap-on Regional Education Manager said, "Snap-on is truly honored to help Mason with his wish, and can only hope that these Snap-on tools will inspire

his creativity and further develop his passion to become a professional technician. We believe by reaching out and partnering with organizations and programs like Make-A-Wish, we can make a difference to improve the quality of life for those like Mason."



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The response to the Covid pandemic uncovered some basic truths. For example, some jobs were labeled “essential” and other jobs were not. The essential jobs included many of the blue collar skilled trades that we teach at Rosedale Technical College. If there was ever a time to see the stark contrast in the true value of certain occupations, it came during the spring and summer of 2020 when much of the economy was shut down while jobs in manufacturing, trucking, HVAC, healthcare and other skilled positions were busier than ever. As a result, many more people are now considering careers in these essential roles. Our recently enrolled students include a large quantity of people who left other career paths to enroll in one of our programs.

Another basic truth arrived in the form of endless Zoom calls and digital learning. What we found was a double-edged sword. While digital and remote technology became incredibly helpful, we all experienced the limitations of that technology as well. Rosedale students had the option to take some general education courses in a distance learning format during April and May. We learned quite a bit from those classes, and we now have the software and experience to operate in an online format. However, we have been back on campus with live instruction since early June, and we intend to stay that way if at all possible. The vast majority of our students want to be in an on campus learning environment, and we are taking the necessary safety precautions to be able to keep our campus open.

Covid also uncovered the truth that traditional universities do not always offer the value that was once assumed. Many young people chose to stay home rather than pay high tuition bills for online classes at traditional colleges, and now they are rethinking their plans. Enrollment at many traditional colleges and community colleges was significantly lower this fall than last year. However, at Rosedale Tech, we have seen a surge in new enrollments as people are seeing the value of shorter, career focused higher education. They say that the combination of live in-person classes, less student loan debt, and a better chance to score an essential job after graduation, makes it a smart decision for them to enroll here.

As Americans, we will get through this pandemic together, and we will be stronger than ever. We will learn many lessons along the way, and we will be better prepared for the future. At Rosedale Technical College, we are proud to help make that future brighter for our students and their families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dennis Wilke".

Dennis Wilke
President



In 1975, **Tim Weleski** accepted a position at Rosedale Technical College (formerly Rosedale Technical Institute). Little did he know that he'd spend 45 years of his life as part of the Rosedale family. This past September, we celebrated Tim as he transitions into his next life journey: retirement.

Formerly a welder at Pullman Standard, Tim was offered a job to work at Rosedale Tech's Ohio River Boulevard location in the maintenance department. As an employee of Rosedale Tech, Tim worked at four locations, worked for three school presidents, and met thousands of students along the way. There was a great deal of hard work packed into the years, but an equal amount of laughs and wonderful memories made.

One of Tim's favorite aspects about Rosedale Tech is the family atmosphere. While working at Rosedale, Tim and his wife, Cindy, started a family and raised two daughters, Tammy and Maria. In addition, Tim remembers current Rosedale president, Dennis Wilke, running around the school with his brothers when Dennis' father, Ben, operated the school in the 1970s. He always remembers the school valuing a family-oriented culture and hopes that the school continues to offer that warm family feeling to students, faculty and staff.

While Tim is sad to leave his Rosedale family, he looks forward to spending a lot more time with his best friend, his wife Cindy. Together, they plan to spend the next years traveling to new places they've never been, hunting and fishing out west, and enjoying time with their grandkids.

Thank you, Tim, for all your hard work and dedication to Rosedale Technical College. You will be missed!

ROSEDALE TECH PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY, TRAINING, AND JOB PLACEMENT DESPITE THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN, COVID-19



Back to school had a whole new meaning this fall as students returned to classes in many different formats due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Looking at college level students specifically, many students were re-thinking or postponing their post-graduation plans based on finances, the economic downturn, and the uncertainty of how the pandemic could impact the fall semester. Amid a struggling economy and uncertain times, Rosedale Technical College continued to provide opportunities, training, and job placement.

"We know how scary it must be for graduates to try to navigate next steps in these unprecedented times, but we have a solution that could work for so many prospective students looking for a meaningful career with a lot of demand!" said **Dennis Wilke**, President of Rosedale Tech. "For many high school students, pursuing a skilled trade at a technical college is not their first decision. However, we are in the business of training problem solvers, which many prospective students heading to college may find to be a perfect fit for them."

Rosedale Tech has always offered quality programs, producing career-ready graduates, and has continued to maintain high job placement rates, with many students securing employment even before graduating. "We strive to work with all our students during their time with us to secure a job immediately following graduation," said **Maria Gigliotti**, Student Success Coordinator. Since the onset of the pandemic, Rosedale Tech has proven that its programs are needed now more than ever. With most of the programs that Rosedale Tech offers deemed as essential work and with

a shortage of skilled workers (an estimated three million skilled jobs available nationwide in 2019), Rosedale Tech gives students options for a more stable and needed career.

"We are not seeing necessarily the same effects on jobs in the industries that we provide training for at Rosedale. Many of our programs are training essential workers, which in many cases is in higher demand since the pandemic," said **Craig Rosati**, VP of College Development and Enrollment. "Plus, all of our programs can be completed in less than two years." Rosedale's programs range from 10 weeks to 18 months, depending on the program.

In addition to high school graduates pursuing the trades, Rosedale Tech offers retraining opportunities for adult learners either displaced from their current jobs or those looking for a career change. "Right now, we want to help educate adult learners that feel

displaced because of our current circumstances with the fall semester quickly approaching. Rosedale Tech offers a great opportunity for anyone looking to retrain or make a switch in their career," said Wilke.

Candace Carlton, a diesel technology student at Rosedale Tech, is an individual who reconsidered her future plans and looked into a career in the trades. After earning a massage therapy license, COVID-19 closures made it impossible for Candace to find work in the field and she began working as a dispatcher for **CoachUSA**.

Carlton attended vo-tech classes in high school but gravitated toward the health care industry after a stint in the military. An associate's degree and the massage therapy license didn't get her where she needed to be, but her current job at CoachUSA — and the need for skilled workers — got her thinking about a trade career.

In a recent interview with the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, Candace said, "Dispatching the buses sort of brought everything full circle. I have the ability to do this. I'm going to become a diesel technician. That's a job that will always be needed."

Candace started classes at Rosedale Tech in early August.

Rosedale Tech has been back for safe, in-person training since early June and continues to offer new degree seeking students the option of taking their first two months of general education courses through remote learning if they choose to do so. The college continues to follow its Safe Open Plan that rolled out once classes were back in session and plans to stay in effect it to keep staff, faculty, and students safe for as long as needed. For Rosedale Tech's full Safe Open Plan, visit <https://www.rosedaletech.org/safe-open-plan/>



Pictured (above): Candace Carlton (front) sits in class during Rosedale Tech's safe, in-person training. New desks were purchased to assist with social distancing.

*Pictured (left): Students in the collision repair program take the classroom out to the lab and participate in a socially distant class lecture. Instructor **Greg Lassinger** projects images from the car onto the television screen.*

DANIEL DENNEHY-RODRIGUEZ: IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO PURSUE YOUR PASSION



Daniel Dennehy-Rodriguez has always had a passion for cars; however, when he graduated from Upper Saint Clair High School in 2004, he did not transition his passion into a career...yet.

His path led him to an undergraduate program where he majored in business management and minored in communication. Upon completion of his undergrad program, Dan attended graduate school and received a Master's degree in Business Administration and Finance.

"I know there was a strong expectation from my parents that success was going to college and getting an MBA," said Dan. "That is how they found success, and they wanted me to follow the same path."

Originally from San Juan, Puerto Rico, Dan's parents moved their family to the United States when Dan was 3 and his sister was 10. His father was a professor at the University of Pittsburgh and his mother taught at Duquesne University as well as ran her own consulting business. Both his mother and father completed undergrad in Puerto Rico and obtained graduate degrees when in the United States.

While attending undergrad, Dan began operating a social media marketing company. Some of his clients included bars as well as a printing company. Eventually, Dan had the opportunity to combine his automotive passion with this marketing company and was offered a marketing consulting job for PNW Cars (affiliated with MCB Auto Sport in Bridgeville,

PA). Through this consultation, he began selling sponsorships for their racecars. While working for PNW, they helped Dan set up his own race car.

After completing graduate school, Dan's career path led him to a job at UPMC selling health insurance. Later on, he transitioned to a position with Henderson Brothers working directly with consumers to determine the right path for a financially secure future.

As Dan began to move further into his career selling insurance, he began to realize it wasn't bringing him joy. Throughout his career, he continued to participate in racing as a hobby, but still wondered about making it a career.

Prior to her passing in 2018, Dan's mother asked him why he was going to work if he wasn't truly happy, which ignited Dan's desire for change.

During an annual budget review, Dan's wife joked with him about the money he invested in others fixing up his racecar and that if he knew how to do it himself, he'd be able to save so much.

That was the deciding factor for Dan to make the leap into a new career path.

He and his wife discussed him going back to school to pursue automotive technology training. They spent a year saving funds so that Dan could take the time off to go back to school.

In 2019, Dan announced his "retirement" from Henderson Brothers and provided 6-months' notice to help train someone to take over his position with the company. Originally his boss didn't believe that he was leaving his job to pursue a career in the automotive industry, but respected his decision.

Dan enrolled in Rosedale Tech's automotive technology program and started in February of 2020.

Since starting the program, Dan has no regrets with his decision to follow his passion. One thing in particular he has been enjoying about the program is the learning process at the school and how a large portion of class time is spent in the shop performing hands-on work. He is also amazed with the wealth of knowledge the instructors possess.

"If I would have known what I know now at the age of 18 of course I would have done something different. Fortunately, I'm still young enough to support 30 more years of work and am excited about what I'm going to learn in the next 30 years doing what I'm doing now," said Dan.

Upon graduation from Rosedale Tech, Dan's goal is to use his skills to support his car addiction and grow his business, Dan Dennehy Racing (dandennehyracing.com), that supports logistics and maintenance of race cars. He also plans to continue racing (he currently has two race vehicles).

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As someone who has completed the traditional college route and is now pursuing the “non-traditional” path, Dan encourages young individuals entering the workforce to consider a trade.

“It’s such a challenge for an 18 year-old to make the decision about what they are going to do one thing for the rest of their life. I worked 10 good years in the insurance industry to realize what I truly wanted to do,” said Dan. “There’s a huge opportunity in the trades. You have the opportunity to learn skills that are going to help you have a career for the rest of your life.”

Although he and his wife do not have children at the moment, Dan expressed that he will not have the same mindset about “success” as his parents had for him. He said, “As a parent, my hope would be to listen to my kids and let them drive their ship. If they want to race cars with me, I will love it. If they want to go into sales, they can. If they want to go into contracting they can. We don’t have to fit that mold set by our parents and can be more supportive of children’s experience.”



Pictured: Daniel Dennehy-Rodriguez

For over 70 years, Rosedale Technical College has been training technicians for in-demand careers in the automotive and diesel fields. With a student-centered approach, Rosedale Tech continues to find innovative ways to enhance the curriculum as well as offerings for its students. One example in particular of added benefit to the programs is offering students the opportunity to earn various certifications that will make them more marketable in the industry. This past July, Rosedale Technical College was recognized as a School on the Rise by the National Coalition of Certification Centers (NC3) for the growth of certifications issued to Rosedale students.

NC3 is a network of education providers and corporations that, together, embody passion for innovative CTE models and produce a sustainable, highly-skilled workforce. They were established “to help build a workforce prepared to meet the needs of today’s and tomorrow’s industries by connecting employers and educational institutions in synergistic partnerships that foster effective training, elevation of skilled careers, and employment opportunities” (nc3.net). Some



NATIONAL COALITION FOR CERTIFICATION CENTERS NAMES ROSEDALE TECH A SCHOOL ON THE RISE

of NC3’s industry partners include Snap-on, Trane, 3M, and Lincoln Electric.

Rosedale Tech joined the NC3 Network in 2010 and became an NC3 Leadership School in 2017. Since joining the organization’s network, the automotive and diesel programs have grown their number of issued certifications by over 1,000%.

“Rosedale Technical College has excelled in NC3’s Snap-on program. Most notably, Snap-on’s Multimeter and Pro-Link iQ Ultra Certifications. For that reason, NC3 is proud to have them as an education partner. This school is bolstering education for the next generation of skilled workers,” said Alex Brookhouse, Operations Director at NC3.

The certifications students are eligible to receive 16 different Snap-on certifications.

As technology quickly transforms, the job of

automotive and diesel technicians has also evolved from what it used to be. Vehicles and equipment are more computer based and involve more diagnostics tests and less wrenching. The diagnostic tools students earn certifications on are tools that will be found in shops all over the world and are an essential part of the daily job these students are working towards.

“The most important part of NC3 certifications is in employers recognizing the benefits they provide to the students they might hire. In the case of Snap-on, those certifications are recognized throughout the country and certainly heavily in our area,” said **Dennis Wilke**, President of Rosedale Technical College.

Since inception, Rosedale Tech’s automotive and diesel programs have seen tremendous growth in terms of training opportunities,

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curriculum offerings, enrollment, and employer partnerships to name a few. One of the unique aspects about Rosedale Tech's technical programs is that students participate in real, hands-on training. What that means, specifically with the automotive and diesel programs, is that students are working on a wide array of vehicles varying in years, makes and models, which provides a diverse level of experience. In addition to the real vehicles, students have the opportunity to utilize tools and technology that will be found in the workforce.

Rosedale Tech has recently seen an influx in employer partnerships, which benefit our students. The College works with a database of over 1,800 regional employers eager to hire Rosedale graduates. As an added bonus, many of these companies now offer additional benefits, including but not limited to, tuition reimbursement, tool bonuses, and additional

training opportunities.

One of Rosedale Tech's recent manufacturer training opportunities includes its Mazda Automotive Student Training (MAST) program, which was designed and created with the intent to educate, train, and prepare automotive graduates with the skills necessary to excel as a technician at a Mazda dealership. On top of the added manufacturer-specific training, students who are eligible and choose to participate in the MAST program have the opportunity to earn tuition reimbursement and employment at a local participating dealership.

"Rosedale Technical College exhibits all of the traits we look for in an NC3 School on the Rise: passion, dedication, leadership, and motivation. These qualities are paramount to the success of students in the technical fields. Through Rosedale's partnership with NC3, their students are able to earn certifications that

can catapult successful, long-lasting careers.

The growth that Rosedale Technical College has achieved through the years is a testament to the hard work and enthusiasm their educators have in driving their students toward prosperity. NC3 is honored to present one of our Leadership Schools with the School on the Rise Award and we look forward to continuing our work together to further promote student success!" said Erika Staackmann, Customer Success Coordinator at NC3.

At Rosedale Technical College, our mission centers around providing students with authentic, real-world experience that provides the foundational tools needed to enter a career in industries with great demand for skilled workers. We currently partner with over 1,800 employers that offer a variety of positions throughout the region.

One employer we are proud to partner with is **Gordon Food Service (GFS)**. Over the years, GFS has hired dozens of Rosedale Tech graduates, both directly upon graduation as well as alumni transitioning into new positions. There are a number of opportunities available within GFS for Rosedale Tech graduates, as they hire from the diesel, electrical, HVAC, industrial technician, and truck driving programs.

Since COVID-19 struck, GFS has evolved immensely to include many new safety measures and protocols with its employees and customers, and fortunately have been able to remain fully operational.

"Tough decisions had to be made through this fast-evolving crisis, while our company has remained open, we certainly have been impacted like many others," said **Katie Bowlin**, Human Resources Generalist for GFS. "Throughout the many planning meetings and critical discussions that have taken place over the months, the determination and can-do spirit of our people have been incredible. Our dedication to continuing to serve our customers remains, and we appreciate the understanding and patience as we manage through these unprecedented and fast-changing conditions. At all times, our people and our customers are at the heart of every conversation. As we enter this next phase in our battle with the virus, Gordon Food Service will continue to prioritize three things: the

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health and well-being of our people, customers, and communities; serving our customers to the very best of our ability despite challenging conditions; and supporting health officials and government leaders as they work to contain the virus."

About Gordon Food Service

For more than 115 years, Gordon Food Service® has delivered the excellence, expertise, and quality products and services its customers need to design successful food operations and experiences. The company has grown to become the largest family operated broadline foodservice distributor in North America by upholding the same business approach since 1897—being passionately committed to the people they serve. GFS believes in the power of good food to bring people together and to make moments special. The company tagline is "Always at your table" because the table

is a place of partnership and connection. It's where families share meals, and it's where the company works alongside its customers. Every product, every order, and every decision made is inspired by the people on the other side of the plate.

Headquartered in Grand Rapids, Michigan, GFS has 24 distribution centers in North America (16 in the United States and 8 in Canada) as well as over 175 Gordon Food Service Store locations.

With over 20,000 employees across North America, GFS serves over 100,000 customers with truck deliveries, which include independent restaurants, long-term care centres, schools, colleges and universities, hospitals, as well as regional & national chain restaurants. Over 4 million customers are served through GFS store locations.

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GFS completes approximately 22,000 deliveries per day and logs 130 million driven miles annually.

The Cornerstone Values are the principles GFS believes in and follow in every interaction, and how they evaluate their performance and measure their success:

Gordon®

FOOD SERVICE

CORNERSTONE VALUES

-  Customer is King
-  Rewards for Performance
-  Integrity
-  Philosophy of Sharing
-  Networking Organization
-  Everyone is Important
-  War Room Mentality

What's a typical work day like for technicians at Gordon Food Service?

"Schedules vary based on open position, however all our positions are full-time," said Bowlin. "Our Industrial Building Maintenance Mechanics are some of the best in the business. We have high standards for safety, stability, and training to ensure our people are safe and that our business is always running at top performance. They are asked to do work in high places, freezing cold spaces, inside/outside, and anywhere within the building where they are needed. Our Maintenance Mechanics learn firsthand how to ensure the safety and functionality of our Ammonia Refrigeration systems. We pay to train and certify the right people for this more advanced opportunity. Each open position on our website has detailed information listed and videos to watch for realistic job previews."

Rosedale Tech graduates are primarily hired to work at the distribution center in Imperial, PA.

What does career advancement look like at GFS?

Career advancement is a high priority for all positions at GFS. The company offers many ways for its employees to grow. Employees are encouraged to discuss their goals with leadership, and work side by side to accomplish these goals. At times GFS will pay for any additional training needed, allow job shadowing and formal mentoring, conduct an annual Emerging Leaders Program and execute many year-round development courses.

Describe the GFS work culture. Are there any unique offerings for employees at GFS?

GFS offers a wide range of benefits to its employees. Some examples of its benefits package includes health and dental insurance, retirement plan, tuition reimbursement/education assistance, adoption assistance, vacation and sick time, and more. Some positions also receive uniform, boot and tool allowances. Nearly all positions are offered individual incentive programs to earn more money based on performance. In a typical year GFS will host 5-6 employee events ranging from Kennywood outings to Pirates

baseball games. GFS also offer every employee 10% to shop at the Gordon Food Service stores, and a whole website dedicated to hundreds of other discounts.

Why should someone want to work at GFS?

"In my opinion, I appreciate the family oriented culture and care we receive as employees. You are not just a number at Gordon Food Service," said Bowlin. "People truly care about you and your family, we all try to get to know each other and have a lot of fun when we can. We always do the right thing and I feel we can trust our senior leaders to guide us in the right direction at all times. This has been especially apparent during this year when many challenges have been thrown our way with COVID-19. I also love that our company gives back to our surrounding communities. We focus our efforts in four areas: Sustainable Operations, Responsible Sourcing, Empowering People and Supporting Community. We're committed to continuous improvement and responsible growth."

Why does GFS hire Rosedale Tech graduates?

GFS hires Rosedale graduates not only because the skill sets are aligned with the company's needs, but also because the company culture fits many graduates coming from Rosedale's programs. "We look for the right company culture fit for every employee that is hired. Our cornerstone values are the heart of our business, and each employee's focus on those drives our company to be successful," said Bowlin.

If GFS seems like it could be the right fit for you and your career, visit their website at www.gfs.com/careers and search "Imperial, PA" to see local openings. Job openings are always changing so makes sure to check weekly for new openings.

Customer is King

Our customers come first. We're driven to exceed their expectations by listening, leading, solving problems, and delivering what we promise.

Rewards for Performance

We encourage productivity and efficiency, and there are rewards for jobs well done. Sometimes it's a financial incentive, other times an award, always a genuine thank you.

Integrity

The best relationships are founded on honesty, trust, and respect. We say what we will do, and then we do it.

Philosophy of Sharing

Personal and professional growth depends on teamwork. By sharing knowledge, skills, ideas, and effort, we benefit our customers, ourselves, and our communities.

Networking Organization

Strong relationships break down barriers and promote innovation and cooperation. By working as an open-minded, responsive team, we achieve excellence.

Everyone is Important

Our future depends on the success of each employee. In an atmosphere of dignity and diversity, our appreciation for each other's talents and contributions keeps us at our best.

War Room Mentality

We play fair, but never lose sight of the goal to win. With that in mind, we execute our plans and strategies with focus, commitment, and passion.

GRADS AT WORK

We are proud to recognize Rosedale Tech alumni and their success following graduation. If you are an alum who would like to be featured in The Circuit, please text us at (412) 460-4182.

To stay in contact, join our Facebook Group (Rosedale Tech Alumni)



David Spik 2020 Welding Technician Graduate

Have you ever considered underwater welding? **Dave Spik** is a commercial diver with **Specialty Underwater Services**, which is part of the Brayman Construction Corporation.

Dave said one of his favorite aspects of his job is the diversity of the types of welding jobs, both underwater and on topside.

He remained working during the COVID-19 shutdown and said he would absolutely recommend someone pursuing a career in the trades.

Shawn Riley 2018 Electrical Technology Graduate

Shawn Riley is currently an electrical assembler for **Siemens Mobility**. He has been employed there for about two years.

Some of his favorite aspects about working in for Siemens is that he loves getting to do many different aspects of the electrical industry, as well as working for a great company.

During the COVID-19, he worked the entire time but on a modified schedule. "I worked four 10-hour shifts Wednesday through Saturday to allow for more social distancing as well as wearing masks and temp checks," said Shawn.



Andre Thomas 2019 HVAC Technology Graduate

Andre Thomas is currently an install technician at **Wade Heating and Cooling**, and has been employed there for the past year and four months.

Andre said that his job as a technician is a rewarding career. He has even received a number of reviews from customers by name explaining how great of a job he has done.

Andre was recognized by Wade Heating and Cooling with a company bonus several times for completing jobs early.



Ian Schon 2019 Electrical Technology Graduate

Ian Schon is currently the President and owner of his company, Trent Morris Electric Inc.

One of Ian's favorite aspects about his job is that he is his own boss as well as having the skills and knowledge to run his own electrical business.

Ian first came to Rosedale Tech after transferring from another college. He said he would recommend pursuing a trade to anyone. "It's the best thing I've done," he said.

Shannon McKenzie 2017 Electrical Technician Graduate

Shannon McKenzie is an electrician for **ALCOSAN - Allegheny County Sanitary Authority**. For the past 13 years, Shannon has worked for Alcosan and says that one of her favorite aspects of the job is having her own independence.

Shannon attended Rosedale Tech to advance her electrical skills through a tuition reimbursement program offered by ALCOSAN.



Noelle Golomb is currently an Equipment Technician with **Mccutcheon Enterprises**, and has been employed there for 3 years.

Noelle said one of her favorite aspects of her job is the variety of equipment she gets to work on and constantly learning something new. She has also received additional training opportunities including 40-hour OSHA training, confined space training and emergency roadside training to name a few.

She remained working during the COVID-19 shutdown and said she would absolutely recommend someone pursuing a career in the trades.

Jacin Flowers 2018 HVAC Technology Graduate

Jacin Flowers is currently the owner of **J.C.'s Heating, Cooling, and Handyman Services LLC**.

Jacin has been running his own company for the past two years and loves the freedom of being his own boss. He finds entrepreneurship to be very rewarding. His business has grown from word-of-mouth referrals from satisfied customers.

"I learn more with every job and every time I surprise my customers with knowledge and honesty - I get all the recognition I could ask for," said Jacin.

Jacin started in Rosedale Tech's HVAC technology program after being laid off from his previous job.



Noelle Golomb 2018 Diesel Technology Graduate



Sam Randig 2019 Automotive Technology Graduate

Sam Randig is a service technician at **Bobby Rahal Mercedes** in Wexford.

Upon completing the automotive program at Rosedale Tech, Sam was accepted into the Mercedes Benz DRIVE program, an extensive 16-week training program that educates technicians on the major vehicle components of these vehicles, covering topics like service and maintenance, electrical systems, basic diagnostic strategies, telematics, suspensions, and more. Sam said the program was challenging but gave him a head start on certifications needed to become a master technician.

Sam said attending Rosedale Tech was one of the best decisions he made and recommends the school to anyone who with a technical mindset and really wants to get the most out of their education. "You get out of it what you put into it," he said.

HEY RTC ALUMNI!

Did you know... Rosedale Tech job boards have gone digital! The college is proud to offer students and alumni access to thousands of job opportunities unique to Rosedale Tech graduates through our new job board platform, **Handshake**.

Handshake is your online destination for full-time and part-time jobs, career fair information, and more!

To get started, log into Handshake with your credentials and set up a profile. Remember to:

- Add your work experience
- Add your education
- Add your projects and extracurricular activities
- Follow your favorite employers
- Contact Rosedale Tech's Student Success Center to get your resume approved!

You can request a free account at www.joinhandshake.com. Click on "No account? Sign up here" to create a new user account. Once you have a Handshake account, you'll be able to see job opportunities, register for events, and connect with employers.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Student Success Coordinator Maria Gigliotti at (412) 521-6200 or maria.gigliotti@rosedaletech.org





THANK YOU STANDARD AIR!

It was like Christmas morning here at Rosedale Tech when our industry partner **Standard Air** stopped by with truckloads of equipment that they generously donated to the school's HVAC program. The donation consisted of new "scratch and dent" units and parts that were unable to be sold by the company.

The equipment, which filled the halls outside the HVAC labs, will be incorporated into the program's hands-on training.

The donation included the following items:

- 10 furnaces**
- 8 heat pumps**
- 9 indoor coils**
- 1 high efficiency boiler**
- 6 air handlers**
- 36 air conditioners**

Thank you again to Standard Air for your generosity and being a valued partner of the trades!

WELCOME BACK!



JR MANGAN



KEVIN REED

Two familiar faces return back to work at Rosedale Technical College. **JR Mangan** returns to Rosedale Tech in a new role. Formerly a diesel instructor, JR will serve as the Operations Technician. He will work alongside Manager of Educational Facilities **Dave Sladky** on projects related to college expansion and enhancements within the labs and classrooms.

Kevin Reed returns to Rosedale Tech as an automotive instructor. In addition to automotive classes, Kevin will also be available to teach classes in the diesel program when needed.

Both JR and Kevin are Rosedale Tech alumni and are happy to be returning back to work at Rosedale Tech.

NEW FACES AT ROSEDALE TECHNICAL COLLEGE!

Rosedale Tech is excited to welcome the following members to its growing team!



Mark Burrows joins Rosedale Tech as a new CDL Instructor. A proud alumn, Mark graduated from Rosedale Tech in 1978 with an automotive and diesel technology degree.

Mark brings over 36 years of experience to the position, which includes eight years of owning and operating a CDL truck. During his extensive career, he is proud to have driven over 3.5 million miles in a truck. He decided to come back and teach at Rosedale Tech because he knew the dedication the instructors offer Rosedale Tech students. "I felt it would be a good home for me," said Mark.

When he's not teaching, Mark enjoys camping and boating. Mark and his wife, Melissa, reside in Canonsburg, PA. Together, they have two children (Josh and Hannah) and six grandchildren (Ethan, Jaeden, Aliyah, Layla, Kate and Mark).



Joe Telles is one of Rosedale Tech's new CDL Instructors. Joe brings over 14 years of commercial driving experience to the position, specializing in local deliveries and construction vehicles. He has endorsements for passenger vehicles, school buses, and tank vehicles. As an instructor, Joe hopes to pass on his knowledge and experience of truck driving and educate students on the importance of safety on the road.

Outside of work, Joe enjoys singing karaoke (he's pretty good at it too!), riding his Harley, camping with his family, and going to concerts.

Joe has four children: Josh (21), Cassandra (19), Joey (15), Jordanna (11), and Jonathan (8). He resides with his girlfriend, Susan, and her daughter, Grace, along with their two dogs, Ralphie and Titan, in New Kensington, PA.



Aaron Miller is Rosedale Tech's new daytime HVAC Instructor. Aaron brings over 26 years of technical experience to the position as well as some teaching experience. Aaron is no stranger to Rosedale Tech. He first visited Rosedale a few years ago as an employer and really liked the environment of the school. He's very excited to be back and officially part of the Rosedale Tech team. As an instructor, Aaron hopes to make a difference in the lives of his students.

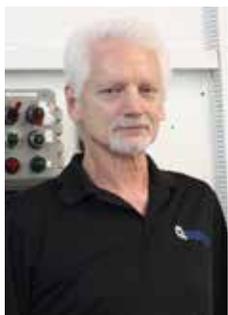
Aaron resides in Evans City with his fiance, Raeanna, their one-month old daughter, Brianna, and dog, Buddy. In his free time Aaron likes to spend time with his family, cooking, take photography, hanging out by the campfire, riding quads and racing lawnmowers.



Richelle Coleman joined Rosedale Tech's team as the new Evening Receptionist. Richelle graduated from Indiana University of PA with a Bachelor's Degree in Child and Family Studies. When she is not working or caring for her children, Richelle enjoys shopping (especially thrift shopping), traveling, puzzles, and game nights with the family.

A fun fact that not many people know about Richelle is that she took her first airplane ride at the age of 31.

Richelle makes her home in Crafton along with her husband, Antawn, and three children (Jada, 16; Antawn, Jr., 7; and Ariyona, 4).



Tim Hicks joins Rosedale Tech's electrical program as a new Evening Electrical Instructor. Tim brings a wealth of knowledge to the classroom, with over 40 years of experience in the field as well as some previous teaching experience. His areas of expertise range from electrical construction to mechanical maintenance. As an instructor, Tim hopes to help electrical students learn about the trade and be successful in their working life.

In his free time, Tim likes restoring his classic car and old British motorcycles. Something not many people know about him is that he once owned a sailboat and sailed it off the coast of the Outer Banks in North Carolina.

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GRANT OPPORTUNITIES AT ROSEDALE TECH

If you or someone you know is considering pursuing a trade at Rosedale Tech, make sure to check out our institutional grants to see if you may be eligible.

Grants are a great opportunity to help cover the cost of post-secondary education. Like scholarships, grant funding does not need to be paid back.

Rosedale Tech's grant program includes the following:

SkillsUSA Grant: High school students who participate in the SkillsUSA Competition are eligible to apply for this grant opportunity. Students have the opportunity to earn up to \$10,000 in grant funding as well as a \$250 tool credit to use towards schooling at Rosedale Tech. Awards are determined based on completion of the regional competition, state competition, and national competition.

Early Application Grant: High school juniors who apply for enrollment at Rosedale Tech prior to the start of their senior year are eligible to apply for the The Early Application Grant. Eligible students can receive a \$500 grant for the first semester enrolled at Rosedale Tech. In order to be eligible for this grant, a candidate must be conditionally accepted to Rosedale Tech before the start of the senior year in high school.

Volunteer Fire or Emergency Medical

Grant: The purpose of this grant is to honor the students that volunteer their time to serve as Volunteer Firefighter or EMS staff for their local community. Eligible candidates have the opportunity to receive up to \$1,000, which will be applied towards tuition over four semesters.

Women in the Trades Grant: Are you a female aspiring to train for a career in a non-traditional field? You may be eligible to receive funding from the Women in the Trades Grant. Women enrolling within the predetermined time period will be eligible for grant funding up to \$2,000, paid over the four semesters required to complete the Degree program. Candidates must participate in Rosedale Tech's Women in the Trades event to be considered for this grant.

Eagle Scout / Gold Award Grant: The purpose of this grant program is to honor the Scouts that have persevered through the rigorous achievement of earning the highest level of achievement for their scouting program. Candidates eligible to apply have the opportunity to earn up to \$2,000, paid over the four semesters required to complete the Degree program.

Mazda Automotive Student Training (MAST)

Grant: Available through the Mazda training program offered at Rosedale Tech, students

participating in the training program are eligible for up to \$4,000 in grant funding along with other benefits. To learn more about the MAST program, visit www.rosedaletech.org/mazda/

Additional requirements for each of the grant programs are available online at www.RosedaleTech.org/grants/.

For additional questions or to submit an application request form, visit our website at the URL listed above or call us at (412) 521-6200.

