program key

ACR | Automotive Collision Repair Technology
AMT | Automotive Maintenance Technology
ART | Architectural Technology
BSAM | Bachelor of Science in Applied Management
BSAT | Bachelor of Science in Architectural Technology
CRP | Carpentry and Building Construction
CST | Control Systems Technology
EAT | Electrical Automation Technology
ECDM | Electrical Construction Design and Management
ESDT | Electrical Systems Design Technology
HPRT | High Performance Racing Technology
HVACR | Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Technology
INT | Industrial Technology
IT | Information Technology
IWT | Internet and Web-based Technology
PLT | Plumbing Technology
PMT | Precision Machining Technology
STE | Stationary Engineering
WLD | Precision Welding and Fabrication
WWK | Woodworking
I would like to start my first president’s letter by introducing myself. My name is Stan Shoun and I was fortunate enough to become Ranken’s seventh president this past May. It is an honor and a privilege to lead an institution with such a fine tradition and reputation in the technical education field. However, even with the many successes we have had in the past, we still face many challenges in the future. As we emerge from the current economic situation in our nation, it is clear that a strong technical workforce will be needed. Ranken must continue to grow; both academically and physically to meet this emerging demand, while maintaining the quality of education for which we are known. In preparation for this challenge, the College has embarked upon a strategic planning process. This process will allow us to engage many of our stakeholders including: students, faculty and staff, alumni, industry and the local community, to determine how best to position Ranken for the next 100 years.

On the next page I have included several facts and statistics about the future of technical education. I hope as you read them you will see how strong our position is as a national leader in technical education. For the past 102 years Ranken has been providing a pathway to success for the region's workforce. Beyond technical skills, our curriculum emphasizes problem solving, communication, team work and work ethic. All of which contribute to our 98% placement rate of our graduates.

We invite you to visit campus, see our facilities and explore the many great technical career opportunities that a Ranken education can provide. It is one of the best investments that you will ever make.
The Future of Technical Education

Did You Know?

• In the next decade, 90% of all jobs will require education beyond high school.
• Emerging technologies become obsolete every three years.
• Six of the current top 10 career choices did not exist 10 years ago.
• Individuals will hold up to 14 jobs by age 38.
• The largest portion of the current workforce is at, or nearing, retirement age.
• A college degree can potentially provide more than $1 million more earnings over an individual’s lifetime.

What Does This Mean?

A technical education is more critical now than ever for a successful career. Education provides personal growth and security and increased productivity for businesses and regional economic growth. This is all good for the student, good for the community, and good for the economy!
College Names First Female Dean

On Wednesday, July 14, Ranken Technical College announced that Crystal Herron was selected to be the College’s new dean of academic affairs. Herron is the first female to ever hold this position in the College’s 102 year history.

The dean of academic affairs is responsible for coordinating education-related activities at the College, including instructor evaluations and outcomes assessments. The dean also manages the College’s disciplinary process, and assists the vice president for education in setting curriculum and working with faculty members.

Herron joined Ranken in 1991 as a general education instructor. In 1994 she was promoted to be the assistant department head for the General Education department. In 2005 Herron took on the position of director of the Ranken TRiO program. Herron has a Master of Arts degree in English from Bowling Green State University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Alcorn State University. She was recognized in 2006 by the St. Louis American Foundation for her work in their 19th annual Salute to Excellence in Education.

Automotive Hosts Summer Workshop

On Tuesday, June 9, the Automotive division held a summer workshop for high school automotive instructors and students. During the workshop, seminars were offered on subjects such as fuel systems and restraint system technology. During one session instructors and students competed in dyno runs. The seminars were presented by John Springmeyer, Automotive Maintenance Technology (AMT) instructor, Steve Davenport, High Performance Racing Technology (HPRT) instructor and Mark Allen, product engineer from automotive tool company, Mighty-Vac.

A $500 scholarship was presented by Ranken’s President, Stan Shoun to Keith Otten, an instructor from Lebanon, Ill., who will award it to a deserving student from his school. All of the participants received certificates of attendance and feedback was very positive. The division is planning to host another workshop in the summer of 2010.
Students Move Into Walker Hall

During the weekend of August 21-22, returning students moved back into their rooms at Walker Hall and new students got their first glimpse of the new student dormitory. Over the two days, 73 students moved in, compared to last semester’s 30 residents. Walker Hall hit another big milestone with the addition of two women now living in the dorms.

Residential Life staff have a lot of new programming planned for the residents including “Pizza with the President” where residents can voice their concerns and suggestions to Ranken’s President, Stan Shoun. Other new programs and events include:

- **Wednesday Walker Workout** will promote physical fitness. Residents will be able to work out together in the student center and at least once a month a guest will be invited to lead a physical activity.
- **Financial Awareness Workshops** will include representatives from St. Louis Community Credit Union who will discuss finance issues such as budgeting, life with student loans and how to maintain and improve your credit.
- **Microwave Cooking for the College Student** will be a session hosted by a local chef who will demonstrate recipes for residents and encourage them to eat something other than Ramen Noodles and Easy Mac.
- Residents will be able to compete against each other during video game tournaments.
- A workshop entitled, “Survivor-The Student Edition,” will be offered and will focus on study skills, time management and other topics that contribute to college success.

Returning residents of Walker Hall will notice many changes since last semester. The exterior of the building is very near completion with the addition of landscaping, the security station has been installed, the recreation center has been completed with the addition of a pool table and a foosball table, and the work out room now has weights and cardio equipment.
Want to know what it’s really like living in Walker Hall?

Follow the dormitory hall manager’s blog on Ranken’s website. In her blog, LaTrina Rogers talks about the daily living of a dormitory resident and posts photos of the fun activities that they participate in. Visit rankentechnicalcollege.typepad.com to follow LaTrina’s blog!

For more information or to apply for housing, call Jeremy Sutton, director of residential life at (314) 286-3671 or send an email to jwsutton@ranken.edu.
During the week of June 21, eight Ranken students attended the National SkillsUSA competition in Kansas City, Mo. The SkillsUSA Championship is the showcase for the best career and technical students in the nation. Contests begin locally and continue through the state and national levels.

This is a multi-million dollar event that occupies a space equivalent to 16 football fields. More than 5,000 contestants compete in 91 separate events. Congratulations to the following Ranken students who competed in Kansas City:

» **Dane Fletcher** placed third (bronze medal) out of 39 in Automotive Service Technology.

» **Chris Sladek** placed fifth out of 13 in Automotive Refinishing Technology.

» **Andy Mayer** placed fifth out of 15 in CNC Turning.

» The team of **Andy Jensen, Ross Graves** and **Jordan Bertels** placed fifth out of 13 in Automated Manufacturing Technology.

» **Mike Tieber**, a first year student, placed sixth out of 29 in Precision Machining Technology.

» **Jacob Lintzenich**, a first year student, placed eighth out of 24 in Carpentry.

Tom Ely, head of the Precision Machining Technology (PMT) department, attended the event as a faculty member and was very impressed with our students who competed.

“The young men we took this year exhibited the professionalism and work ethic that we strive to instill in our students,” Ely commented. “Of course everyone wants a medal, but considering that we are competing against the best in the nation, the results are proof that we are producing technicians that not only have the skill but can trouble shoot and problem solve in a high pressure competition.”

**Ranken Competes at National Level**

Photo: Dane Fletcher, 2009 AMT graduate, took home a bronze medal in automotive service technology at the national SkillsUSA competition.
Ranken Geared Up New Marketing Campaign

After months of focus groups and surveys, the Marketing department launched a new advertising campaign on July 1. Focus groups were held with current and potential students, Ranken staff and faculty, alumni, as well as high school teachers and counselors. Surveys were also administered, soliciting feedback from our various audiences. Based on feedback, the new campaign uses more “active” photography and parent and instructor testimonials. Our job placement rates are highlighted as well as the fact that Ranken is the place to get training for a life-long career students will love. These both were factors very important to the potential students who were interviewed.

Fifteen new radio ads, the most ever produced at one time at Ranken, address not only technical day school programs, but also BSAM, evening school options, and campus life. Radio ads can be heard on several different local stations such as 100.3 The Beat, 105.7 The Point, Z107.7, Hot 104.1, 97.1 FM Talk, Magic 104.9, 93.7 The Bull, KSHE 95, 106.5 The Arch and WIL 92.3.

Listen to our new radio ads by following this link: www.ranken.edu/media/advertising/0910radio.htm

There are also seven new billboards around the St. Louis Metro area, St. Charles and Illinois. As always, our outdoor advertising features all actual Ranken students, alumni and/or instructors.

View our new outdoor advertising by following this link: www.ranken.edu/media/advertising/0910outdoor.htm.
For five weeks this summer, approximately 40 middle and high school students from the St. Louis Metro area were on Ranken’s campus. The students participated in a summer session presented by Hi-Tech Charities (HTC), a Missouri community development corporation that works with students through TRiO, a federally funded program. During the five weeks participants took core courses in basic and advanced level curriculum concepts including: science, foreign language(s), math and communication arts.

The participants used several rooms in the Rodenheiser building for workshops and academic and social enrichment activities. Part of the program, entitled Education Talent Search, is a TRiO program that provides comprehensive support and service to middle and high school students from families of modest income and from backgrounds that may not adequately prepare them for college. Students receive tutoring in areas of academic weakness and advising in academic and non-academic areas.

Ranken Hosts Hi-Tech Summer Session

New Distance Learning Opportunities!

Ranken is now partnering with two industry leaders in distance learning, ed2go/Gatlin and JER online. Our non-credit distance learning options help the region’s workforce gain new skills or brush up on old ones. Course content is varied and ranges from bookkeeping and accounting to foreign languages and web design. All courses are offered online. Here are just a few of the career categories offering online courses:

» Business and Professional   » Skilled Trades and Industrial
» IT and Software Development  » Media and Design
» Green Education, Sustainability   » Management and Corporate

To view all the online courses and training programs we offer, go to www.ranken.edu. Click on “Non Credit Distance Learning.” If you or anyone you know could benefit from these opportunities, please contact the Continuing Education office at (314) 286-4817.
Ranken License Plates Now Available for Missouri Drivers

The Ranken Technical College vehicle license plate is now available through the Missouri Department of Revenue (MDOR)!

You may go to http://dor.mo.gov/mvdl/motorv/plates/#preview to see the actual plate and test your personal message. This plate is a great opportunity for all Ranken Missouri supporters to introduce their neighbors to Ranken.

Missouri is moving to a new plate design so everyone will be required to purchase new plates over the next year. This is a great opportunity to increase recognition for Ranken. The entire order process takes about six weeks and temporary plates are available if needed. A minimum donation of $25 buys the state approved Emblem Use Authorization Form required for ordering and is available through the Development office. We hope you will consider supporting Ranken in this way.

For more on this process, you may go to http://dor.mo.gov/mvdl/motorv/licplate.htm or http://dor.mo.gov/mvdl/motorv/renewing.htm or contact the Development office at (314) 286-4865.

Plate ordering steps are as follows:

1. Purchase Emblem Use Authorization from Rose Crawford in the Development office by calling (314) 286-4865. ($25 tax deductible minimum donation is required).
2. Complete the Personalized and Specialty Plate Application Form 1716 (also available from Rose).
3. Configure your plate message on Form 1716 or let the state send you their choice.
4. Complete your usual, annual registration and renewal forms you received from MDOR.
5. Deliver all original forms to your local Missouri State License Office (where you want your plate mailed) including $15 for Form 1716 and other annual renewal fees.
6. Process takes six weeks. Pick up your plates. Show your Ranken Red Pride!
The Grainger Foundation recently selected Ranken Technical College to receive a “Community Impact Grant” in the amount of $12,000. The grant will be used for the benefit of four programs:

- Facility improvements
- Support for hearing impaired students
- Job fairs
- Ranken Community Development Corporation (RCDC)

The check was presented on May 7 by Doug Coleman, branch manager of the downtown St. Louis branch of W.W. Grainger. “After visiting Ranken and learning about the programs, I felt strongly that the College was worthy of the Foundation’s support,” said Coleman. Zack Adams and Todd Dietrich, both of whom work on the Ranken account at Grainger, were also both strong advocates for the grant to be awarded to Ranken. This is the first year that the St. Louis branch was able to participate in the expanded program.

Photo (right): Doug Coleman, branch manager of the downtown St. Louis branch of W.W. Grainger (right) presents a check to Tony Pisciotta, major gifts director.

If you or your company are interested in supporting one of Ranken’s programs, please contact our Development Office at (314) 286-3674.
Bridgestone-Firestone Donates to AMT

Each year Bridgestone-Firestone donates funds to the Automotive Maintenance Technology program at Ranken. The donations are used to assist with the purchase of equipment and supplies to help maintain the overall excellence of the program, which directly benefits students. Thank you to Bridgestone-Firestone for this year’s contribution of $15,000!

Pictured L-R: Paul Bajier, assistant district manager, Firestone Complete Auto Care, St. Louis District; Dan Kania, Automotive department chair; Matt Metzelaars, recruiting and retention manager, Bridgestone Retail Operations, Chicago Zone Office and Tony Pisciotta, director of major gifts.

JM&A Presents $50,000 Check

On Wednesday, July 22 two members from JM&A visited campus to present Ranken’s President, Stan Shoun, with a check in the amount of $50,000. The check is the second installment of the $250,000 pledge they made to Ranken last year. The company’s gift will be used to develop an endowed scholarship fund that benefits students in the automotive program.

Pictured L-R: John T. Pfalz, director of customer service (JM&A Group); Stan Shoun, president (Ranken) Michael D. Pritchard, vice president for operations (JM&A Group) and Tim Willard, vice president for development (Ranken).
Ranken Partners With YTEC

The Youth Technology & Education Center (YTEC) in St. Louis helps to positively impact the lives of children from underserved communities by offering a variety of programs designed to help them improve their academic performance. One program offered is the YTEC Summer Learning Camp which is designed to help students avoid academic loss over the summer. The five week program offers a unique educational experience that includes math, science, computer literacy, foreign language and fine arts, just to name a few.

This year, Ranken’s architecture division was invited to take part in the eighth grade program by developing an architectural academy. Approximately 15 students visited campus each day to learn basic design principles, sketching, rendering, spatial relationships, Auto-CAD and model building. Each faculty member in the department donated their time by participating in teaching and also by taking the students on field trips to Alberici, Washington University, the RCDC homes and the St. Louis Art Museum. Students also had the opportunity to hear guest speakers who are architects in the area. Speakers included Cecilia Washington, a 2009 ART graduate who is working at Proctor and Gamble; Tebogo Schultz, architect and vice president of the National Organization of Minority Architects-St. Louis Chapter; Melissa Kreishman, architect; and Randy Rhodes, an architect at McCormick Barron Salazar.

“Most of the students came into this program not knowing anything about architecture and not really having an interest in it,” said Missy Borchardt, ART instructor. “I hope we have helped to change that.”

Photo: Cecilia Washington, a 2009 ART graduate speaks with the YTEC students about her experiences working at Proctor and Gamble.
For Xavier Hill and Bruce Breeland, the experience did pique their interest in the field of architecture.

“I really liked doing the sketching and free-hand drawings,” said Hill, a 14-year old student from Pattonville.

“I liked using the more advanced technology and learning Auto-CAD,” said Breeland, a 13-year old student at St. Angela Merici.

On their last day of the camp, the ART department held a reception and presented each student with a certificate of completion. To see more photos of the program, visit Ranken’s MySpace, Facebook or Flickr pages.
New Welding and Fabrication Lab to Open in January 2010

Beginning in spring 2010, Ranken will offer a new Welding and Fabrication Technology program. The program will now include foundation courses in flux core, gas tungsten arc welding, gas metal arc welding and stick, as well as specialties in structural fabrication, chassis fabrication and advanced welding techniques. Students will now be able to decide on what welding career goals they have before a training path is determined.

A brand new, high-tech lab is being built in the Mary Ann Lee Technology Center and should be completed by January 2010.

2009-2010 Ranken Calendar

Thank you to all the Ranken alumni who sent in entries for the upcoming car and campus calendar. More than 30 entries were received which included classics, race cars, street rods and motorcycles.

The 2009-2010 Car and Campus Calendar will be available in October. Please contact Kathy Fern at (314) 289-4895 or ktfern@ranken.edu to purchase your copy!
Vice President Honored for Fundraising Activity

The St. Louis regional chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) has chosen Ranken Technical College’s Dr. Timothy Willard as the 2009 recipient of the “Outstanding Fundraising Executive Award” for his contribution to the St. Louis community.

Willard has been part of the Ranken community for eight years. At the College he leads a team of development professionals, who in the last few years have overseen a highly successful $10 million capital campaign in conjunction with the celebration of the College’s 100th anniversary. That campaign achieved 110% of its goal, making it the most successful campaign in the history of the College.

Diane Ludwig, director of development for the Walker Scottish Rite Clinic for Childhood Language Disorders, nominated Willard for the award.

“Whether in his own institution, his profession, his community, or his personal life, Tim is the total philanthropic professional, always teaching others the joy of giving,” said Ludwig. “Thanks to his achievements, new buildings and dorms will enhance the campus and change students’ lives for years to come.”

Willard will be honored at an AFP luncheon on National Philanthropy day, November 19, 2009.

Become a member of the David Ranken, Jr. Legacy Society

To encourage others to follow in the footsteps of David Ranken, Jr., the College has formed the Legacy Society to recognize those who have made a provision in their estate to support Ranken. Gifts can be made in various ways and the type and size of the gift is not a factor in determining membership. Members receive an invitation to the Legacy Society Luncheon, recognition in the annual report and other benefits.

Gifts can be made in the following forms:

» Bequests
» Trusts
» Life Insurance
» Gift Annuities
» IRAs
» 401Ks and 403Bs
» Wills

For more information, contact Tony Pisciotta, major gifts director at (314) 286-3621 or via email at avpisciotta@ranken.edu.
Summer Fun on Campus

This summer, Ranken’s new President, Stan Shoun, initiated two events to help build employee morale and bring some fun to campus while the students were gone. The first event was a “beach party” held on July 1 on the Finney lawn. Employees enjoyed lunch and could have their photo taken with the “Big Kahuna.”

The second event was held on Tuesday, August 11 and all employees were invited to enter a recipe into the first annual “Ranken Roadkill Cook Off.” There were more than 25 entries that were competing to win first prize, which included four tickets to a St. Louis Cardinals baseball game and a half-day off work. Each entry was judged on taste and presentation, and the winners were announced at the annual faculty meeting. Congratulations to the following cook off winners:

» First Place: Admissions Team
» Second Place: HVACR Team
» Third Place: Automotive Team

In addition to the tickets donated by a local attorney, Steve Meyerkord, the first place team also received a traveling trophy to display in their office. The second place winner received cookbooks and the third place finisher received several bottles of Tums.
On Tuesday, July 7, members of a local ROMEO club visited campus and spent part of the day at the Mary Ann Lee Technology Center. The ROMEO Club is a group of car enthusiasts from all walks of life. Most of the members are retired and get together every Tuesday.

The group was invited to campus by Steve Davenport, an instructor in the HPRT department, whose father is a member of the group. Davenport gave the group a tour of the HPRT shop, a description of the courses that Ranken offers and also gave them a brief version of Ranken’s history.

Though none were alumni, most members knew of someone that had graduated from Ranken. After lunch, Kathy Fern, director of alumni relations, spoke with the group and handed out items for them to take home. The group had the opportunity to run one of the member’s cars on the chassis dyno and were also able to watch a student’s rebuilt engine on the engine dyno.

“I think they all had a really good time being here and seeing our facilities,” said Davenport. “They asked a lot of questions and seemed really impressed by what we have to offer our students.”

“I think its a great opportunity for both sides. They get to spend the day doing what they love and then they will leave and hopefully tell their friends and family what Ranken has to offer.”
Meet the Walker Hall Resident Advisors

With the increased number of students living on campus, Walker Hall added a second Resident Advisor (RA) position this year. Take the opportunity to meet our two new RAs!

» Jaryd Patton
Program: Precision Machining Technology (PMT)
Expected graduation date: May 2010
Hometown: Jacksonville, Illinois
High School: Jacksonville High School
Other school activities: Member of the student ambassador program and a tutor in the Student Achievement Center.
Hobbies: Restoring classic cars, trucks and tractors; weight lifting; running; and creating things with my hands.

Furthest I’ve traveled: Honduras
Favorite sport to watch: Any college sport
Favorite sport to play: Church league softball
Favorite color: Chrome
Favorite TV show: The Andy Griffith Show
Favorite movie: Gone In 60 Seconds
Dream vacation: Germany to drive on the Autobahn
Dream job: A well paid Mechanical Engineer
Why did you choose Ranken?: I was impressed by Ranken’s set up such as work ethic and the amount of hands-on training.
Favorite thing about Ranken: The amount of time we spend doing hands-on training.
Plans after graduation: Pursue a career in precision machining and potentially continue school for a degree in mechanical engineering.
» Anthony Doss

Program: Electrical Automation Technology
Expected graduation date: May 2010
Hometown: St. Louis, Missouri
Pets: Two dogs (Cortez and Nikki)
High School: Cardinal Ritter College Prep
Other school activities: Member of the student ambassador program and a student worker for Ranken’s maintenance department.
Hobbies: Sports, video games, music and song writing

Furthest I’ve traveled: California
Favorite sport to watch: Basketball
Favorite sport to play: Basketball
Favorite color: Red
Favorite TV show: Family Guy and King of the Hill
Dream job: Being a D.J.
Dream vacation spot: Africa
Why did you choose Ranken?: Heard of Ranken’s great electrical program. Was always interested in electricity and how it works.
Favorite thing about Ranken: The great instructors
Plans after graduation: Live in Chicago working as an electrician or traveling the world as a D.J.
Eighteen Students Helped by STEM

Last May, Ranken received a four-year grant worth $581,636 from the National Science Foundation. With this grant Ranken will be able to award scholarships annually for the next four academic years to students majoring in four technical disciplines - Architecture, Information Technology, Precision Machining and Manufacturing.

The College formed a STEM Scholarship Committee that was tasked with accepting the scholarship applications and determining who would be awarded the scholarships. The first year of the grant allowed the College to award up to $90,000 to qualified students. The committee received a total of 35 applications that were reviewed. In July twenty-one students were awarded the STEM scholarship in amounts ranging from $500 up to $10,000 based on financial need, grades, letters of recommendation and their written essays.

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded this scholarship:

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With help from generous donors, Ranken is able to offer students more than 50 scholarship, grant and loan options.

To learn more about your financial options or to get a copy of our scholarship information guide, contact the Financial Aid office at (314) 286-4866.
On Thursday, June 18, several Ranken staff members made the trip to Red Bud Industries in Red Bud, Ill., to present Eric Becker with the Red Bud Industries scholarship. Red Bud Industries established the $5,000 scholarship for Ranken students to honor the company’s 50th anniversary. The goal of the scholarship is to help the company remain a leader in their industry by helping the next generation of local students gain the skills necessary to build world class equipment for a global economy. The scholarship will be awarded annually to a student that has been accepted for admission to Ranken and first preference will be given to students who graduate from Red Bud High School, or Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School in Evansville, Ill. Students must also be enrolled full-time in one of the following degree programs: Control Systems Technology (CST), Electrical Systems Design Technology (ESDT), Electrical Automation Technology (EAT), Industrial Technology (INT) or Precision Machining Technology (PMT).

Becker began the INT program in August and is a graduate of Central Community High School in Breese, Ill.

Red Bud Industries was started in 1959 by Ken Voges as a small machine shop and has grown into one of the most respected manufacturers of coil processing equipment in the world. Their equipment can be found in 37 states in the U.S. and 14 other countries around the world.
Scholarships Recently Awarded to Ranken Students:

**Distinguished Achievement Award**
This scholarship opportunity is open to all students who have successfully completed one year at Ranken.

» Nathan Allen Automotive Maintenance Technology  
» Jean Fancote Carpentry & Building Construction  
» Brooke Henderson Information Technology  
» Jarrod Jones Electrical Automation Technology  
» Jason Scharf Architectural Technology  
» Kenneth Scholl Information Technology

**President’s Scholarship**
This scholarship is awarded annually to new students in the fall semester. The amount varies depending on the number of scholarships awarded.

» Adam Cange Precision Machining Technology  
» Ashleigh Tepen Automotive Maintenance Technology  
» Kaleb Connoyer Automotive Maintenance Technology  
» Eric Spangler Control Systems Technology  
» Tim Lammert Information Technology

**SkillsUSA Scholarship**
Ranken awards this scholarship to students who place at the district competition held on campus.

» Jacob Cullen Automotive Collision Repair Technology  
» Johnathan Vanover Precision Machining Technology  
» Levi Cunningham Precision Machining Technology  
» Anthony Beisel Automotive Maintenance Technology  
» Zachary Blackwood Architectural Technology  
» Bryan Naes Automotive Collision Repair Technology  
» Alexander Schmitt Electrical Automation Technology
Tops as Tech
Ranken awards this scholarship to incoming students who received this award given by North County and South County Technical High Schools.
» Nick Wiltse  Industrial Technology
» Bryan Naes  Automotive Collision Repair Technology

Continental Tire North America
Continental Tire donated money to be awarded to a Ranken student to live in Walker Hall.
» Joshua Jones  Information Technology

Open House Scholarship
During each open house, attendees have the opportunity to enter to win a $500 or $1,000 scholarship.
» Gregory Merrell  Architectural Technology

St. Mary’s High School Scholarship
This scholarship is awarded to incoming students from St. Mary’s High School in St. Louis.
» Joseph Rolfi  Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration
» Aaron Pruett  Automotive Maintenance Technology
» Richard Schmidtman  Information Technology
» Brandon Eatherton  Information Technology

If you or your business are interested in offering a scholarship to students at Ranken, please contact our Vice President for Development, Tim Willard, at (314) 286-3674.
Scholarships Recently Awarded to Ranken Students (continued)

**Dana Brown Charitable Trust**

The Dana Brown Charitable Trust awarded a grant to Ranken to provide two scholarships in the amount of $14,226 each.

» Eric Wood  
  Automotive Collision Repair Technology

» Scott Gamm  
  Control Systems Technology

**J. Nasheed Scholarship**

This is a one-time scholarship awarded by State Representative J. Nasheed to a Ranken student of her choice.

» Yaser Salameh  
  Automotive Maintenance Technology

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Students Can Now Use Their A+ Scholarship Money at Ranken!
In mid-May, Ranken’s Marketing department distributed the press release below regarding our extraordinary 98% placement rate for graduates within six months of graduation:

Despite challenging unemployment numbers in many job markets, there are some careers that don’t disappear, even in an economic climate like the one we’re facing. Careers in the HVAC, precision machining and electrical fields, for instance, are still going strong. Graduates from Ranken’s two-year associate degree program enjoy excellent job placement rates, usually with more jobs available than there are graduates.

“We have so many companies wanting to hire our students, we have to turn them away,” says Steve Swenson, head of the College’s Electrical division. “Some companies want to hire the entire graduating class. These graduates are in a great position to launch successful careers.”

“Careers in automotive maintenance, heating and cooling and industrial technology are not going to disappear,” says former College President, Ben Ernst. “You can’t outsource your car repair, or the maintenance of your facility’s machinery. There’s always going to be a need for skilled technicians to keep businesses running. That’s why 98% of our students have a job in their fields within six months of graduation. And many of them have a job even before they walk out our door.”

Since 1907, Ranken Technical College has served the St. Louis region by providing skilled labor through hands-on, state-of-the-art training in a variety of technical disciplines. Ranken prepares students for successful careers in their chosen technical fields by placing emphasis on technical training, general education and professionalism.

In response to the press release, Channel 4 News visited campus to interview President Stan Shoun. The piece ran on Larry Connors’ “Good News 4 a Change” segment. Watch the video by visiting this link: http://www.kmov.com/video/?z=y&nvid=366143&shu=1
Welcome to the following new employees:

» Jean Endres
  Administrative Assistant (Education) 6/10

» Kim Castleman
  Administrative Assistant (Education) 6/22

» June Poletti
  Administration Assistant (Cont. Ed.) 6/29

» Ron Paul
  Maintenance 7/1

» Matt Davis
  Shift Leader (Bookstore) 7/6

» David Parchim
  Public Safety Director (evening shift) 8/3

» Josephine West
  Admissions Counselor 8/10

» Steve Chapman
  PMT Instructor 8/10

» James McNichols
  Carpentry Instructor 8/20

» Mike Bosick
  PMT Instructor (evening school) 8/24

» Michael Short
  Adjunct Instructor (BSAM) 8/24

» John Hamilton
  Adjunct Instructor (BSAM) 8/24

» Rachel Zimand
  Adjunct Instructor (English) 8/24

» Colleen McKee
  Adjunct Instructor (English) 8/24

» Keith Morton
  Adjunct Instructor (English) 8/24

» Dan Willmann
  Adjunct Instructor (ACR) 8/24

» Steve Bunning
  INT Instructor (evening school) 8/24

» Brian Chisnell
  HVACR Instructor (evening school) 8/24

» Mark Hawkins
  HVACR Instructor (evening school) 8/24

» Mary Menke
  Communications Instructor 8/24

» Bob Paynter
  Electrical Instructor (evening school) 8/24

» Michael Short
  BSAM Instructor 8/24

» Eric Smith
  AMT Instructor (evening school) 8/24

» Kyle Vann
  IT Instructor (evening school) 8/24

» Ron Vaughn
  IT Instructor (evening school) 8/24

» Roy Gillespie
  Electrical Automation Instructor 8/31
Congratulations to the following employees who recently received a promotion:

Tom Ely was recently promoted to the Precision Machining Technology department head. Tom replaced Jared Piel who left to pursue an opportunity at Red Bud High School. Tom began employment at Ranken as a machine shop instructor in 1983 and has been the assistant department head of the PMT department since 1991. Tom has a bachelor of science degree in management from National-Louis University and a diploma in machine shop technology from Ranken.

Tameka Herrion was recently promoted to director of the TRiO program. She replaced Crystal Herron who accepted the position of dean of academic affairs. Tameka began her employment at Ranken as an academic coordinator in the TRiO program in 2005. She was formerly the director of educational programs with Touchdown Enterprises, an admissions representative with UMSL, an admissions counselor at SEMO, and served as a graduate assistant - peer mentor program coordinator at SEMO. Tameka holds a master of arts degree in higher education and a bachelor of science degree in health management from Southeast Missouri State University.
1950s
Rholand Lange (1952 Mechanical Drafting) currently lives in Brigham City, Utah where he moved in 1958.

Wilbert Sackman (1958 Plumbing) is still doing plumbing repairs in the Sackman Plumbing business he started in 1963. His son, Mark Sackman, graduated in 1980 from the Heating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration program and joined the business.

Clifton Simpson (1972 HVAC) was CEO and a paramedic for United Life Care Ambulance in Robinson, Ill. for 31 years.

1970s
Dan Martin (1970 AMT) retired from UPS after more than 30 years and now owns a Corvette restoration business. Dan lives in New Braunfels, Texas.

Roger A. Pierjok (1971 PMT) has been self employed and owner of RAPCO Services for 35 years. He also owns and operates RAPCO Custom Fabrications, and RAPCO Building Products & Supply Company in Richview, Ill.

Michael Quinn (1973 ACR) is employed by Boeing in St. Louis, Mo. as a material handler specialist.

Steve Wilcox (1977 INEET) is currently employed with Siemens & Automation as a sales/account manager.

1980s
Matthew Zykan (1980 CRP) has been employed with Boeing for 12 years in prototype manufacturing.

James Foster (1984 ART) is currently employed with S.J. Hollander Architects as a project architect.

Jerry Carlson (1985 AMT) is currently employed by Afton Chemical in Richmond, Va., as an OEM Technician. He has been married to his wife Terri for 19 years and they have two teenagers, Jerry and Jenny.
David Sperber (1987 Communications Electronics) is employed by Wells Fargo Advisors as a PBX technician.

Robbie Lindhorst (1988 Diesel) has been an instructor at Southeastern Illinois College for the past nine years.

1990s

Daniel Frailey (1990 IEET) is employed by Lyondell Basell Chemical in Tuscola, Ill., as an instrument technician.

Arvelton Williams (1991 Stationary Engineer) is currently employed by Colliers Turley Martin Tucker in St. Louis in HVAC maintenance. He has returned to a community college and is majoring in music.

Dan Hoelscher (1992 AMT) has been employed at Oliver C. Joseph in Belleville, Ill., for 16 years.

Scott Haas (1992 HVAC) is self-employed and has owned his own business in Belleville, Ill., for 9 years.

Michael Kirn (1995 ART) has been an IT manager employed with CRB Consulting Engineers for 14 years.

Robert McDermott (1996 AMT) is employed by Ed Napleton Honda in St. Peters, Mo., as a technician.

Doug Dankenbring (1997 ART) is employed by Fulford Homes in O’Fallon, Ill., as an estimator/designer and lives in Bethalto, Ill.

Gregg Lindsey (1997 ACR) is currently a painter for X2 Collision in Maryville, Ill.

Tim Leuther (1997 Stationary Engineer) has been a maintenance mechanic with the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District for 18 years.

James Ashlock (1997 INEET) has been serving in the U.S. Air Force for 10 years and is stationed at Whiteman AFB.

James Lentz (1998 CNT) is currently a network technician employed with Computer Services Professionals Inc., and has been employed there for 11 years.

Daniel Deloss (1999 CNT) is currently a business leader employed with MasterCard in O’Fallon, Mo.

Scott Daniels (1999 CNT) is employed by Edward Jones Investments in Tempe, Ariz., as a senior network analyst and resides in Queen Creek, Ariz.
2000s
Jacob Fiehler (2000 CST) is currently a service technician for Motor Control Specialties in Maryland Heights, Mo.

Neil Fick (2000 ART) is currently an assistant chief in commercial inspections for St. Louis County and recently completed his master's degree in Communications with an emphasis in training and development at Lindenwood University.

Dustin Hodge (2001 IEET) has been employed by IBEW local 649 out of Alton, Ill., as a journey wireman for six years.

Brian Zuchek (2001 PMT) has been employed by Bachman Machine as a tool and die maker for eight years.

Corey C. Spencer (2002 ART) was recently engaged to Leslie Winters. The couple plan to wed this October.


Jesse Thole (2003 IEET) is employed by Oakley Services in Okawville, Ill., as an electrician.

David Lieu (2004 AMT) is employed by Dave Mungenast Lexus of St. Louis as a senior service technician.

Rebecca Krueger (2004 CNT) was married to Landon Horton in May 2009. Rebecca is employed by Logan College of Chiropractic and the couple resides in Bonne Terre, Mo.

Brian Whitehead (2005 AMT) is employed by Bommarito Honda as a technician.

James Akin (2005 INT) is employed by the Ritz-Carlton in Clayton, Mo., as an engineer.

Ryan Steinacher (2006 PMT) is employed by Cope Plastics, Inc., as an NC operator.

Anthony Berger (2007 IT) is currently employed by Enterprise Rent-A-Car as a support analyst, fleet administration support, in the Technical Support Center in Clayton, Mo.

Jonathan Steinkamp (2007 EAT) is employed by Continental Tire North American in Mt. Vernon, Ill., as an electrical technician.
Curtis Johnson (PMT 1989, BSAM 2008) is currently employed with Ameren as a production operating engineer machinist. He is married, has a four-year-old daughter and a son on the way.

James Gurley (ESDT 2008) is an estimator for Bell Electrical Contractors.

Steve Saito (2008 AMT) is employed by Lou Fusz Toyota in St. Louis, Mo.

Steve Turner (2008 PMT) is employed by Seyer Industries in St. Peters, Mo., as a machinist.

**Alumni Memorium**

Ranken faculty and staff extends their sympathy to the families and friends of the following alumni that have passed away:

- Kurt F. Smith (1985 PMT) - September 2001
- Con L. Ward (1948 RAH), Jr. - April 2009
- John C. Kay (1937 Electrical) - May 2009
- George Bakker (1951 Electrical Maintenance) - June 2009
- Anthony (Tony) W. McLain (1984 CST) - June 2009
- Edward H.W. Boenker (1942 Maintenance Technology) - June 2009
- Todd D. Huffstutler (1987 Communications Electronics) - June 2009

To submit an alumni update, visit our website at www.ranken.edu or contact Kathy Fern, director of alumni relations.

To view a complete list of alumni class notes that have been submitted, visit our website at www.ranken.edu.
Alumni Association Offers Alumni Discounts

Just as the benefits from a Ranken education moved you forward in your career, you can now also benefit from money saving opportunities and discounts through Ranken’s Alumni Association. Alumni benefits in the form of discounts are available for various local and national products and services such as car rentals, online purchasing, tickets, flowers, portraits and much more.

Some of these benefits include:

- Ranken’s on-campus weight room is available for any alumnus who is interested in getting fit. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. The weight room is located on the ground level of the Cook building inside the Student Center and is free for your use. Please remember to sign in at the security booth.

- Trotter Photo – All Ranken alumni receive a free sitting and one free 8x10. There are four locations in the St. Louis area. Call the Alumni Relations office to get the postcard to present at the time of your sitting. For more information about Trotter Photo go to www.trotterphoto.com

- Walter Knoll Florist is now offering a 10% savings on gifts and flowers in store or online purchases; use www.wkf.com/ranken online and code word “alumni” at check out whether on-line or in person at one of their eight locations in St. Louis.

- Dobbs Tire and Auto now has a preferred customer discount program for 10% off service and 5% off tires. Contact the Alumni Relations office to get your preferred customer discount card honored at all locations.

- Enterprise Rent a Car provides the ability to rent vehicles from over 6,500 locations, 230 on-site airport locations and free pick up from home or office. To book a rental car use www.enterprise.com, enter Ranken corporate ID # 01E5123, and alumni PIN “RAN”. Enterprise Plus, a membership VIP program, is also available at www.enterprise.com/plus, sign up now, enter Ranken ID and PIN, and print temporary ID card for membership.

- Working Advantage is an online shopping program recently introduced to employees and now available to alumni that offers discounts on products and services nationally including, hotels, tickets, and department stores. Go to www.workingadvantage.com and enter the Ranken member ID code # 353161360 for instant savings.

If you own or work for a company that would be interested in providing a preferred product or volume service discounts to Ranken alumni, please contact Kathy Fern, Alumni Relations office at (314) 286-4895 or email ktfern@ranken.edu.
Gau to Present Next Alumni Entrepreneur Workshop

On Tuesday, September 22, 2009, Bob Gau, a Ranken 1960 Mechanical Drafting alumnus, will give the first Alumni Entrepreneur Workshop of the semester. Gau, who is currently the chairman of the board of the John Henry Foster Company and was honored as one of Ranken’s “Top 100 Graduates,” will describe how he started as a salesman and moved up the corporate ladder.

“Change and Challenges”
2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Mary Ann Lee Technology Center atrium (corner of Page and Newstead)
All alumni welcome! Reservations required.

If you are interested in taking part in this event, please contact Kathy Fern. For further information, please refer to www.ranken.edu.

Ranken Night at Chili’s

Join us at Chili’s on Gravois Road in Fenton, Mo., for a Ranken fun(d) night, October 19 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. All students, alumni and friends are welcome! Join other friends, classmates and their families for an enjoyable evening of networking, margaritas and Tex Mex to benefit Ranken’s programs and services. Use your Pepper Profit Voucher (required) at check out and Ranken receives a 10% return from Chili’s. Join us for this fun way to give back to Ranken!

Clip and bring with you on October 19!
Enterprise Rent-A-Car was established in St. Louis in 1957 as Executive Leasing and this location remains its world headquarters today. With 714,000 rental cars in service, 7,000 offices internationally (including the U.S., Canada, Ireland, Germany, and U.K.), and $10.1 billion in revenue, Enterprise is the largest rental car company in North America and has locations within 15 miles of 90 percent of the U.S. population. Its parent corporation, Enterprise Holdings, now includes the Enterprise, Alamo, and National brands as well as car rental, fleet management, car sales and commercial truck operations.

The company was started in the lower level of a St. Louis car dealership in 1957. Enterprise founder, Jack Taylor, and a handful of his co-workers, started a one-shop rental car company based on a simple philosophy; “Take care of your customers and employees first, and profits will follow.”

The current business model is a direct result of Jack Taylor’s simple, but powerful belief and of how that belief relates to customer satisfaction, employee development, fleet growth, and profitability. Following this model has enabled Enterprise to achieve revenue and income growth every year since inception.

Because of the model they follow and their presence on campus, Ranken graduates seek out jobs with Enterprise. The company currently employs 26 Ranken alumni in various branches and divisions. A 2007 graduate of Ranken’s IT program, Anthony Berger, has worked at Enterprise for two years. “During my time at Enterprise they have helped me gain professionalism and learn how to adapt in a corporate environment,” said Berger.

Enterprise has been a donor of the College since 1980 and has donated more than $1 million. Taylor has made two major gifts to support the HPRT program and the new Welding and Fabrication lab that will open in January 2010.

Enterprise has been ranked by BusinessWeek as one of the “50 Best Places to launch a career” for the past three years. The company also ranks in the “Top 50 Most Respected Companies in the U.S.” based on customer survey results. Enterprise has received the 2005 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award for its support of its employees working in the National Guard and Reserve. To view the entire list of awards received and to learn more about Enterprise go to http://aboutus.enterprise.com.
Alumni Spotlight

John Honerkamp’s Ranken journey began when a neighbor told him about the David Ranken, Jr. School of Mechanical Trades. Honerkamp began taking classes in 1936. During the day he took classes in Refrigeration and Air Conditioning and then he would come back for night school to study Architecture.

“Ranken changed my life. I didn’t have the greatest family life and the school offered me something that completely turned my life around,” tells Honerkamp. “I was 16 at the time and tuition was $35 per year. I couldn’t wait to get to school in the morning and hated leaving at night.”

After graduating in 1938, Honerkamp built several homes in St. Louis and then decided to join the Naval Construction Battalion. For three years during World War II, he built timber bridges and piers in the Pacific Islands.

After his stint in the Navy, Honerkamp married his wife, Marie and the couple moved to South Dakota. He spent time in the construction trade building homes and schools. Building upon his education and experience, in 1945 Honerkamp designed and built the Covered Wagon Resort located in Black Hills, S.D. For the next 28 years, Honerkamp and his wife owned and managed the day-to-day operations of the resort.

The resort grew into an 85 acre complex with a motel, three campgrounds, a mobile home park, cafe and lodge. The resort has held as many as 300 guests a night, was the first privately owned campground and the first with a heated and filtered pool in South Dakota. Honerkamp and the Covered Wagon Resort are both members of the Pioneer Hall of Fame in South Dakota.

In addition to running the resort, he designed and built a number of homes in the area, and in 1950 he designed and built the Piedmont Auditorium and the Piedmont Fire Department.

After eight children, 10 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren, Honerkamp decided to sell the resort in 1973.

“I am very thankful for the education that I got at Ranken,” said Honerkamp. “The classes I took in architecture were definitely the most helpful and influential in taking my career where it ended up going.”

Now 89 years old, Honerkamp and his wife have been married for 61 years and spend their time relaxing with their family. He hasn’t been back to campus for many years but continues to support the College through an annual donation to the Fund for Ranken.
2009/2010 Campus Calendar

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Alumni Gathering and Electrical Reunion I 17
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November 2009
Placement Testing Breakfast I 6
Veterans Day - All School Holiday I 11
Shadow-a-Tech I 19
Thanksgiving - All School Holiday I 26-27

December 2009
Automotive Shadow-a-Tech I 3
Day School Classes End I 18
Holiday Break I 24-31

January 2010
Holiday Break I 1
Spring Classes Being I 11
Martin Luther King Jr. Day - All School Holiday I 18

February 2010
Presidents’ Day - All School Holiday I 15
Placement Testing Breakfast I 25

March 2010
Spring Open House I 7
Shadow-a-Tech I 18
Spring Break - Student Holiday I 29-31

April 2010
Spring Break - Student Holiday I 1-2
Good Friday - All School Holiday I 2
Shadow-a-Tech I 8
Placement Testing Breakfast I 15
Automotive Shadow-a-Tech I 21

May 2010
Spring semester ends I 12
Memorial Day - All School Holiday I 31
Employer Breakfast

All local employers are welcome to attend this breakfast to learn more about Ranken and how you can connect with our graduates. Please contact Career Services at (314) 286-4821 to register for one of the following dates:

- Friday, October 9
- Friday, December 4

Job Fair

Contact our Career Services office at (314) 286-4821 to register to attend our fall job fair to be held on Thursday, November 5 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Take the opportunity to showcase your business to Ranken students.

Phone-a-thon

Alumni Night, Thursday, November 12, 2009 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Connect with former classmates and friends during the annual event in addition to raising money for Ranken programs. Join members of the Alumni Leadership Council for this event to benefit Ranken. Alumni volunteers welcomed. For more details contact Alumni Relations office at (314) 286-4895.

Senior Celebration

Thursday, December 3, 2009 from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Celebration and recognition of all Ranken 2009 fall graduates. All alumni invited to join the celebration wishing our new graduates well. Reservations required by calling (314) 286-4895.
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Parents: If this newsletter is addressed to your son or daughter who no longer maintains a permanent address at your home, kindly notify the Alumni Office of their new mailing address: ktfen@ranken.edu or call (314) 286-4895.