

Pittsburgh-Based Rosedale Technical Institute Officially Becomes Allegheny County's 15th College

State-approved name change from 'Institute' to 'College' symbolizes the non-profit's expanding impact on workforce development; PA Deputy Secretary of Labor lauds school's efforts to meet employers' demands for skilled-laborers

Rosedale Technical Institute has officially become Rosedale Technical College in a move that President and Director **Dennis Wilke** says is aimed at more accurately reflecting the non-profit's historic and growing impact on workforce development made greater with newly announced program offerings. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania approved the name change this August and was announced to the faculty, staff and students at the beginning of September.

"We believe that this designation more effectively communicates to our graduates and current and prospective students who we are today as well as the growing institution that continues to emerge," said President Wilke. "We do the things that a college does. Our students have fun, they learn complex ideas, and they become graduates and start new careers. We believe it's time our students receive respect and credit for the serious learning that is happening here. What will not change is our hands-on, student-centered approach to learning trades. We may have a new name, but we're still all about the trades."

Celebrating its 65th anniversary in September, Rosedale continues to help grow the region's economic footprint by creating associates degree programs that meet employers' demands for skilled laborers.

"Employer-driven curriculum is essential to developing a skilled workforce now and into the future," said Labor & Industry Deputy Secretary **Michelle Staton**. "Rosedale exemplifies what Labor & Industry espouses in our workforce development system and, this is, working directly with employers to create programs to meet their needs and then training students with the skills

they need to enter these high in-demand careers. It's a system that works for everyone involved."

At a recent press conference held in the **Ben Wilke Training Center**, President Wilke announced the addition of an industrial technician program and a soon to come welding program that further aids workforce development by connecting more students with well-paying energy jobs. The welding program was made possible thanks to a grant by Allegheny County Executive **Rich Fitzgerald's** administration and the county's redevelopment authority.

In addition, an auto body and business management program will be added in 2015 to meet the needs of the increase in Rosedale graduates who have gone on to start their own businesses.

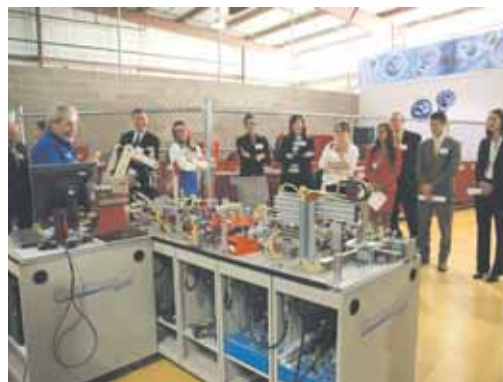
"Since 2005, we have tripled our enrollment and program offerings. In addition, our graduation and job placement rates continue to surpass the rates of traditional community or four-year colleges," said President Wilke.

Today, Rosedale has more than 400 students currently enrolled in associate degree and diploma programs. Its job placement rate is over 90 percent.

President Wilke stated, "In less than two years, Rosedale is preparing students for well-paying jobs that are in demand right now. Whether it's electricians repairing hydraulic equipment at Marcellus well sites, mechanics specializing in diesel repairs, HVAC technicians installing eco-friendly geothermal heating, or graduates taking the skills they've obtained to become entrepreneurs – Rosedale graduates greatly impact the economy and have more than earned the designation of 'college graduate.'"



Pictured (left to right): Allegheny County Economic Development's Project Manager **Leandra Dimate Cortes**, Senator Wayne Fontana's Executive Director **Keith Weyner**, Legislative Assistant for Senator Matt Smith **David Geiger**, Labor & Industry Deputy Secretary **Michelle Staton**, Rosedale President and Director **Dennis Wilke**, Allegheny County Chief of Staff **Jennifer Liptak**, SWPA Field Representative for Senator Pat Toomey **Katelyn King**, The Pittsburgh Promise Development Manager **Marsha Kolbe**, Rosedale Diesel Technology Instructor **Mark Simoneau**



Pictured: Electrical Technology Instructor **Mike Breskovich** gives a demonstration of the school's Mechatronics unit during the recent press conference.



Pictured: Diesel Technology Instructor **Brian Mullen** and Diesel Technology Student **Kristina Howell** give a demonstration on production of biodiesel fuel.

APSCU, PAPSA: Moving Forward ~ Together!



In recent news, private sector colleges and universities have been facing an orchestrated series of attacks by both policy makers and lawmakers who seem to oppose the concept of for-profit career focused institutions delivering education, specifically relating to a new Gainful Employment rule and Veterans Education.

The **Association of Private Sector Colleges and Universities (APSCU)** and the **Pennsylvania Association of Private School Administrators (PAPSA)**, along with the **American Association of Cosmetology Schools (AACCS)**, are building a strong partnership to serve as a single voice for the Pennsylvania sector. As part of the movement, leaders from area private sector schools attended the first-ever 'Moving Forward – Together!' meeting held by APSCU and PAPSA on Wednesday, October 8, 2014. The meeting was an idea that was presented to APSCU and PAPSA by President **Dennis Wilke**. The first meeting was held at Rosedale Tech's campus and duplicated the following day in Philadelphia. At the meeting, administrators were presented with updates on federal and state matters relating to the educational institutions. Speakers included **Steve Gunderson** and **Mike Dakduk** of APSCU, and PAPSA Executive Director **Aaron Shenck**.

PAPSA Executive Director Aaron Shenck Visits Rosedale Tech



In August, Rosedale Technical College welcomed PAPSA's new Executive Director **Aaron Shenck** to its Pittsburgh campus. His visit to Rosedale Tech was one of many stops he has made prior to officially starting his position this month.

During his visit, Rosedale's President and Director **Dennis Wilke** along with Assistant Director **Amy Pascarella** showed Mr. Shenck around the labs and classrooms. While in the automotive shop, instructor **Brian Winter** gave Mr. Shenck an informative presentation of the school's Chevy Nova rebuild project.

After touring the diesel lab and classrooms in the Ben Wilke Building, Educational Outreach Manager **Ben Martin** and Educational Outreach Representative **Jake Bier** provided him with some information about their recruiting techniques.

Rosedale Tech would like to thank Mr. Shenck for visiting the campus. We wish you the best of luck in your new position!

Brothers Change Career Paths at Rosedale Tech

Brothers **Patrick and Josh Malsch** came to Rosedale Tech looking for a career change. Both brothers were working minimal paying jobs with unpromising opportunities for growth in their positions.

Josh, the middle child of three, was bussing dishes at a chain restaurant. Looking for a career change, Josh thought about the idea of becoming an auto technician as he had grown up working on cars with his father.

One night, Josh and Patrick began discussing what they were going to do with their futures. Josh mentioned his interest in working on cars and how he thought it would be a great career to become a technician. At that point, the idea popped into Patrick's head to become a technician as well.

Patrick, the eldest brother, was working as a truck driver for a local food service company. After spending 11 years with the company, he decided he needed a change. While making deliveries in the area, Patrick would often drive by Rosedale Tech's campus, and after seeing several television commercials enrolled in the diesel program in October 2012.

Josh saw his older brother excel in the school's program, and after hearing great things about the school from his brother, decided to enroll in the automotive program in November 2014, just months before Patrick graduated.

"I'm happy for my brother and his decision to attend the diesel program. He gave me more of an influence to enroll at Rosedale Tech. I figured if he



Automotive Technology Student Josh Malsch

could do it then I could do it too," said Josh.

Patrick now works as a mechanic for **Peavertown Environmental Group** in their Cecil garage. "I love my new job. There are plenty of growth opportunities here," he said.

Josh, scheduled to graduate in November 2015, stated that his favorite part of the school is the hands-on training and the opportunity to work on cars as part of class.

Patrick stated, "I'm extremely proud of my brother for taking the chance at a new career path. I had such a positive experience at the school and am glad he gets the same opportunity."

When asked if a brother-owned repair shop was in their future, both agreed that it was too soon to tell.

"We had talked about it, but I don't know if it will actually happen. We still have time to figure that out," said Josh.

In a brotherly manner, Patrick joked, "It depends on if he learns anything."

Rosedale Technical College Designated As A Military Friendly® School

Rosedale Technical College has been designated as a 2015 Military Friendly® School by Victory Media, the leader in successfully connecting the military and civilian worlds. This is the third year in a row that Rosedale Tech has received this designation.



The Military Friendly® Schools designation is awarded to the top 15 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools in the country that are doing the most to embrace military students, and to dedicate resources to ensure their success in the classroom

and after graduation. The methodology used for making the Military Friendly® Schools list has changed the student veteran landscape to one much more transparent, and has played a significant role over the past six years in capturing and advancing best practices to support military students across the country.

The survey captures over 50 leading practices in supporting military students and is available free of charge to the more than 8,000 schools approved for Post-9/11 GI Bill funding.

Rosedale Tech In The News

Here are some highlights of the news coverage:

September 17: Rosedale Tech hosted a press conference at the **Ben Wilke Training Center** to announce the name change to the media and local politicians. At the press conference, **President Wilke** was interviewed by KDKA-TV along with Diesel Instructor **JR Mangan** and diesel student **Ian Gayman** regarding the school's name change.

September 19: President Wilke joined **Marty Griffin** live on Newsradio 1020 KDKA.

September 21: President Wilke was featured on KDKA-TV Sunday Business Page with **John Delano** to discuss the name change and the future plans of Rosedale Tech.

With the recent name change in the community spotlight, President Dennis Wilke has represented the school in a few television and radio interviews.



Dion Davis: Bus Driver, Student and "Rodeo" Champion



Diesel Technology Student **Dion Davis** has a passion for working with school buses. For almost 10 years, Dion has been employed by **W.L. Roenigk, Inc.** and **Lenzner Coach Lines**. Between both jobs, Dion has found time to further his education in the diesel field.

After dropping elementary students off in the Propel Montour School District in the morning, Dion drives his school bus to Rosedale Tech and attends class. Upon completion of class, Dion returns to the school bus and picks the Propel students up from school.

"I enjoy driving the bus. Throughout the years, I've developed some great relationships with the students I drive and their parents," said Dion.

For the past three years, Dion has been able to have some added fun driving buses through his participation in bus rodeos, which are skills competitions for any bus driver interested who drives for the Pittsburgh Public Schools. Held in the spring, the rodeos consist of a written exam, various parking situations, and maneuvering buses through coned courses.

The winners of the rodeos receive a plaque and trophy from the school districts. Some bus companies even offer their drivers cash prizes for winning or placing. In his three years of participation, Dion has two first-place and one ninth-place finishes.

"It's definitely something fun to participate in. I like driving and enjoy the competition," said Dion.

Upon graduating next November, Dion is interested in continuing his career by becoming a bus technician as well as continuing to drive school buses.

Rob Murphy Victorious At Bus Races



Faculty and students participated in the Back to School Bus Races Saturday, September 13 at Lernerville Speedway in Sarver, PA. Diesel Instructor **Rob Murphy** and the infamous Rosedale Rocket concluded the race season on top claiming a first place finish in the feature race of the evening.

Starting off as a neck-in-neck race between Rob and Rosedale graduate **Jordan Myers**, a blown engine by Jordan and an official restart helped Rob take the lead and cross the finish line solo.

This race was a huge win for Rob and the Rosedale Rocket. At the previous race held July 29, the bus experienced engine problems and was unable to complete the race. According to Rob, they had melted two pistons in the engine during the heat races. With the help of current diesel students and faculty, the group was able to get the bus back up and running in time for the final bus race of the season.

"My plan during this race was to run the bus easy during the heat races and not push it. I didn't want to blow the engine like before. I wanted to finish the race," said Rob.

The win is Rob's second bus race victory out of

four races total, and his first with the Rosedale Rocket.

Joining Rob in the Back to School Bus Race was the Rosedale Rocket "Crew Chief" and Diesel Instructor **Adam Taylor**, who took a sixth place finish in his bus, The Destroyer. While Adam has participated in various car races, this was the first time he had raced a bus.

Adam's participation in the bus race was a complete surprise to the group. Five days before the race, Adam's bus was graciously donated by Jordan Myers and his family-run company, **A.J. Myers and Sons**. With little time to spare, Adam and the race crew did what they could to prepare the bus for the race. The group had just enough time to tear out the bus seats and build an exhaust before race day.

In a joking manor Adam stated, "The only reason I was in the race was to block the other buses so Rob could win." Mission accomplished.

Both Rob and Adam look forward to continuing to work on their buses and get back to the races next season.

Plant Closure Brings New Opportunities To Former Horsehead Corporation Employees

Horsehead Corporation, an American producer of zinc and other related materials, closed its Monaca, PA plant earlier this year after constructing a new smelting plant in Mooresboro, N.C. The plant closure affected the jobs of 510 salaried and hourly employees.

While some of those employees laid off from Horsehead panicked and rushed to other jobs, **Robert Leist** and **Kenneth Wallis** saw the plant closure as an opportunity to obtain a new career in the trades. Currently enrolled in the diesel technology program, Bob and Ken are two of the former Horsehead employees currently attending Rosedale Tech for retraining. A total of 24 Horsehead employees have enrolled at Rosedale Tech, with 17 workers currently attending and one who already graduated from the truck driving program.

Ken spent 28 years at Horsehead as a feed shift utility man where he dealt with a high volume of hazardous materials. Bob was with Horsehead for 14 years and worked as a utility man collecting environmental materials.

For Bob and Ken, Rosedale Tech was not an unfamiliar name to them. Ken's son, **Zachary**

Wallis, graduated from Rosedale Tech's diesel technology program in 2011 and is currently employed by PennDOT. Bob's son, **Joshua Leist**, is currently enrolled in the diesel technology program and will graduate this November.

"Josh really enjoys it here at Rosedale Tech. I saw what he was learning, and what he was doing at home so I decided that I was going to go to Rosedale Tech as well," said Bob.

Both men visited Rosedale then organized their enrollments through the Career Link of Beaver County. Upon completion of necessary testing and securing funding for tuition, Bob and Ken started class on August 4, 2014. After completing their first eight-week semester, they both are happy with their decision to attend Rosedale Tech.

"A lot of us that were laid off from the plant are older guys. The training we are receiving is what's going to get us a job in the industry," said Ken.

"I really enjoy getting out and working in the shop, as well as the time spent in class. We're all having a good time getting to know each other while learning a trade; overall I'm happy with my decision to come here," said Bob.



Robert Leist and Kenneth Wallis

Former Horsehead employees attending Rosedale Technical College:

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| Automotive: | Electrical: |
| Patrick Lancaster | George Haldeman |
| James Reese | Richard Emery |
| Diesel: | David Teller |
| Ken Wallis | Shawn Fossett |
| Robert Leist | HVAC: |
| Richard Miller | Harold Glasure |
| Sean Sullivan | Scott Barton |
| Russell Meyer | Jeff Coyle |
| Truck Driving: | Robert Arnett |
| James Bruce (Graduate) | Ben Moritz |
| | Robert Nieman |

Josh Campbell Fulfills Dream Of Entrepreneurship

2011 Rosedale Tech graduate **Josh Campbell** dreamed of owning his own business. A year after graduating, his dream had become a reality when he officially opened **Campbell Auto and Customs**. Since inception, Josh has gone from a small garage to a full-service garage, located in McKeesport, PA.



"I can't put it into words; the ups and downs... It's craziness!" said Josh.

Prior to attending Rosedale, Josh was unsure what path he wanted to go. Since childhood, he has always enjoyed working on cars, but wasn't sure if that was the career path he should pursue. Instead, Josh tried attending college, and quickly realized it wasn't for him. After leaving college, he revisited the idea of becoming an auto technician and enrolled in a local technical school. Again, time passed and he realized that this school was not the right fit for him.

When a friend told Josh about Rosedale Tech, he decided to check it out and instantly knew this was the place for him.

"I went to look at Rosedale and talked to **President Wilke**... It seemed like a really cool place. I liked the one-on-one classroom approach."

Josh's journey to entrepreneurship was not an easy one, but through focus, determination and his Rosedale education, he was able to overcome the obstacles.

"It was all about taking risks. I quit my job and decided at that point I wanted to run my own business. I started from nothing – just a hole-in-the-wall garage in a small town with no lift and no tools. There were a lot of personal things I had to give up along the way as well. I wanted to make it and I had to focus 100% on my goal," said Josh.

"Rosedale Tech changed my life. I wanted to do something where I could be the boss and not work for someone. Rosedale was a great help with accomplishing this, specifically the teachers and staff. I didn't follow protocol and make a business plan or apply for business loans like the instructors taught us in class. If I did it again I would definitely follow their instruction and do these steps."

Josh mentioned one of the biggest things that helped him grow his business was networking. "Everywhere I went to I put my name out there. Every day I would try to find someone new to help spread the word about what I wanted to accomplish and do. Over time, I started to get a following from the networking. Once that happened, it was time to decide if I was going to stay where I was at that point and make it work or I was going to grow."

Two years later, Josh is at a point where his business is growing faster than he imagined.

"It's all about customer satisfaction and doing good work. I'm at a point now that I have too much work and I can't keep up. I am in the position that I need to hire technicians. I've realized that the bigger your company gets the more problems you are going to have. It's how you handle the problems that matters."

In addition to hiring auto technicians, Josh's immediate plans for the future include offering state inspections as well as get more involved in custom car builds.

Campbell Auto & Customs, is located at 627 Rebecca St. in McKeesport, PA. For more information, call 412-896-3264.

UPDATE: Electrical & HVAC Students Lend a Hand to TC House



In the last issue of The Circuit, students from the Electrical and HVAC programs were highlighted for their participation in the construction of the TC House. The TC House project was founded in 2005 by former NFL and University of Pittsburgh quarterback **Tyler Palko**. Located in Imperial, PA, the TC House project was inspired by Palko's lifelong friend Chris McGough, who lives with Downs Syndrome. Chris along with other members of the Pittsburgh community with Downs Syndrome will inhabit the four-bedroom home.

Great work guys!

GEARS IN MOTION: President Wilke Shares Thought Process Behind New Logo

Our new collegiate name called for a fresh new school logo. The creative process was steered by the following guiding principles: have a natural tie-in to all our programs, convey a sense of motion to represent the school's forward progress, and fit with our "All About the Trades" tagline. It soon became clear that a set of gears would fit the bill.

Vehicles, electrical motors, and mechanical equipment all use gears to transmit power and provide motion. Gears have no other purpose but to move, much like our school is moving forward every day. And, the mechanical know-how of the trades professional can easily be signified by a set of gears.

The color scheme was the final touch, providing a fresh look in a combination of blue and copper that evolved out of our old blue and tan colors – a nod to the past in an updated presentation. It's a new name and a new look, but we're still All About the Trades!



Ryan Allen Joins Carolina Diesel

When Automotive Technology graduate **Ryan Allen** first started at Rosedale Tech in 2012, he had no idea what was in his future for a career. Two years later, he is now one of the lead technicians at **Carolina Diesel** in Jeannette, PA.

"I had no idea an opportunity like this was in my future. I just figured I'd get a job at a dealership and to the best job I could possibly do. I feel great and I'm happy," said Ryan.

Unsure of what he wanted to do with his future, Ryan's cousin, **Evan Parr** (Automotive graduate; November 2012), suggested that he get into the auto field and referred him to Rosedale Tech. Growing up, Ryan didn't know much about working on cars other than the little bit of work he did with his father. Regardless, he decided to check Rosedale Tech out to see what the school was all about.

"When I visited Rosedale Tech for the first time, I loved it. The instructors and the staff were great and definitely made me want to go there," said Ryan.

Ryan completed the 16-month automotive program in September 2013 and quickly got a position in the field working at **Fairway Eurosport**. When he heard about the opening of Carolina Diesel, he immediately offered his assistance to help get the shop open. After celebrating their grand opening this summer, Ryan stated that business has been great for them. Because of his efforts getting the shop up and running, Ryan has been offered the opportunity to become part owner of the shop.

While Carolina Diesel specializes in diesel truck repair, Ryan stated that the skills he received in the automotive program and his ability to adapt these skills for the diesel field have helped get him to where he is today.

"The education I received from Rosedale Tech taught me a lot about my field. I'm still learning new things today and picking up a lot about diesel engines in the shop. I wouldn't be where I am today without my education from Rosedale Tech."



Ryan also stated that he continues to maintain a relationship with the school and keeps in touch with the instructors for industry advice. "If I don't know the answer to something I know I can always call the instructors and they will help me out," he said.

Carolina Diesel is located at 2149 Penn Ave, Jeannette, PA 15644. For more information, call (724) 374-5358.

My Story: By Jessica Gazvoda

Pistons, valves, compressors, diodes, all sounded foreign to me prior to me attending Rosedale Technical College. However, I have always been slightly mechanically inclined, due to the fact growing up I didn't have any brothers, so my father treated me as the boy out of three girls. I was the one who had to help take out the garbage and carry heavy objects, along with being the assistant with repairing our vehicles. I am thankful for the guidance in my adolescent years by my father, because now I have a general understanding of how machinery works.

I am a very independent woman and I always have been. I have two beautiful children who live with me, and I have my own apartment and we have resided there for more than three years. When I was notified that my children's father had passed away my world came crashing down with the realization that I solely will be raising and providing for my children. I overcame the fear instantly and decided that I needed to further my education in hopes I could provide a more stable income for my family. I originally went to school for psychology, before I became pregnant with my daughter, and then dropped out, so going to back to that major was a possibility for me but I figured with having to raise two children and still keep a

roof over our heads for the next six years would be a difficult task. Then one day as my father was working on my vehicle, he was complaining how it was becoming too hard on him to perform the tasks, especially after he gets back from his daily job. It was then that my desire of wanting to help him out and learn about vehicles became clear in my mind.

As a female, we tend to get taken advantage of when we take our cars to a garage; it aggravated me. I also hated feeling so helpless when it came to a problem with my vehicle. As I said before, I always tinkered on vehicles when I was younger, and as I grew older, fixing things became enjoyable for me. The thought of becoming a mechanic came into my mind and I deliberated on the idea for about 6 months. One day I was on Facebook, and asked if anyone recommended a great school that offered an automotive program. All the comments I received under my post were: Rosedale, Rosedale, Rosedale! I then googled the number and decided to give them a call. Within minutes I had an appointment scheduled for a tour of the school. Excitement arose in me on the drive to Rosedale and when I entered the excitement nearly exploded out of me. Seeing the machinery, smelling the brake cleaner, and hearing the power tools was all



so fascinating. Right away I signed up. I have been a student of Rosedale for 7 months and yes, it has been difficult, especially because now that I'm not working as often my income is much less than before. Every day I tell myself it will all be worth it; and sure enough it has been.

Every day I walk into this building and I am excited to learn, I'm excited to see the new family I have made, and excited to see the staff that are rooting for my success. Coming to Rosedale is the best decision I have made. I came here, not actually knowing anything about cars; now I work in a garage part time and I can name parts my father doesn't even know...and again I have only been here for half of the program! I am even more proud of myself for being a superior role model to my children and as they grow up they will realize how hard their mommy had to work to ensure a great life for their future. Thank you Rosedale Technical College for not only providing a great education, but for fulfilling my dreams!

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

August 2014 Awards

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

Automotive: James Brown, Joshua Denardo, Nicholas Hoovler, Alyssa Kirk, Matthew Whetsell, George Kozup, Bryan Pry, Daniel Zwick

Diesel: Philip Wilson, Brandon Bell, Michael DeAngelo, Kyle Halfhill, Thomas Hoag, Kristina Howell, Daniel Janosko, David Lambie, Jonathan Vescio, David Jones, Carl Pascoello, Kenneth Eckles

Electrical: Carl Klauscher, Christopher Bazzoli, Zachary Collins, Dominick Vella, Christopher Babyak, Jared Colalella, Mark Lucas, Christopher Sigmund

HVAC: Brian Lukens, Jacob Magdich, Dalton Marnich, Chad McDade, Robert Nieman

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

Automotive: James Brown, Richard Camichael, Nicole Ehredt, Ricky Hyatt, Ryan Powell, Timothy Tydeman, David Curcio, Joshua Denardo, Jessica Gazvoda, Nicholas Hoovler, Alyssa Kirk, William Lewis, Jacob Luther, Anthony Rotondo, Jeremy Schiff, Scott Tostevin, Christopher Yerkey, Travis Leyda

Diesel: Patrick Armstrong, Philip Wilson, Brandon Bell, Thomas Bridges, Ronald Collins, Michael DeAngelo, Cody Gallik, Ian Gayman, Kyle Halfhill, Brian Hill, Thomas Hoag, Kristina Howell, Daniel Janosko, Joshua Johnston, Andrew Laufer, Joshua Leist, Michael Loris, Russell McKenzie, Jared Mooney, Sadie O'Neil, Shawn Rodgers, Anthony Rumsey, Mark Simpronio, Damien Sisco, Jonathan Vescio, Adam Widmer, Jonathan Burgess, Joel Graham, Taylor Johnston, Christopher Jones, Jonathan Mayhew, Robert Thompson, Jason Wilson

Electrical: Matthew Robison, Brandon Benec, Jason Johnson, Luc Bongiorno, David Jones, Javed Lindsey

HVAC: Luther Coe, Hunter Curl, Brian Lukens, Dalton Marnich, Joshua Ulokovic, Chad McDade, Joseph Sanpietro, Walter Sarafin, Thomas Williams, Andrew Greenler

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

Automotive: Scott Deschon, David Hunt, Benjamin Wolf, Christopher Anderson, James McAvoy, Jeffrey Tarpley, Matthew Tomblin, Matthew Whetsell, Ryan Baux, Robert Birr, Jeffrey Gilchrist, George Kozup, Thomas Palfy, Bryan Pry, Anthony Vespaziani, William Wladron, Daniel Zwick

Diesel: David Lambie, Matthew Sharrow, Jordan Greathouse, David Jones, Carl Pascoello, Travis Tyre, Kenneth Eckles, Travis McBride, Bradley Nolf, Thomas Spano, Jeffrey Stivison, Ian Wible, Dorian Williams

Electrical: Carl Klauscher, Michael Thornton, Christopher Bazzoli, Zachary Collins, Adam Kirby, Christopher Babyak, Jared Colalella, Christopher Sigmund, David Teller, Timothy Clowser

HVAC: Jacob Magdich, Benjamin Moritz, Robert Nieman

Helping Hand Award: Alyssa Kirk, Nick Hoovler, Jonathan Burgess, Dan Janosko

Extra Effort Award: Christopher Anderson, David Jones, Ken Eckles

Most Improved Award: Chris Hubbard

Community Service Award: Christopher Bazzoli, Sam Gabig, Adam Kirby, Mark Lucas, Dominick Welsch

October 2014 Awards

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

Automotive: Clifford Cabbage, Adam Cunningham, Nicholas Farich, Matthew Gould, Mason Guckert, George Kozup, Matthew Leskovec, David McCarty, Bryan Pry, Edwards Vibostak, Thomas Wee, Joshua Young, Joshua Denardo, James McAvoy, James Brown, Juan Nava, Timothy Smolter, Randy Ward

Diesel: Aaron Casciola, Dylan Clegg, Cullen Dun, Kenneth Eckles, Brenden Gilmer, Damian Godfrey, Andrew Gullo, Kayla Holmes, Zachary Johnson, Robert Leist, Zachery Mares, Daniel Peters, Taylor Rickert, Jerome Tria, Cameron Tyrpin, Brandon Vargo, Rebecca Venuto, Kenneth Wallis, Zachary Williamson, Travis Tyre, Thomas Hoag, David Jones, Brandon Bell, Kyle Halfhill, Daniel Janosko, David Lambie, Michael Loris, Paul Campbell, Lucas Lazek, Patrick Watson, Krzysztof Wasielewski

Electrical: Jared Colalella, Christopher Sigmund, Christopher Bazzoli, Zachary Collins, Adam Kirby, Mark Lucas, Dominick Vella, Anthony Stillson, James Callaghan

HVAC: Jeffrey Coyle, Harold Glasure, Christopher Hitchens, Marquay Lane, Bradley Nelson, Robert Nieman, Chad McDade, Dalton Marnich, Brian Lukens, Jacob Magdich

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

Automotive: Jeffrey Gilchrist, Joshua Denardo, Jessica Gazvoda, Nicholas Hoovler, Alyssa Kirk, William Lewis, James McAvoy, Jeffrey Tarpley, Scott Tostevin, Matthew Whetsell, James Brown, Richard Carmichael, David Curcio, Nicole Ehredt, Derek Rose, Timothy Tydeman, Jorge Veladiz, Benjamin Wolf, Nathan Freiss, Ryan Powell, Randy Ward, Christopher Cicco, Brandt Egerter, Matthew Gill, Jamie Kirkpatrick, Jeffrey Lipinski

Diesel: Christopher Kulow, Lucas Lazek, Travis McBride, Thomas Spano, Jonathan Burgess, Ronald Collins, Michael DeAngelo, Ian Gayman, Joel Graham, Brian Hill, Thomas Hoag, Kristina Howell, Jonathan Mayhew, Carl Pascoello, Patrick Armstrong, Brandon Bell, Thomas Bridges, Cody Gallik, Kyle Halfhill, Daniel Janosko, Andrew Laufer, Joshua Leist, Michael Loris, Russell McKenzie, Paige Meyers, Jared Mooney, Shawn Rodgers, Adam Widmer, Eric Bryant, Andreas Cerminara, James Larue, Ryan Muchow, Raymond Schwickrath

Electrical: Brandon Benec, Jason Johnson, Mark Lucas, Dominick Vella, Christopher Welch, Steven Robertson

HVAC: Chad McDade, Joseph Sanpietro, Walter Sarafin, Thomas Williams, Luther Coe, Dalton Marnich, Joshua Ulokovic, Hunter Curl, Brian Lukens

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

Automotive: Ryan Baux, Adam Cunningham, David Delgallo, Nicholas Farich, Matthew Gould, Mason Guckert, George Kozup, Justin Lee, Matthew Leskovec, David McCarty, Emily Paule, Bryan Pry, Brandy Simonelli, Christopher Trapp, Edwards Vibostak, Thomas Wee, Joshua Young, Christopher Anderson, Robert Birr, Thomas Palfy, Matthew Tomblin, William Waldron, Scott Deschon, David Hunt, Benjamin Miller, Timothy Smolter

Diesel: Aaron Casciola, Dion Davis, Kenneth Eckles, Brenden Gilmer, Damian Godfrey, Tyler Guerrieri, Andrew Gullo, Kayla Holmes, Zachary Johnson, Robert Leist, Zachery Mares, Daniel Matthews, Brian McCain, Edwards McNeel, Daniel Peters, Taylor Rickert, Jake Rieffle, Dylan Stewart, Jerome Tria, Cameron Tyrpin, Brandon Vargo, Rebecca Venuto, Kenneth Wallis, Krzysztof Wasielewski, Patrick Watson, Zachary Williamson, Jordan Greathouse, Jeffrey Stivison, Travis Tyre, David Jones, Matthew Sharrow, David Lambie, William Baker, Theodore Begly, Paul Campbell, Samuel Frederick, Glen Howard, Nicholas Laurito, Shawn McFarland, Nathan Pieszak

Electrical: Timothy Clowser, Christopher Babyak, Jared Colalella, Christopher Sigmund, David Teller, Christopher Bazzoli, Zachary Collins, Adam Kirby, Anthony Stillson, James Callaghan, Joshua Streiner, Michael Jeffery, Adam Midler, Shawn Miller

HVAC: Scott Barton, Jeffrey Coyle, Harold Glasure, Bradley Nelson, Robert Nieman, Ben Moritz, Jacob Magdich

Helping Hand Award: Christopher Bazzoli, Matthew Sharrow, Christopher Anderson, Ed Findley, John Newcomb, Timothy Clowser, Robert Leist, Kenneth Wallis

Extra Effort Award: Nicholas Hoovler, William Waldron, Ian Gayman

Most Improved Award: Mark Mantsch, Becky Venuto

Community Service Award: Marcus Anderson, Christopher Babyak, Christopher Sigmund, Carl Farquhar

Just HIRED! The following graduates have accepted employment with the following companies:

| Student Name | Employer | Program | Student Name | Employer | Program | Student Name | Employer | Program |
|------------------------|---|---------------|-------------------|---|---------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Benjamin Bjerke | Team Nutz | Auto | Ryan Francis | Lenzner Coach Lines | Diesel | Jammie Anderson | Marcegaglia USA Inc. | Truck Driving |
| Cullen McGrogan | Tony's Auto Center | Auto | Richard Kaposy | Soldiers for Christ Revolution "Trees for Missions" | Diesel | James Coffman III | Royal Flush | Truck Driving |
| Anthony McCullough Jr. | Werner Electrical Services | Electrical | Shane Powers | Hunter Family and Companies | Diesel | James Newel | Royal Flush | Truck Driving |
| Tyler Stiner | Stiner Construction LLC | Electrical | Philip Ford | Marcegaglia USA Inc. | Electrical | Christopher Good Jr. | PEPBOYS | Auto |
| Adrian Burke | Equipment Transport LLC | Truck Driving | Jeremy Owens | Canova Electric | Electrical | Christopher Hubbard | Firestone | Auto |
| Daniel Lynch | Culligan Water Conditioning of Pittsburgh | Truck Driving | Von Stevenson | Tops Staffing | Electrical | Justin Long | #1 Cochran | Auto |
| Nicole Anderson | Wolbert Auto Body And Repair | Auto | Scott Harris | Donegal Township | Truck Driving | Gino Morena | Sears Auto Center | Auto |
| Zachery Brown | Wright Automotive Group | Auto | Patrick Kelly | SSC Tool & Supply | Diesel | Anthony Nicholls | Gillece Transmissions | Auto |
| Kyle Harrington | #1 Cochran | Auto | Cody Morgan | Wright Automotive Group | Auto | Kevin Taggart | Northway Transmissions Inc. | Auto |
| Christopher Bogats Jr. | First Transit | Diesel | Brandon Bachman | Tesone Transportation Inc. | Diesel | Logan Irvine-Hose | JED Services | Diesel |
| Nicholas Bowser | PGT Trucking | Diesel | Travis Mariano | Township of Moon | Diesel | Evan Treadwell | J A Sauer Co | HVAC |
| Paul Caputo | Lenzner Coach Lines | Diesel | Joshua Sutherland | Guardian Industries Corp | Electrical | Canaan Tsuris | J A Sauer Co | HVAC |
| | | | | | | Charles Braham | Stuebenville Truck Center Inc. | Diesel |

Jorge Veladiz Awarded PMAHCC Foundation Scholarship

The financial burdens of going to college can create a great deal of pressure for students. Oftentimes, one must go above and beyond financial aid grants to obtain their dream of a college education, such as work one or several part-time or full-time jobs while attending school or search for and apply to various scholarships. Just when automotive student **Jorge Veladiz** thought he had run out of options, he sought support from Rosedale Technical College's Financial Aid Department. With the help of Director of Financial Aid **Anna Bartolini**, Jorge was selected to receive **The Pittsburgh Metropolitan Area Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (PMAHCC) Foundation Scholarship**.



"I wanted to come to Rosedale because it's fun to work on cars," said Jorge. "My uncles are auto mechanics and got me interested in the field. I really enjoy doing it."

As a way to help pay for school and support his mother and sister, Jorge had been working a part-time job in the evenings in his hometown of Butler. Because of the late hours he was working, Jorge

started to feel the pressure of juggling both school and work. Realizing the importance of his education, he left his job and continues to look for a position in his hometown that is flexible with his school schedule.

"It has been hard to stay in school and support my family," said Jorge. "The assistance I have received from Rosedale staff and students has been great. I began to carpool with another Rosedale student, which has been very helpful."

Understanding his situation, Anna encouraged Jorge to apply for the PMAHCC Foundation Scholarship. Throughout the application process, Anna assisted Jorge in completing all the necessary documents as well as write a 300-word essay.

"I am so pleased that he won because Jorge is so committed to his training at Rosedale Tech and working in the automotive industry," said Anna.

"Anna is an amazing person for helping me apply for this scholarship. I want to pay her back someday for her kindness," said Jorge.

Alcosan Benefits From Rosedale Tech Training



Allegheny County Sanitary Authority (**ALCOSAN**) has enrolled employees **Remo Mazzoleni** and **David Pollock** into Rosedale Tech's technician programs for further education opportunities.

As part of their apprentice programs, ALCOSAN encourages further education by offering additional training opportunities for their employees. ALCOSAN opted to work with Rosedale Tech based on the school's valued reputation and quality education.

Remo, a mechanic apprentice, has been with the company for seven years. He is enrolled in the automotive technician program for emissions and inspection testing as well as to learn basic mechanics. Upon completion of the 18-month program, Remo is interested in coming back to attend the diesel program and eventually get a CDL license.

With the training he receives at Rosedale, Remo will have the opportunity to transition into a journeyman position after he completes his eight-year apprenticeship program.

David began at ALCOSAN five years ago working in the industrial waste department, where he sampled water at hospitals and other companies who used a high volume on a daily basis. He then decided that he wanted to transition to the electrical apprentice program. "It's a good trade that I wanted to learn," he said.

Through Rosedale Tech's electrical technician program, David will learn all the basics he needs to know to complete the apprenticeship and move forward in his career at ALCOSAN.

While both men just started at Rosedale, they both said they have been enjoying their time so far.

"It's a friendly atmosphere. Everyone here is very welcoming," said Remo.

Addition To The Fleet



Recently, Rosedale Tech displayed a new H-3 Hummer, which is the third vehicle of the school's fleet. The hummer will be making appearances at high schools and career and training centers throughout the tri-state area.

We'd like to give a very special thank you to graphic designer **Fran Panza** and **Endagraph** for their work on completing the wrap.

Pepsico Returns For Refrigeration Training

Following a successful session in early 2014, employees from Pepsico return to Rosedale Tech for industry-specific training in refrigeration. The 10-week course is conducted by HVAC Instructor **Paul McEown** and consists of basic refrigeration training, which will be used by employees to maintain Pepsico's vending machines and dispensers. Previously, the employees attended training for basic electrical education.

While the education programs are mandatory for Pepsico and must be funded upfront by the employees, participants stated that the training they receive and the advancement opportunities available within the company make it well worth it.

Upon completion of the program, employees will be able to begin working as technicians independently.

For more information on industry-specific training, please contact **Debbie Bier** at (412) 521-6200.

Enrolled Pepsico Technicians:

DJ Wolinski
Ryan Trexler
Derek Schneider
Scott Fenner
Mike Perry
Adrian Coleman



Jonathan Hladney To Receive The Pittsburgh Foundation Scholarship

Rosedale Technical College's **Jonathan Hladney** was selected to receive a \$2,500 scholarship, which was approved by The Pittsburgh Foundation's Board of Directors. This scholarship is funded by the Angelo and Irene Ravigoni Scholarship Fund of The Pittsburgh Foundation.

Jonathan, a 2014 graduate of Highlands High School, heard about the scholarship from Admissions Representative **Dave HIRAK** when he was touring the school. After completing the application, he was notified by The Pittsburgh Foundation that he would be one of the scholarship recipients.

"I'm excited to be receiving The Pittsburgh Foundation scholarship. Since I was a little kid I've always wanted to work on cars. This is what I love to do and the scholarship will help me achieve my dream," said Jonathan.

In addition to The Pittsburgh Foundation Scholarship, Jonathan is also receiving a \$750 Snap-on tool scholarship and a \$2,500 Mitchell 1 Automotive Technology Outstanding Student scholarship.

Jonathan is enrolled in the Automotive Technician program. Outside of school, he is employed as an apprentice technician at Spitzer Toyota/Scion in Monroeville, PA. Upon graduation, Jonathan hopes to become a master technician and open his own automotive repair shop.

Welcome NEW STUDENTS!

AUGUST AUTOMOTIVE

Taylor Bishney
Clifford Cabbage Jr.
Adam Cunningham
David Delgallio
Nicholas Farich
Matthew Gould
Mason Guckert
Ronald Haines
Al-Sharod Jackson
Justin Lee
Matthew Leskovec
Nickolas MacFarlane
Joshua Malsch
David McCarty
Michael Mesecke
Tyler Moore

Emily Paule
Ashly Pipes
Christopher Shelton
Brandy Simonelli
Christopher Trapp
Andrew Umphrey
Edward Vibostak
Thomas Wee
Monta Worlds
Joshua Young
DIESEL
Eric Abbondanza
Aaron Casciola
Walter Clarit
Dylan Clegg
Dion Davis
Cullen Dunn

Carl Farquhar
Wayne Finney Jr.
Brenden Gilmer
Damian Godfrey
Matthew Goettman
Tyler Guerrieri
Andrew Gullo
Kenzey Hart
Ian Hay
Kyla Holmes
Zachary Johnson
Brian Kashycki
Christopher Kulow
Lucas Lazek
Robert Leist
Zachery Mares
Daniel Matthews

Brian McCain
Edward McNeel III
Corey Melia
Daniel Peters
John Reha
Taylor Rickert
Jake Rieffle
Steven Sentich
Michael Shelby
Zachary Stephen
Dylan Stewart
Robert Swenson
Jerome Tria
Cameron Tyrpin
Brandon Vargo
Rebecca Venuto
Kenneth Wallis

Khalil Walls
Keilan Walls Jr.
Krzysztof Wasielewski
Patrick Watson
Jarrod Waychoff
Zachary Williamson
Nicholas Wolbert
HVAC
Ernest Attaway
Scott Barton
Jeffrey Coyle
Harold Glasure
Christopher Hitchens
Marquay Lane
Kane Lee
Bradley Nelson
Andrew Teny

TRUCK DRIVING
Matthew Cridge
Dejuan Dickson
Christopher Haney
Michael Hicks
Michael Hicks Jr.
John Hime
Justin Householder
Terry Keyes Jr.
James Mulkerrin II
Thomas Parker
Lenell Ptomey
Chance Reep

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AUTOMOTIVE
Matthew Bracall
Demetric Bunkley
Kristofer Evans
Joshua Everetts
Evan Farine
Suman Gurung
Joseph Hickey
Kyle Keffer
Robert King
Thomas Kisiel
Patrick Lancaster Sr.
Adam Melenyzer
Brent Pavlik
Nicholas Raith
Shawn Ramsey
James Reese Jr.
Beverly Tomporoski

William Denson
William Harold
Jonathan Hladney
Jake Kronstein
Remo Mazzoleni
Emilee Rice
Justin Sosnowski
Kenneth Stritzinger
James Thomas
DIESEL
Tyler Belak
Gary Carroll
Clint Chapple
James Cloherty
D'Andrae Cobb
Scott Deitch
Nickolas Dinatale
Jeremy Glover

William Hissom
Jacob Joyce
Zachary Jukes
Jordan Knerr
Chazz Lewis
David Marks
Russell Meyer
Richard Miller
Gino Morena
Francis Pusateri III
Timothy Ryan
Kyle Salka
Damian Stewart
Sean Sullivan
Michael Vanauker
John Walker
Dylan Wolesslagle
Adam Earl

Shaun Fehl
Kevin Ludwig
Eric Nelson
Steven Welch
ELECTRICAL
Davis Baratta
William Boyd
Aaron Butler
Paul Caputo
Colin Chupinka
Brandon Colwell
Dana Davis
Richard Emery
Shawn Fossett
Nicholas Geahry
Joseph Gent
Kevin Gongaware
Eric Gregor

Dylan Grieco
George Haldeman
Matthew Jankovic
Vicki Jones
Nicholas Konopka
Taylor Kotarski
James Madden IV
Brenton Mott
Matthew Nagy
James Oslick Jr.
Jacob Peterson
Eric Price
Matthew Pugh
Austin Ritenour
Frank Scarpaci
Edward Zahn
Ryan Ziegler
Louis Banks

Darrien Baylor
John Clark
McKenzie Coffman
Coleman Hughes
Erin Leet
David Pollock
Quinn Taylor
Miles Wilborn
HVAC
Robert Arnett
Daniel Bright
Mateusz Wasielewski
TRUCK DRIVING
Jesse Doscher
Justin Householder
Edward Plata II
David Vesely
Byron Winton

CONGRATULATIONS COLLEGE GRADUATES!

Rosedale Technical College celebrated graduation of 88 students on Friday, October 3rd at the Embassy Suites Pittsburgh International Airport in Moon Township, Pa. The students were the first group to graduate under the new college name. Despite the rainy weather, a large number of family and friends came out to acknowledge and celebrate the graduates' accomplishments.

Rosedale Tech would like to give a very special thank you to Allegheny County Executive **Rich Fitzgerald** for speaking at the ceremony.

Automotive AST Degree

Joshua Alford
Nicole Anderson
Zachery Brown
Walter Clarit
Kenneth Eckles
Billy Fife Jr.
Jamie Graves
Kyle Harrington
Christopher Hubbard
Justin Long
Gino Morena
Anthony Nicholls
Dana Rudolph
Richard Stasko
Jared Uhrin
Nicholas Wragg
Carmen Zambrano Jr.

Diploma

Carl Armstrong
Benjamin Bjerke
Christopher Good Jr.
Jordan Guntrum
Dorian Kennedy
Cullen McGrogan
Cody Morgan
Michael Scrima
Jamal Smith
Kevin Taggart
Edward Williams

Diesel

AST Degree
Steven Antolovich
Christopher Bogats Jr.
Nicholas Bowser
Charles Braham
Paul Caputo
David Ciafardone Jr.
Ryan Francis
Daniel Graber
Logan Irvine-Hose
Joshua Johnston
Dylan Kabana
Richard Kaposy
Patrick Kelly
Sadie O'Neil
Shane Powers
Darren Reed
Anthony Rumsey
Philip Wilson

Diploma

Brandon Bachman
Justin Blue
Travis Mariano

Electrical

AST Degree
Christopher Brown
Christopher Carr
Timothy Colbert
Matthew Earley
Philip Ford
Jessica Jones
Carl Klauscher Jr.
Richard Koenig
Michael Miklos
Jeremy Owens
Matthew Robison
Tyler Snodgrass
Von Stevenson
Michael Thornton
Jason Walker

Diploma

Joseph Full
Michael Guckes
Anthony McCullough Jr.
Tyler Stiner
Joshua Sutherland

HVAC

AST Degree
Todd Evers
Zachary Helble
Payton Riggins Sr.
Evan Treadwell
Canaan Tsuris

Truck Driving Diploma

Jammie Anderson
James Bruce
Adrian Burke
James Coffman III
Jennifer Davis
Patrick Duddy
Patrick Giles Jr.
Scott Harris
Daniel Lynch
Chaz Meadows
Abumedian Mohamed
James Newell
Michael Puchi



Rose Leipertz Joins Financial Aid Department



Rose Leipertz

This summer, Rosedale Technical College welcomed **Rose Leipertz** to its fast-growing team in an effort to accommodate the financial needs of the rising student population. Rose, formerly a financial aid representative at Newport Business Institute and Oakridge Academy of the Arts, brings 32 years of financial aid experience to Rosedale Tech. Rose mentioned she heard about the position at Rosedale Tech after meeting President **Dennis Wilke** at a networking event and connecting with him on LinkedIn. Since starting, she has been very pleased with her new job. "It's such a great work atmosphere. Everyone is so nice to work with," said Rose. In her new position, Rose stated that she hopes to be a positive addition to the Financial Aid Team where students will feel as comfortable approaching her as they are the veteran team members for assistance with their financial aid needs.

"I hope to assist the Financial Aid Team in continually evaluating our department and make any changes that will benefit the students as well as Rosedale Tech when it comes to assisting students, processing, and finding new financial aid programs," said Rose. Financial Aid Director **Anna Bartolini** is happy to have the addition of Rose to their department. "Rose is a welcome addition to the FA team! We appreciate her many years of service in helping students through the financial aid process and are glad she is now at Rosedale," said Anna. Outside of work, Rose enjoys spending time with her grandson and playing with her yellow lab. She also enjoys shopping with her daughter and camping at their family cabin in Venango County.

Faculty, Students Participate in Summer Demolition Derby

This summer, Automotive Instructor **Jeff Kaplon** along with other instructors and students worked on a demolition derby car that was driven by Jeff's son, **Nick Kaplon**. Here is a picture from one of this summer's demolition derbies held at the Oxhill Fair Grounds.



Pictured (left to right): Automotive Instructors **Jeff Kaplon** and **Brian Winter**, **Nick Kaplon**, **Nick Hoovler**, Diesel Instructor **Mark Simoneau**, and **James McAvoy**



Welcome Dan Dowd



Dan Dowd

Rosedale Technical College is pleased to announce the hiring of new Truck Driving Instructor, **Dan Dowd**. Prior to joining Rosedale Tech's team, Dan spent five years as a truck driving instructor and state examiner at Allstate Career School. A retired Teamster, Dan brings 37 years of truck driving experience to Rosedale's growing program. A Pittsburgh native, Dan is pleased to join Rosedale Tech's faculty. "I really enjoy the team atmosphere here at Rosedale Tech. Everyone loves their job and is happy to be here. It's a great work environment and I love it," said Dan.

Throughout his time as an instructor, Dan has taught many students and is pleased to see them out in the field. "It's rewarding to see students out on the road behind the wheel of a truck. We are changing people's lives." As part of his new position, Dan hopes to help take the program to the next level, as well as use his state examiner experience to turn Rosedale Tech into a 3rd party testing site. When he's not working, Dan enjoys fishing with his son and grandson as well as going to NASCAR races.

Meet Joe Marchese



Joe Marchese

Joe Marchese was recently hired as an HVAC Instructor at Rosedale Technical College. Together with Instructor **Paul McEowen**, Joe will share his knowledge and experience with students enrolled in the growing HVAC Technology program. Originally from the Brooklyn New York area (the Bronx), Joe moved to the Pittsburgh area with his wife and growing family in 1996. At this same time, he started his own HVAC business and has been a very active member of the Refrigeration Service Engineers Society (RSES) to include the International President of RSES.

With over 30 years of experience in the HVAC field, Joe has worked at companies like Kmart Corporation and Coldelite. He has also taught HVAC classes at two different schools as well as the International Union of Operating Engineers for over five years. Joe's most recent position was at Stultz-ATS, where he served as the Training Manager. Joe's favorite thing about Rosedale Tech so far is the opportunity to work with the students in a hands-on atmosphere. When he's not working, Joe enjoys watching movies and spending time with his wife and three sons.

Ed Wesolek- Automotive Instructor



Ed Wesolek

Rosedale Technical College is pleased to announce the hiring of **Ed Wesolek** as the new Automotive Technology Instructor. With over 20 years of shop experience, Ed will be a tremendous asset to the school's growing faculty. Ed's primary role will be teaching students participating in the dual enrollment program with Parkway CTC. Throughout his new position, Ed hopes to keep students passionate about the automotive industry. Prior to joining Rosedale, Ed spent over 20 years working as a technician for GM and Subaru dealerships. His most recent position was at Bairel Subaru, where he spent 10 years as a technician.

Throughout his new position, Ed hopes to engage the students and keep them passionate about the automotive industry. "I want to be able to transfer my 20 years of experience to the students in every capacity that I can and keep them interested in the business. The industry needs young technicians and there's so much opportunity for them in the trades," said Ed. "Ed is a great addition to the instructional staff here at Rosedale Tech. We are extremely happy to have him," said Director of Education **Ed Petruniak**. A North Hills native, Ed enjoys hunting and spending time with his two sons, Ed and Mark, daughter-in-law, Jess, and wife, Kim, of 25 years.

Sean Barrett - Educational Outreach Coordinator



Sean Barrett

Sean Barrett was recently promoted to Educational Outreach Coordinator in an effort to continue the growth of the school's recruiting practices. A graduate of Arizona State University, Sean earned a Bachelor's degree in Business and Creative Writing. For the past two years, Sean has been an Educational Outreach Representative.

As part of his new position, Sean's role will focus heavily on expanding Rosedale Tech's market to schools unfamiliar with the programs in Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, New York, and Maryland. In addition, Sean will build Rosedale Tech's presence through Career Links, other employment training centers, and industry employers.

Congratulations! Employee Anniversaries for September and October

September Anniversaries:

- Tony Capriotti**
IT Coordinator – 10 years
- Tim Weleski**
Maintenance Supervisor – 39 years
- John Litwin**
Accounting Analyst – 3 years
- Dan Castelli**
Automotive Technician Instructor – 10 years
- Jeff Kaplon**
Automotive Technology Instructor – 12 years
- Matt Gaetano**
Automotive Technician Instructor – 1 year
- Rob Murphy**
Diesel Technology Instructor – 9 years
- Mike Breskovich**
Electrical Technology Instructor – 8 years
- Paul Danner**
Automotive Technology Instructor – 14 years
- Dennis Wilke**
President and Director – 9 years

October Anniversaries:

- Lou Levine**
Electrical Technology Instructor – 8 years
- Ben Moxley**
Operations Manager – 9 years
- Dave Nicola**
Truck Driving Instructor – 1 year
- Jake Bier**
Educational Outreach Representative – 1 year
- Jim Hall**
Automotive Technology Instructor – 19 years

Leadership Training Continues At Rosedale Tech

On September 29, Rosedale Technical College has kicked off its 3rd session of leadership training. The training program is part of **Sandler Training, Management Training programs**. Through their interactive and real world based programs, Sandler helps managers and leaders develop, expand and refine their management skills. Members of Rosedale's faculty and staff participating in the third session include: **Julie Weber**, Academic Services Coordinator
Sue Henze, Admissions Assistant

- Sean Barrett**, Educational Outreach Coordinator
- Liz Lanshac**, Student Services Coordinator
- Michael Basulto**, Financial Aid Officer
- Vaughan Greil**, Lead Truck Driving Instructor
- Rob Murphy**, Diesel Instructor
- Mike Breskovich**, Electrical Instructor
- Brian Mullen**, Diesel Instructor
- Bobby Burgy**, Auto Instructor

Advisory Board Meetings Held for Collision Repair and HVAC Programs

Recently, several advisory board meetings took place to discuss the further advancement of Rosedale Tech's programs. In August, representatives from local employers and career training centers attended to discuss the curriculum for the new Collision Repair program, projected to start in February 2015. In September, a meeting was held for HVAC employers in the area to discuss the continued growth of the program.



August Advisory Boards Auto Body – Employers

#1 Cochran – Sue Gross and Joe Impell
Rohrich Body Shop – Leroy Nestler
Sun Chevrolet – Matt Uram
Wolberts Auto Body – Don Wolbert Jr.
Wright Automotive Group – Bill Miko

Auto Body – Career Training Centers

Beaver County CTC – Mike Murdoch
Brashear High School – Tom Lipotski
Forbes Road CTC – John Lyman
Parkway West CTC – Todd Kieffer and David Pallerino

September Advisory Boards HVAC – Employers

Adecco – Leslie Basalyga
Express Employment Professional – Amy Zee
J.A. Sauer – Bob Boyle
Johnstone Supply – Rob Chioocchi
Manpower – Devin Cox
One Hour Heating & A/C – Tim Bartman
Office of Vocational Rehabilitation – Joe McCarthy
REMCO – Dave King
Ruthrauff – Pete DeAmico and Robert White



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Giving Back: Rosedale Tech Builds Bikes for Area Kids in Need

On September 18, two teams of faculty and staff participated in the Build-a-Bike event, hosted by the United Way of Allegheny County. The challenge was held in the FedEx Great Hall at Heinz Field.

As part of the event, teams were challenged to build bikes from scratch. Upon completion of the team-building exercise, each team gave their bikes to one of 50 low-income youth from The Center that Cares, a United Way after-school partner that is part of the fitUnited outreach program.

Rosedale Tech's teams, the Techies and the Gearheads, prevailed at the challenge, and were the first two teams to complete their bikes along with an additional bike. The teams were comprised of faculty and staff at Rosedale Tech as follows:

| | |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| Team Techies: | Team Gearheads: |
| Adam Taylor | Jennifer Cox |
| Kara Chan | Paul Plahn |
| John Litwin | Mike Breskovich |
| Sean Barrett | Karen Schonbachler |
| Brian Strellick | Jake Bier |

Here's what they had to say about the Build-a-Bike event:

"The event was great. I'd definitely do it again next year."
~Diesel Technology Instructor, Adam Taylor

"It made it all worthwhile to see the kids' faces light up when they received their bikes. I loved when the two girls who received our bikes hugged each other and said, 'Are these our bikes?!'"
~Financial Aid Officer, Karen Schonbachler

"Build-a-Bike was a great experience. It was touching to watch the kids receive the bikes we made them. It was very worthwhile and I'd definitely like to participate again."
~Automotive Technology Instructor, Paul Plahn

"I had a lot of fun seeing co-workers outside of their element and working together as a team. Seeing the kids' faces after they received their bikes was a great moment."
~Assistant Director of Education, Kara Chan

"I really enjoyed the whole event. From building the bikes, to interacting with the kids and seeing their faces light up with happiness when they got a new bike – all around it was a great day!"
~Educational Outreach Representative, Jake Bier



Pictured (left to right): Sean Barrett, Jake Bier, Karen Schonbachler, Adam Taylor, Paul Plahn, Kara Chan, Brian Strellick, Mike Breskovich, Jennifer Cox, John Litwin.



Team Techies showing off their first place trophy at the Build-a-Bike event



Rosedale Tech's Build-a-Bike teams distributing their bikes to the kids

NOW HIRING: Career Fair Success Proves Job Demand Is High In Trades Fields

The Student Services Department recently hosted two career fairs for students. On September 9, employers for companies in the automotive, electrical and HVAC fields attended. On September 17, employers from the diesel field attended. A combined total of 68 employers (104 attendees) participated in the career fairs.

"Any networking opportunity is a great benefit to all of our students. The career fairs provide students with the chance to meet with some of our top employers and get a head start on securing a career prior to graduating," said Student Services Coordinator **Liz Lanschak**.

Throughout the event, students stopped by booths of some of Rosedale Tech's key employers and discussed job opportunities available throughout the companies. Following each career fair, many students stayed after to interview with various companies. A combined total of over 120 interviews took place at the career fairs, some concluding with job offers.

Dillon Stolitca, a 2012 Diesel Technology graduate, attended the September 17 Career Fair with his employer Kenworth.

"It feels good to be back at Rosedale Tech. A lot of the students I went to school with came up to my table to talk to me about my job. It was great to tell them that I made it," said Dillon.

Dillon started at Kenworth as a Tech I a month and a half prior to graduating from Rosedale Tech.

"Overall, both of our recent career fairs were a huge success. We value the relationships we have with local employers and appreciate their participation and continued support," said Assistant Director and Director of Student Services **Amy Pascarella**.



"Overall, both of our recent career fairs were a huge success..."



MEET THE R.E.V. SQUAD

Members of the Rosedale Technical College family strive to make an impact in the community, both individually and as a group. In an effort to enhance the school, philanthropic reach, Rosedale Tech recently formed a community service group, known as the **R.E.V. Squad**, or Rosedale Enrichment Volunteers. The group is comprised of members of Rosedale Tech's faculty and staff. Chairing the R.E.V. Squad is Admissions Assistant **Sue Henze**.

The R.E.V. Squad, function will be to highlight and promote various charitable/ community service events important to members of the Rosedale family. Examples include, but are not limited to, community volunteerism, charity runs, golf outings, car washes/ shows, candy or bake sales, other general fund raising, and so much more.

Faculty, staff and students can get involved by either suggesting a charity, event or community service project by submitting a request form or signing up to volunteer, donate funds or help promote any of the organized functions.

The R.E.V. Squad will operate year-round and is entirely on a volunteer basis.

To submit a request form, please see Sue Henze or Jennifer Cox in the Chosky Building or JR Mangan in the Ben Wilke Building.

