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TECHNICAL COLLEGE

FALL OPEN HOUSE - OCTOBER 23
11:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

program key

ACR | Automotive Collision Repair Technology

AMT | Automotive Maintenance Technology

AFM | Automotive Fleet Management

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

EEL | Electrical Technology

EAT | Electrical Automation Technology

ECDM | Electrical Construction Design and Management

ESDT | Electrical Systems Design Technology

HPRT | High Performance Racing Technology

FWT | Fabrication and Welding Technology

HVACR | Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Technology

INT | Industrial Technology

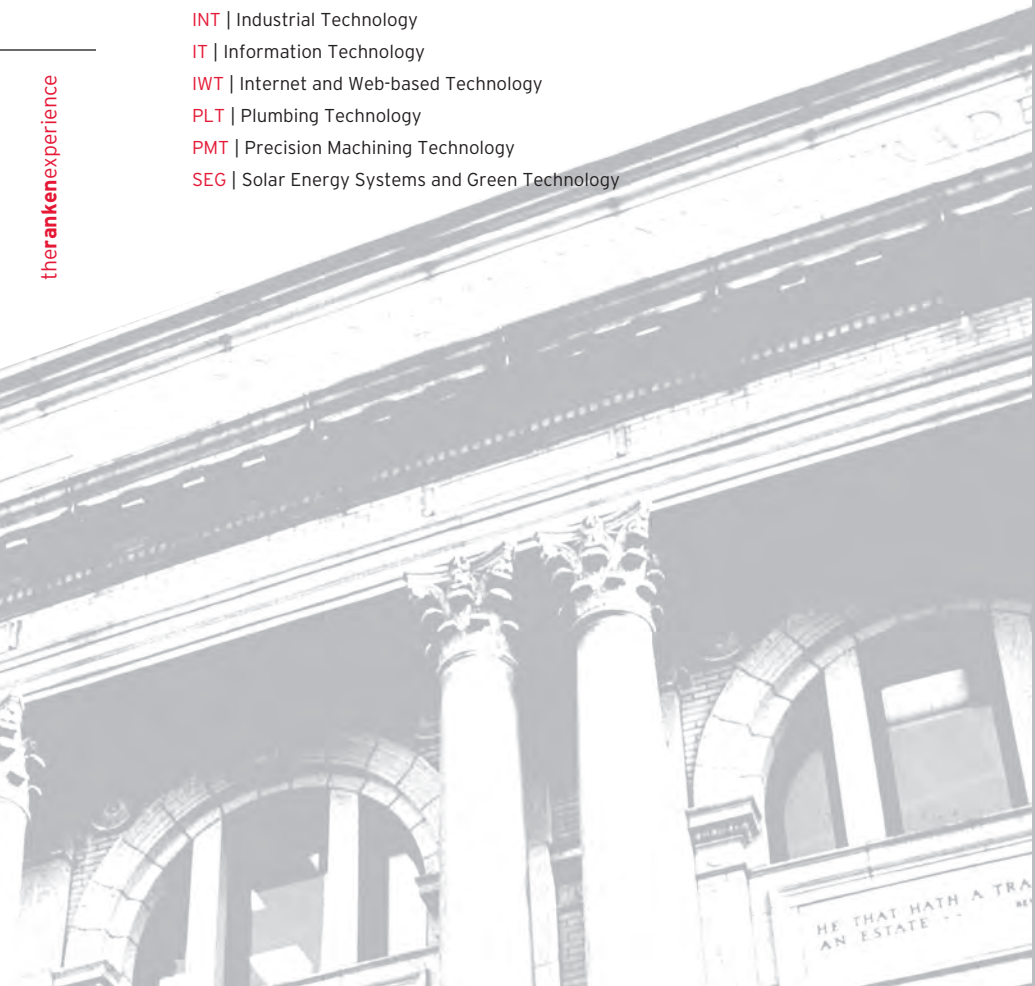
IT | Information Technology

IWT | Internet and Web-based Technology

PLT | Plumbing Technology

PMT | Precision Machining Technology

SEG | Solar Energy Systems and Green Technology





Stan Shoun, president

note from the president

The past few months have been full of exciting events and changes at Ranken. In August we held our first summer Adventure Academy and had about 100 middle-schoolers on campus for a week of fun and learning. The kids had the option to choose between seven different camps, which ranged from building and racing go-karts, to designing and manufacturing jewelry, to building and programming robots. It was really exciting to see so many young people on campus who are interested in technical fields. This camp is just one component of Ranken's mission to train the area's workforce and to fill the void of skilled technical workers.

The new charter high school, Shearwater, began classes in Alumni Hall this summer with 90 students and 12 full-time staff members. As we announced last March, Ranken is partnering with the school, which provides a second chance at a quality education to local at-risk youth who have previously dropped out of high school.

As you will read on pages 8-9, Ranken is forming various partnerships and participating in activities to support our surrounding community and build "bridges to success." We believe that providing education and training will help to put our fellow St. Louisians back to work and, in turn, stimulate our local economy.

Due to our mission, reputation and unique approach to education, we are proud to announce that this fall we welcomed the largest starting class in Ranken's history! To accommodate 1,322 day students and 796 evening school students, we have converted unused space into classrooms, created additional class sections, hired more faculty and are now running morning and afternoon classes in many areas.

As you will see on the scholarship listings (pages 18-24), many of our students are getting the opportunity of a quality, Ranken education because of the generosity of businesses and individual donors. We can't thank these donors enough for helping students and supporting the College.

As you will read, we had a very eventful summer and are now looking forward to a productive fall 2010 semester!

Ranken Holds First Summer Adventure Academy

During the week of August 2-6, 2010, approximately 100 middle-schoolers attended Ranken's first summer Adventure Academy. During the week the students were introduced to various technologies and had the opportunity to think about careers in technical fields. Each camper made a project that they were able to take home with them. Camps ranged from building and racing go-karts to constructing



Photo: Architecture instructor, Kelly Rafferty, does a demonstration for ladies in the Precision Creation Station camp.

and programming robots to designing and manufacturing jewelry. There were also two camps that were designed for young girls who are interested in technical career paths such as architecture or construction.

On the final day of camp, Friday, August 6, campers were able to invite their parents to campus for a barbecue lunch and to show off what they had worked on. "Fun Friday" events included a go-kart race and a

jewelry gallery show.

"We created this camp for middle-school aged kids because they are the future of technical careers," said Stan Shoun, president of Ranken Technical College. "Not only will we need skilled workers that are trained in the latest technologies, but there will be a huge deficit of skilled men and women when the baby-boomers start retiring in the next few years."

"The summer academy was a huge success and we plan to make it bigger and better each year. Ranken also plans to continue to create programs and degrees that will help to train the area's future workforce."

For more photos of the Adventure Academy, visit Ranken on Facebook and Flickr.



Photo: Plumbing instructor, Drew Shands, helps Avian Accommodations camper, Kassy Kerns, put the roof on her bird house.



Photo: Construction Zone: Females Working camper, Asia McCanton, shows off her birdhouse.



Photo (above): Campers in the Boot-Up Camp received lap tops to take home at the end of the week.

Photo (below): Campers in the What Makes It Tick camp designed and manufactured their own guitar clocks complete with a Ranken guitar stand.



Photo (above): Young women who attended the Precision Creation Station camp designed and manufactured their own jewelry.



Photo (above): A camper in the Racers Camp shows off his work in the paint booth.



Photo (above): Campers in the All-A-Bot Robots camp tested their robots on an obstacle course.



Photo (above): The Avian Accommodations campers show off their birdhouses.



Photo (above): Campers in the Racers Camp built race cars then raced them on "Fun Friday."



Photo (left): Campers in Construction Zone: Females Working pose next to one of the module homes they built.

New Shearwater High School Starts Classes on Ranken's Campus

On Monday, August 2, 2010, ninety students began classes at the new Shearwater High School located in the Alumni Hall building on Ranken's campus. This new partnership was announced in March with a press conference given by Stan Shoun, Ranken's president and Shearwater's CEO, Stephanie Krauss.



Photo: The new Shearwater High School holds classes in Ranken's Alumni Hall.

The new charter high school, which is sponsored by Saint Louis University, serves at-risk youth, striving to prepare them for college, work and life. The school provides a high quality education option to St. Louis youth, ages 17-21, who have dropped out or whose level of disconnection from high school makes an on-time graduation improbable.

Shearwater's RISE Model for Success provides students with an

accelerated high school education that combines paid internships with instruction on a college campus. Students also receive needed social and economic support services from local non-profits to ensure continuous engagement and success in both school and life.

School is held year-round from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., to reflect the hours of regular employment. The first half of the day is spent in the classroom with personalized instruction. The second half of the day is held at a paid internship, where students are able to generate an income and receive academic credit.

The Shearwater High School proposal was developed in consultation with several nonprofit groups that are serving as collaborative agencies, including: Youth In Need, Covenant House, Employment Connection, Epworth, Project ARK, Provident Counseling, Teach for America (St. Louis chapter), St. Patrick Center, and the United Way of Greater St. Louis.

The high school exceeded its original goal of 75 students and currently has 12 full-time employees on staff. For more information visit www.shearwatereducation.org.

TRiO Program Receives Funding for Five More Years

In a collaborative effort between Student Support Services (SSS) and the Development office, Ranken submitted an application to the Department of Education to refund the TRiO grant.

After months of waiting, Tameka Herrion, director of SSS was notified by a legislative assistant to Senator Claire McCaskill that the grant has been refunded for another five years! The program will receive \$238,476 annually totalling \$1,192,380 over the next five years.

"I'm ecstatic to know the work we've done over the past five years was good enough to earn us another grant," said Herrion. "I am even happier that I can continue to do the work I love with the students and staff at Ranken who have continually supported the program."

The federally-funded TRiO Student Support Services program is designed to help college students be successful by providing extra support, guidance and various activities.

Students may be eligible for these services if they need financial assistance to attend Ranken, if they suffer from any learning, mental or physical disability, if they are the first member of their family to go to college, or if English is not their native language.

Services that Ranken's Student Support Services office provides include the following:

- Academic Support (tutoring, academic workshops, study skills, testing skills, Individualized Educational Plans, etc)
- Financial Aid counseling
- Academic Advising
- Career and personal counseling
- Transfer assistance
- Cultural and leadership activities
- Disability accommodation assistance



Pictured L-R: Miranda Myles-Jackson, Tameka Herrion, Jovon Willis and Angela Davidson

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Ranken Building Bridges to Success

Ranken's commitment to outreach activities extends further than businesses and industries to include its neighborhood and the local community. The College is involved in many activities that meet the needs of the surrounding community. The College has worked hard for the past 35 years to focus efforts on connecting to the community in a variety of ways. Some of these efforts include:

» Hosting a new **Summer Adventure Academy** on campus (see pages 4-5)

» **Dual enrollment program** with the St. Louis Public Schools District and Construction Careers Center

The Dual Enrollment program allows qualified students to begin attending classes at Ranken for college credit during their senior year of high school. Students who qualify for the Dual Enrollment program will not have any out-of-pocket expenses during the first semester. Students who complete a semester of the program during high school will be able to complete an Associate degree at Ranken in as little as three additional semesters. The program is going very well, with seven out of nine students completing the spring 2010 semester. Ranken is now enrolling students to begin the spring 2011 semester in all majors (AMT, ACR, IT, HVACR, ART, INT, FWT, EEL) that have a January 2011 start.

» Offering career interest training at the St. Louis City **Juvenile Detention Center**

Approximately one year ago, the St. Louis City Juvenile Detention Center was awarded a grant to offer short-term career interest training to youth staying at the center. The Detention Center contacted Ranken to provide this service. Ranken instructors go to the detention center and provide rotating classes that last six to eight weeks. The goal of the classes is to spark the interest of the youth so that they may seek additional education and training after they leave detention. "The hope is that they will choose to become productive members of society rather than to keep getting in trouble and staying in the court system," said John Wood, Ranken's vice president for student success. Ranken has offered classes in automotive, carpentry, electrical, plumbing, woodworking and information technology.

» **The Ranken Community Development Corporation (RCDC)**

RCDC is a non-profit, Ranken-run organization that not only provides affordable housing to the community but also gives students real-world experience. This summer the organization celebrated the completion of its 50th home!

» Partnership with **bioMerieux**

Ranken recently partnered with bioMerieux, a French company located in Hazelwood, Mo. The company had a blood scanner product that was slated to go over-seas for assembly, but is now being assembled on campus by Ranken students. This new partnership not only keeps jobs in the United States but also gives Ranken students an on campus work opportunity.

» Partnership with the **Metropolitan Education and Training Center (MET)**

Located in Wellston, Mo., the MET Center helps individuals living in low-income communities in St. Louis become self-sufficient by providing job training, job placement, career development services and transportation.

One of the programs offered at the Center is HVACR. Individuals receive a six week course in general education and then have the option to take an additional eight to twelve week course from a Ranken HVACR instructor for additional education and training. At the end of the program, students have the option to take job placement assistance or complete a certification in the HVACR evening school program at Ranken. There are currently 15 students from the MET program completing their certification. For more information on the MET Center, visit <http://metcenterstl.com>.

» New **Shearwater High School** opened on campus (see page 6)

» Partnership with **Area Resources for Community and Human Services (ARCHS)**

ARCHS promotes education as the key to personal and professional success. ARCHS is nationally known for building collaborative public and private community partnerships that foster lifelong learning experiences that enrich the lives of the region's children and adults. Ranken is involved in ARCHS' Reentry Community Partnership which focuses on job training and life skills services for prior offenders returning to the St. Louis region. Ranken offered short-term training in welding and automotive to individuals in this program. At the end of the program, participants had the opportunity to take part in a graduation ceremony where they received a certificate of completion and ARCHS also helped to place them in jobs in the St. Louis area. For more information about the ARCHS organization, visit www.stlarchs.org.

Ranken Accepts Donation to Further Hybrid Training Program

On June 1, 2010 Ranken representatives were in O'Fallon, Ill. to accept the donation of a 2007 Ford Escape Hybrid SUV.

The vehicle was donated to the College by Esurance Insurance Services, Inc. (Esurance). Tom Bozeman, a Ranken alumnus and a representative of Esurance, which is an online insurance company, facilitated the donation of his former company vehicle. Ranken will use



Photo: John Wood, Ranken's vice president for student success, accepts the car from Tom Bozeman, Esurance representative and Ranken alumnus.

the vehicle for training purposes in the hybrid technology portion of its automotive maintenance technology curriculum.

Bozeman has long-standing ties to Ranken, as he graduated from The Automotive Collision Technology program in 1975, and his father, Thomas Bozeman, also graduated from the College's Precision Machining Technology program in 1946. "Ranken

really prepared me to start and run my own collision repair shop in O'Fallon and Belleville Ill., Tom's Auto Body." said Bozeman.

Vice President for Student Success John Wood was on hand to accept the donation. "This donation is going to be an asset to the College, allowing our students access to the latest in hybrid technology, and keeping them on the cutting-edge of technical education." Wood said.



A new sign recently designed for the Mary Ann Lee Technology Center reflects the new advertising campaign also seen on billboards throughout the Metro Area.

College Introduces New Programs

- Cisco Security Certification Course

The Continuing Education & Workforce Development department is now offering a Cisco Security certification course. This course is held on campus, two evenings per week, Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Classes began on August 23. The cost is \$750 for the six credit-hour course plus a \$250 exam fee.

CNT305C CCNA Security validates associate-level knowledge and skills required to secure Cisco networks. With a CCNA Security certification, a network professional demonstrates the skills required to develop a security infrastructure, recognize threats and vulnerabilities to networks, and mitigate security threats. The CCNA Security curriculum emphasizes core security technologies, installation, troubleshooting and monitoring of network devices to maintain integrity, confidentiality and availability of data and devices, and competency in the technologies that Cisco uses in its security structure.

Students need to have a valid CCNA or have completed CCNA academy training prior to taking the course and will receive a certificate upon successful completion.

If you have any questions about the course, please contact Charles Corrigan, Information Technology department head, at (314) 286-4848.

- Fleet Management Certificate Program

The Continuing Education department is now also offering a Fleet Management certificate program which began on Wednesday, August 25. These courses are held on campus, one evening per week. Students in this program learn about fleet management principles and best practices from multiple organizational perspectives.

Copies of the flyer and schedule which details the program are available in the Admissions office.

Program courses include:

- MNG3010 Professional Skills Development (began August 25, 2010)
- MNG3011 Vehicle Maintenance Management (begins October 20, 2010)
- MNG3012 Risk & Asset Management (begins January 12, 2011)
- MNG3013 Business Management (begins March 9, 2011)

Students can successfully complete two of the above courses for a Certified Automotive Fleet Supervisor (CAFS) certificate or all four courses for a Certified Automotive Fleet Manager (CAFM) certificate.

All questions about this program should be directed to the Continuing Education office at (314) 286-4817 or Dan Kania, Automotive division head, at (314) 286-4834.

Ranken Participates in Community Science Day at Science Center

At the end of May, Ranken participated in the "Community Science Day" held at the St. Louis Science Center. Al Davenport, automotive instructor, spent the day at the event showing off an "Allis G"



Photo: Al Davenport gets the tractor ready to take to the Science Center.

battery-powered tractor, which was developed and adapted with the help of students and instructors in the Precision Machining Technology and Automotive Maintenance Technology departments.

The all-electric farming tractor was constructed in conjunction with an area farm focused on organic and sustainable farming and was a big hit at the event. Guests could read about the process of constructing the

tractor while also checking out the electrical "guts" of the vehicle and could also take turns starting it up.

The tractor will be donated to the Community Garden at La Vista (www.lavistacsa.org) in Godfrey, Ill.

DID YOU KNOW WE NOW OFFER A GREEN TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM?

» Solar Energy Systems and "Green" Technology

Ranken is dedicated to training students with the most up-to-date technology and equipment. "Green" technology is the wave of the future and Ranken is providing students with the necessary skills to stay on the edge of this new revolution in sustainable energy. As of January 2010, the Ranken Continuing Education department now offers a one-year certificate program in Solar Energy Systems and Green Technology.

The courses are held on campus two evenings per week. Classes include Introduction to Solar Photovoltaic Systems, Grid Tied and Hybrid Solar



Photovoltaic Systems, Solar Hot Water Installation and Rainwater Systems Design. Please contact the Admissions office for an application and enrollment information or check out our website at www.ranken.edu.

Grainger Donation Helps Launch Summer Adventure Academy

The Grainger Foundation, located in Lake Forest, Ill., donated \$15,000 to Ranken Technical College in support of its mission to provide comprehensive education and training necessary to prepare students for employment and advancement in a variety of technical fields.

"This donation will provide start-up funding for the first year of our new Adventure Academy," said Stan Shoun, president, Ranken Technical College. "The skills taught at the Academy are the foundation of many



Pictured L-R: Don Pohl, vice president of education, (Ranken); Todd Dietrich, government district sales manager (W.W. Grainger); Doug Coleman, St. Louis branch manager (W.W. Grainger); Stan Shoun, president (Ranken); Timothy Willard, vice president of development (Ranken) and John Wood, vice president of student success (Ranken).

technical careers and we believe the experience will help inspire young people in our community to become leaders in their chosen profession. We are grateful to The Grainger Foundation for its generosity." (For more on the Adventure Academy, see pages 4-5).

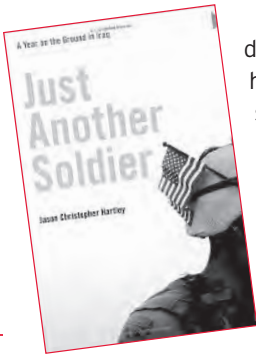
This donation was recommended by Doug Coleman, Branch Manager of W.W. Grainger, Inc.'s downtown St. Louis location. Grainger has been a part of the St. Louis business community for

more than 70 years as the leading broad line supplier of maintenance, repair, and operating products. "We are proud to recommend the programs offered by Ranken Technical College," said Coleman. "The objective of this particular program is to help younger students explore certain skills and offers a unique educational alternative for summer activities. We realize the importance of providing educational opportunities to the students who will someday comprise our future workforce."

The Grainger Foundation, established in 1949 by William Wallace Grainger, founder of W.W. Grainger, Inc., has provided substantive support to a broad range of organizations including museums and educational, medical, and human services institutions.

English Class Gets Unique Lesson in Reflective Writing

On Thursday, September 2, about 75 English Composition 1 students had the opportunity to participate in a web conference with author and U.S. soldier, Jason Christopher Hartley. Students were first introduced to Hartley's work in their textbook which includes an essay from his book, "Just Another Soldier."



Patsy Zettler, English teacher and general education department chair for English, communications and humanities, thought it would be interesting for the students to hear from Hartley first hand. She found his blog and contacted him about doing the web chat.

"I really wanted the students to see that to write something great, it doesn't have to be perfect," said Zettler. "Reflective writing is just writing very honestly about something you feel really strongly about. I thought this was a great example to show the students a guy, just like them, writing very successfully."

Hartley's book is a compilation of essays that were written as part of a blog he started in 2003 to describe his time as a soldier in the United States Army. The original intent of the blog was to keep Hartley's friends and family up-to-date while his Army National Guard unit was serving in Iraq. In his blog he was extremely honest and gave very candid accounts of what his unit was going through. After five months, the blog was shut down by the Army but Hartley continued to write, sending his stories out to a private emailing list. He later resurrected the blog, this time at the address www.justanothersoldier.com, only to be shut down again by the Army. This time he was also punished and demoted.

During the live video chat, Hartley read and discussed his essay "Just Another Soldier," which was actually entitled, "I ♥ Dead Civilians" in the book. Approximately half the book is material originally from the blog. The rest was written by Hartley once he returned from Iraq.

Students had the opportunity to ask Hartley questions and after the chat, they were assigned to write their own reflective essays.



Photo: English Composition students participated in a web chat with soldier and author, Jason Hartley.

Edwards Named President of St. Louis Library Network



The article below was recently printed in the newsletter of the St. Louis Regional Library Network:

At its June meeting the Network Council elected new officers for 2010-2011. Barbara Edwards of Ranken Technical College Library will serve as President, and Chabha Hocine from Logan College of Chiropractic is the new Vice-president. Tom Cooper from Webster Groves Public Library is the treasurer, and Michelle Schmitt of Ladue Horton Watkins High School Library

will serve a second term as secretary.

Other members of the current council include:

- Betty Murr (Large Public), St. Charles City-County Library
- Ellen Eliceiri (Large Academic), Webster University Emerson Library
- Peggy Ridlen (Member-at-large), Fontbonne University Library
- Cherie LeMay (Member-at-large), Villa Duchesne Library
- Beth Wakely (Private School), DeSmet High School Library
- James Pakala (Small Academic), Covenant Theological Seminary Library

WIT Welcomes New Women to Campus

After new student orientation on August 3 and August 4, the Women In Technology (WIT) group held a luncheon and welcomed 17 new women students.

"We held focus groups last year with current women students and found that most of them really enjoy their experience at Ranken but that they would like to be more aware of other females on campus," said Whitney Wade, marketing communications specialist. "The luncheons gave new students the opportunity to meet current female students and female staff and faculty."

"We also believe that with a more welcoming environment and strong female organizations, we will be able to recruit more women to get their education at Ranken."

The WIT group was started to provide female students and female employees at Ranken a forum to discuss issues, socialize and get acquainted with other females on campus. The group has monthly meetings throughout the school year that cover a variety of topics.

"In the past we have invited local women in technology fields and former Ranken graduates to speak at the meetings," said Jean Endres, WIT coordinator. "This year we may still have some speakers but we are also planning to have meetings that are much more interactive and give the women on campus the opportunity to get to know each other."

Specific meeting dates are listed in the 2010/2011 student handbook. Meetings are open to all female students, staff and faculty.

Taylor Family Makes a Visit to Campus



Photo: Stan Shoun (left) presented Jack Taylor with a Navy aviator jacket that included a patch with his name and Ranken's name.

On Wednesday, September 1, three generations of the Taylor family visited Ranken: Jack Taylor, founder of Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Jo Ann Taylor Kindle, his daughter and president of the Enterprise Holdings Foundation, and Carolyn Kindle, granddaughter and assistant vice president in the company.

The visit was arranged to thank Mr. Taylor for his generous contributions which enabled the College to create the Fabrication and Welding lab and the High Performance Racing Technology

program. President Shoun presented Mr. Taylor with a Naval aviator jacket and a memento of the welding shop dedication; a similar token was given to Carolyn Kindle who made remarks at the welding shop dedication.

Mr. Taylor named the Enterprise company after the USS Enterprise, where he served as a fighter pilot in World War II. President Shoun also served as a Navy pilot and has flown from the USS Enterprise.



Photo: During a recent visit, Jack Taylor toured HPRT, Welding and INT.



Pictured L-R: Tim Willard, vice president for development; Carolyn Kindle, assistant vice president (Enterprise); Jack Taylor, founder (Enterprise) and John Wood, vice president for student success.

Architecture Planning Educational Trip Abroad

The Architectural Technology department is planning an educational trip abroad to Greece in May 2011. Tour highlights include the following:

- » Half-day sightseeing in Athens
 - Visit to the Acropolis
 - Visit to the Parthenon
 - Visit to the Acropolis Museum
- » Full-day coach excursion to Delphi
 - Guided tour of the Archaeological site in Delphi
 - Visit to the Archaeological Museum
- » Half-day coach excursion to Cape Sounion
 - Guided tour of the Temple of Poseidon
 - Cape Sounion excursion
- » Full-day excursion to the Peloponnesus
 - Sightseeing at the Corinth Canal
 - Visit to the ruins of Ancient Corinth
 - Guided tour of the archaeological site of Mycenae, including the Tombs and the Treasury of Atreus
- » Option extension includes an Aegean cruise to Mykonos, Turkey, Patmos, Rhodes, Crete and Santorini

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REQUIREMENTS & PRICING



- To register for the trip students must be enrolled in one of two courses: Intercultural Communication or Architectural elective.

- Price of main program is \$3,903 and includes all transportation, all breakfasts, three lunches, all dinners and hotel accommodations.

Optional extension price is \$1,099. Price excludes tuition cost which is an additional \$1,620.

- To register for this once in a lifetime opportunity or for additional information, contact Missy Borchardt at (314) 286-3698 or maborchardt@ranken.edu.

Red Bud Industries Awards Annual Scholarship

On Wednesday, July 7, several Ranken staff members made the trip to Red Bud Industries in Red Bud, Ill. to help present Matthew Warnecke with the Red Bud Industries scholarship.

Red Bud Industries established the \$5,000 scholarship last year for Ranken students to honor the company's 50th anniversary. The goal of the scholarship is to help the company remain an industry leader 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 who has been accepted for admission to Ranken, with first preference 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: CST, ESDT, EAT, INT or PMT.

Warnecke began the Precision Machining Technology program in August and is a graduate of Belleville West High School in Belleville, Ill. He is the son

of Mary Jo and Randy Warnecke who own and operate Warneke Building Restoration based in Belleville, 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.



Pictured L-R: Randy Warnecke, Mary Jo Warnecke, Matthew Warnecke, Milton Weber (Red Bud Industries) and Stephen Kashycke (Ranken)

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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.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships Recently Awarded to Ranken Students:

Shands Plumbing Scholarship

- » Blake Lloyd Plumbing Technology
- » Michael Fishman Plumbing Technology

Ben H. Ernst Scholarship

In honor of former Ranken president, Ben Ernst, the Pettus Foundation has set up the Ben Ernst Scholarship to support students with financial need.

- » Jamar Huffmon Control Systems Technology

S-STEM

The National Science Foundation awarded Ranken a four-year \$600,000 grant which is used to provide scholarships to prospective students majoring in one of the following areas: Architectural Technology, Industrial Technology, Information Technology or Precision Machining Technology.

- » Kurtis Arens Architectural Technology
- » Brendan Eubanks Architectural Technology
- » Zachary Foppe Architectural Technology
- » Matthew Galligos Architectural Technology
- » Keisha Killebrew Architectural Technology
- » Alexis Milford Architectural Technology
- » Adam Breuer Industrial Technology
- » Alex Glenn Industrial Technology
- » Tyler Kathmann Industrial Technology
- » Alex Knoche Industrial Technology
- » Melvin Peete Industrial Technology
- » Jake Terry Industrial Technology
- » Thomas Allen Information Technology
- » Devon Freitag Information Technology
- » Ora Gardner Information Technology
- » Ryan Gholston Information Technology

S-STEM (continued)

- » Tyler Heinrich Information Technology
- » Roger Mudd Information Technology
- » Sean Roth Information Technology
- » Jacob Tucker Information Technology
- » Andrew Varble Information Technology
- » Cory White Information Technology
- » JaRyan Brock-Brantley Precision Machining Technology
- » Joe Castilleja Precision Machining Technology
- » Daniel Day Precision Machining Technology
- » Kyle DeBourg Precision Machining Technology

Andrew Koester Scholarship

- » Cameron Leitl Automotive Maintenance Technology
- » David Iberg Architectural Technology
- » Corey Bechtold Control Systems Technology

John Allen Love Foundation Scholarship

The John Allan Love Foundation was founded in 1974 by John Allan Love, a St. Louis businessman. The Foundation seeks to support St. Louis higher educational institutions which contribute to the region and the country.

- » Luke Steinacher Electrical Automation Technology
- » Christopher Hillman Information Technology
- » Michal Koderhandt Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Technology

John L. Mason Scholarship

Dr. John Mason, a former Ranken board member, donated \$15,000 to be used for minority scholarships.

- » Mark Pate Automotive Collision Repair Technology

Ehrhard Tool-Keith Cotter Scholarship

- » Joseph Timko Precision Machining Technology

JM Family Enterprises and JM&A Group Endowed Scholarship

This endowed scholarship provides financial assistance to students enrolled in the Automotive Division.

- » Christian Hinton Automotive Maintenance Technology
- » Jason Kuske Automotive Collision Repair Technology
- » Kevin Hyde Automotive Maintenance Technology
- » Richard Edwards Automotive Maintenance Technology

Dana Brown Charitable Trust Scholarship

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

- » Ethan King Carpentry and Building Construction Technology
- » Devon Freitag Information Technology

BKD Scholarship

BKD is one of the largest CPA firms in the metropolitan area. They have contributed money to set up an endowed scholarship for students enrolled full time in any of Ranken's programs.

- » Rodney Howard Industrial Technology
- » Richard Weber Electrical Systems Design Technology

E. Desmond Lee Scholarship

E. Desmond Lee, renowned St. Louis philanthropist, was a great supporter of education and of Ranken. He set up this scholarship available for full time students.

- » Jason Scharf Architectural Technology
- » Joshua Young Automotive Maintenance Technology
- » Ashley White Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Technology
- » Jared Malone Electrical Systems Design Technology

Whiteaker Memorial Scholarship

- » Dennis Smith Industrial Technology

St. Louis Rotary Club Scholarship

- » Christian Ketchum Control Systems Technology
- » Peter Linhares Electrical Systems Design Technology
- » Quentel Ruffin Architectural Technology

Nu Way - Rhomberg Scholarship Fund

- » Charles Knebel Carpentry and Building Construction Technology
- » Austin Tate Carpentry and Building Construction Technology

SkillsUSA Scholarship

Each year SkillsUSA holds competitions to identify many of the most talented high school students in various vocational areas. Ranken provides scholarships for students demonstrating exceptional achievement in these competitions.

- » Nathan Allen Automotive Maintenance Technology
- » Ethan King Carpentry and Building Construction Technology
- » Nicholas Moutrie Precision Machining Technology
- » Daniel Rolley Precision Machining Technology
- » Jarred Vanderkooi Carpentry and Building Construction Technology

St. Cyr Scholarship

- » Randy Barnhart Industrial Technology
- » Kevin Collins Information Technology
- » Brandon Dunn Electrical Systems Design Technology
- » Benny Green Automotive Maintenance Technology
- » Adam Petty Information Technology
- » Scott Singer Industrial Technology
- » Tamara Trotman Information Technology
- » Cory Zach Architectural Technology

Saigh Foundation Scholarship

- » Donald Barylski Automotive Maintenance Technology
- » Jessika Goodpasture Automotive Maintenance Technology

Earl and Myrtle Walker Endowed Scholarship

- » Kyle Helm High Performance Racing Technology
- » Joseph Wawruck Carpentry and Building Construction Technology

President's Scholarship

- » Daniel Baldwin Electrical Automation Technology
- » Alex Glenn Industrial Technology
- » Nathan Wegener Electrical Automation Technology
- » Kurtis Arens Architectural Technology
- » Devon Freitag Information Technology

Distinguished Achievement Award

Each year Ranken awards four scholarships of \$500 each to students at the beginning of their second year of study.

- » Mark Orr Control Systems Technology
- » Harry Gass Carpentry and Building Construction Technology
- » Ashleigh Tepen Automotive Maintenance Technology
- » Dennis Smith Industrial Technology

Monticello College Foundation Scholarship

Each year The Monticello Foundation awards four female students scholarships in the amount of \$2,500 each. The women must maintain a 3.0 GPA and complete 20 hours of community service through the Student Ambassador Program.

- » Alexis Milford Architectural Technology
- » Jessika Goodpasture Automotive Maintenance Technology
- » Ashleigh Tepen Automotive Maintenance Technology
- » Megan Gula Architectural Technology

» Luke Steinacher

Electrical Automation Technology

Boeing Company Scholarship

» Joseph Timko

Precision Machining Technology

» Adam Cange

Precision Machining Technology

St. Mary's High School Scholarship

» Steven Anvender

Automotive Maintenance Technology

» Brian Funk

Automotive Maintenance Technology

» Anthony Ligue

Industrial Technology

» Jamelle Johnson

Electrical Automation Technology

» David Browning

Automotive Maintenance Technology

Tops at Tech Scholarship

» Taylor Byford

Electrical Automation Technology

» Craig Rash

Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning
and Refrigeration Technology

» Jacob Gianino

Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning
and Refrigeration Technology

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If you or your business are interested in offering a scholarship to students at Ranken, please contact our Development office at (314) 286-3674.

S-STEM Students Help St. Louis Community

Students at Ranken who are a part of the S-STEM scholarship program teamed up with employees from Boeing during a weekend in August to donate time to help build a playground at the Fatherhood Initiative in North St. Louis.

The Fatherhood Initiative, a program of Catholic Family Services, wants to ensure full involvement of the fathers in the lives of their children. The initiative helps men find gainful employment and assists them with parenting skills and character building. The program currently provides apartments for 35 fathers, and their children regularly visit them there.

Many local fathers are separated from their children because of unemployment, mental or physical health issues or through divorce. The Fatherhood Initiative Program provides a place where fathers can spend quality time with their children, so they built a playground on their campus. The playground equipment which was installed was purchased through a grant from Cardinals Care, the Employees Community Fund of Boeing St. Louis and Old Newsboys.



Automotive Students Help World Bird Sanctuary

A few months ago, Walter Crawford, the executive director of the World Bird Sanctuary (WBS) in Valley Park, Mo., contacted John Wood to see if Ranken would be able to help them restore an old train engine that was donated to them by Grant's Farm.

The Automotive Maintenance Technology department repaired the engine and then students in the summer Collision Welding course custom made a new stainless steel gas tank, repaired the fenders and put a new decal on the train.

Crawford plans to use the engine not only for tours around the World Bird Sanctuary but to eventually use the train in local parades for advertisement purposes.

WBS is a non-profit organization whose mission is to preserve the earth's biological diversity and to secure the future of threatened bird species in their natural environments. They work to fulfill that mission through education, captive breeding, field studies and rehabilitation. WBS is one of North America's largest facilities for the conservation of birds.



Pictured L-R: Matt Sadler, Eric Wenzara, Andrew Haare, Catherine Atchley, David Best, and Steven Amidon

Ranken Students Take Gold at SkillsUSA

On Thursday, June 24, the national SkillsUSA Championships were held in Kansas City, Mo. During the event, more than 5,600 career and technical education students competed in 96 different trade, technical and leadership contests. All contestants in the championships were winners at their regional and state levels.

Ranken is proud to announce that Michael Ehrenstrom of Waterloo, Ill. and Nathan Allen of St. Clair, Mo. both brought home the gold medal in their individual contest. Ehrenstrom represented Ranken in the Precision Machining Technology competition against 30 other participants and

Allen competed in Automotive Service Technology against 41 other students.

"This is a really big accomplishment for these two young men," said Tom Ely, Precision Machining Technology department head at Ranken and a SkillsUSA faculty advisor. "It's the first time Ranken students have taken first in either of these contests. That not only means they are the best out of the 30 or 40 they competed against at nationals, but also the 1,000 others they competed against at the regional and state contests."

Allen works at Dobbs Tire and Auto in Fenton, Mo. as an automotive technician and Ehrenstrom is currently employed at Red Bud Industries in Red Bud, Ill.

"I worked really hard to learn what I know now," said Allen. "This just proves that if you work hard enough you can achieve anything you want to."

Both young men graduated from Ranken Technical College this past May and the College has offered both men a \$5,000 scholarship if either choose to further their education at Ranken.



Photo: Michael Ehrenstrom took gold in the Precision Machining Technology competition at SkillsUSA.



Photo: Nathan Allen took gold in the Automotive Service Technology competition at SkillsUSA.

Residents Return to Walker Hall

Over the weekend of August 20, ninety-two new and returning students moved into the Walker Residence Hall. Fresh Ideas hosted a barbecue for the residents, the office of Residential Life held an orientation for new students and each resident assistant (RA) held an orientation meeting in their individual wing. This year there are three RAs assisting LaTrina Rogers, hall manager and Jeremy Sutton, director of Residential Life. Resident assistants this semester include; Anthony Doss (The Red Raiders wing), Brandon Bock (French Toast Mafia wing) and Jacob McCann (The Shogun Clan wing). Each wing will compete to have the best attendance at hall events.



Photo: Residents check in with Hall Manager, LaTrina Rogers.

Residential Life planned an active first week of school including a "Rock Band" competition, an informational session about the various resources on campus and a "TRiO Night."

Other programming throughout the semester will include "Cooking for the College Student," a time management session, a credit and finance workshop, a bible study group, a study skills workshop and game nights that will include video games, card games and board games.

Another new addition to the dormitory will be several pieces of exercise equipment including a treadmill and an elliptical machine that will be for resident use.

If you know of someone who may be interested in living in Walker Hall, please refer them to Jeremy Sutton or the Admissions office for additional information.



Photo: Some of the residents of Walker Hall

Want to keep up with other activities happening at 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!

You can also follow residents on the Walker Hall Facebook page!

Walker Hall Names New Officers

Congratulations to the new Residence Hall Association officers for Walker Hall:



Pictured L-R: Freddie Venardos (Communications Coordinator); Thomas Allen (Secretary); Thomas "BJ" Woodcock (President); Adam Olson (Vice President) and Zachary Kohler (Treasurer)

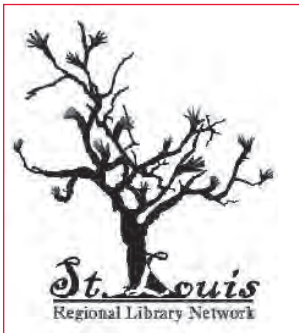
Architecture Graduate Designs New Logo

The article below was recently printed in the newsletter of the St. Louis Regional Library Network:

Several months ago the council members got to talking and noted that we had not used a logo for quite a while. There was an old logo, but it hadn't been used in years: nor did we find it particularly interesting.

Barb Edwards from Ranken Technical College asked design students at the college if they'd be interested in designing one for us. This is the result.

When we first saw it, most of us scratched our heads a little. Of course we were expecting something a little more "traditional." But the more we looked at it, the more we liked it. Our network is like a tree with many limbs, and the colorful hands reaching out from those limbs remind us of the help and comfort of our many friends and colleagues in libraries across the region.



The logo is the work of Alex Chau, who graduated Ranken Technical College in Architectural Technology, and also attended Harvard University Graduate School of Design. We extend our thanks to Alex for his excellent work.

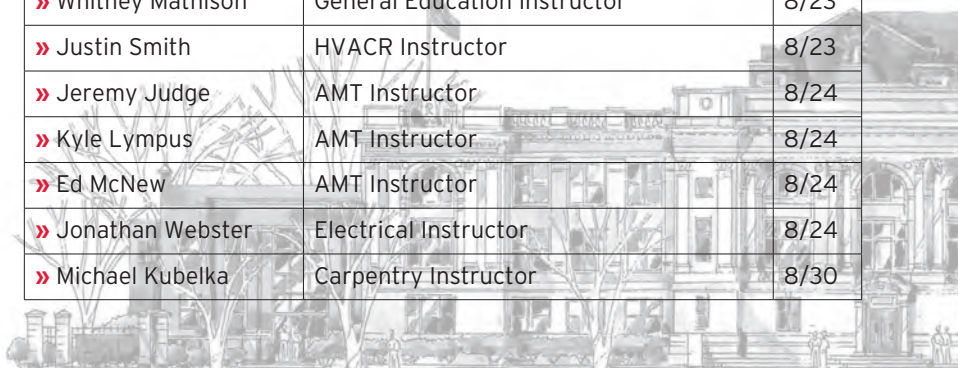
EMPLOYEE

Welcome to the following new full-time employees:

» Kevin Andert	Admissions Counselor	3/19
» Valerie Tosto	Financial Aid Assistant	4/12
» Caleena Karstens	Book Store Shift Leader	5/3
» Shawn Bowers	Book Store Manager	5/24
» Sue Quitmeyer	Admissions Assistant	6/21
» Bryan Bartlow	HVACR Instructor	7/12
» Jared Gray	IS Support Specialist	8/9
» Ron Vaughn	Information Technology Instructor	9/1
» G.L. "Aussie" Thayer	Electrical Technology Instructor	9/7

Welcome to the following new part-time employees:

» Ken Webb	HVACR Adjunct Instructor	4/5
» Steve Carter	PMT Industrial Training	5/17
» Ben Wohldmann	PMT Evening School Instructor	5/17
» Dave Hall	Adjunct Math Instructor	6/8
» Craig Steinmeyer	Adjunct Information Technology Instructor	8/2
» Chris Amos	BSAM Instructor	8/23
» Terrence Creswell	HVACR Instructor	8/23
» Kristen Kalz	General Education Instructor	8/23
» Whitney Mathison	General Education Instructor	8/23
» Justin Smith	HVACR Instructor	8/23
» Jeremy Judge	AMT Instructor	8/24
» Kyle Lympus	AMT Instructor	8/24
» Ed McNew	AMT Instructor	8/24
» Jonathan Webster	Electrical Instructor	8/24
» Michael Kubelka	Carpentry Instructor	8/30



UPDATES

Ranken Says Good-Bye to Long-Time Employees

This year the Ranken family said good-bye to three long-time employees:



Photo: Anita Wobbe (back) with Sue Quitmeyer, the new admissions assistant.

On June 31, long-time staff member, Anita Wobbe retired from Ranken after 12 years. Wobbe started at Ranken as a temporary employee in the Registrar's office and most recently worked as the administrative assistant in the Admissions office.



Pictured L-R: John Wilson and Al Davenport

At the end of the summer, two long-time instructors in the Automotive division also announced their retirement.

After a successful 38 years at Ranken, automotive instructor, Al Davenport is celebrating retirement! A reception was held in his honor on Thursday, August 19 for the Ranken community to say good-bye.

After 42 outstanding years in the AMT department, John Wilson announced his retirement. After having taught nearly half-a-century, John has probably instructed more students than any instructor in the history of school. His contributions, both professionally and personally, will be missed.

Both men were graduates of Ranken's Automotive Maintenance program prior to becoming faculty members.



ALUMNI CLUB

1940s

Clarence Schneider (1948 Industrial Electricity/ Electronics), a 2010 Golden Graduate, is retired now but spent 10 years as a technician at Weldon Springs Atomic Energy Refining Facility and spent 35 years with IBEW.

1960s

William Snodgrass (1960 Industrial Electricity/ Electronics), a 2010 Golden Graduate, spent 25 years in engineering at Monsanto and his last 19 years with PCE/ Emerson process management in engineering. Working with Monsanto and Emerson allowed him to travel to many locations within the U.S. in a career that spanned 49 years.

Rich Weinhold (1960 Machine Shop) recently toured campus after 25 years. He retired from Home Depot, bought a Corvette, and is traveling the car show circuit. He is enjoying retirement and was pleasantly surprised at the growth and change in his alma mater over the years.

Charlie Doolin (1960 HVACR), a 2010 Golden Graduate, spent 32 years at the DMACC plant in ACIC Refrigeration, Air Conditioning and Heating Ventilation then retired.

Victor Heislin (1960 AMT), a 2010 Golden Graduate, worked three years on farm machinery, spent two years in the military, worked 15 years on heavy trucks and then 18 years as the production foreman for Anheuser-Busch. He is retired now he and his wife enjoy doing volunteer work in their community.

Robert Muehling (CRP 1960), a 2010 Golden Graduate, describes his favorite moment as "when I completed a wooden tool box that I designed and built at Ranken. It is still in use and has a prominent place in my workshop."

Ron Schmitt (ACR 1968) taught Automotive Technology for Lakeland Community College for 25 years.

To submit an alumni update, visit our website at www.ranken.edu or contact Kathy Fern, director of alumni relations at (314) 286-4895 or ktfern@ranken.edu

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

ASS NOTES

1970s

Thomas Akin (1978 HVACR) is currently residing in Berwick, ME, and has been an operator on the power plant of NE Utilities Company for the past eight years. Tom visited campus in June and was amazed at all the changes since his graduation 32 years ago.

1980s

Melvin Potthast (1985 INT) recently started his own business, Homework Handyman, LLC, and is working out of his home.

Doyle Jones (1985 AMT) won the recent election for Randolph County Treasurer and has served in multiple positions in Randolph County government surrounding Evansville, Ill. where he resides.

Larry Kelso (1989 ACR) recently left Akzo Nobel and started his own business, Performance Auto Color located in High Ridge, Mo.

2000s

Brian L. Long (CST 2001) is a special engineering II technician which is a hybrid role between engineering, field and technical work for Siemens Industry in San Francisco, Cal. where he just recently bought a house.

Jim Fogarty (PMT 2001) is engaged and planning an October 2010 wedding.

Michael Spratt (2002 CNT), a Top 100 Outstanding Alumni, is employed as an ATM networking specialist for MasterCard Worldwide. He was married in 2008, had a baby girl in January of 2010, and recently bought his first home.

Joe Patterson (2006 IT) is returning to school for a Bachelor Degree in Exercise Science. He is currently a personal trainer at The Workout Company in Oakville, Mo.

Terrell McRae (2006 IWT) is currently employed as a help desk specialist for The Engle Group in St. Louis, Mo.

Jeremy Logan (2007 AMT) was recently engaged and married to Rachel Hall in June 2010. Jeremy is employed at Global Brass and Copper in East Alton, Ill.

Jonathan Smith's (2007 AMT) health is improving and he has been in remission for over a year. After a few more surgeries this year, he hopes to return to work as a mechanic at Dobbs Tire and Auto in Sunset Hills, Mo. His future includes returning to Ranken to complete a BSAM degree then go on for an engineering degree.

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2000s (continued)

Megan Rawson (2008 ART) recently moved to Creve Coeur, Mo. and is employed by Build-A-Bear Workshop as a construction bearilities coordinator. Her first new store recently opened!

R. Colt Pisciotta (2009 HVACR) is employed by Omni Refrigeration owned by alumnus Mitch Lampe (1980 HVAC), and after recent cancer surgery is training to run a one-half marathon this fall.

Josh Fischer (2009 INT) is currently working at Washington University as a maintenance man at the Charles Knight Center.

Jason Kelts (2009 IWT) joined the United States Air Force active duty roster directly after graduation and is now stationed at Fort Walton Beach, Fla., as a mission systems apprentice. Jason is excited to have been the first resident assistant in the new dorms and being a part of the start of residential life at Ranken.

Scott Schmidt (2009 HVACR) is currently employed by Drury Hotels in St. Louis in the maintenance division.

Bobby Berding (2010 AMT) is working at AutoTire in Oakville, Mo.

Jean Fancote (2010 CRP) is working at the campus library over the summer, remodeling houses, and enrolled in Ranken's BSAM program.

Matt Borgmeyer (2010 ACR) is currently working at Shurway Auto Body.

Amanda Diehl (2010 PMT) accepted a job at R&S Machine that she started in January 2010. She currently works as a lathe CNC machinist in the Okuma lathe bay. Zach White (2010 PMT) works with Amanda as a CNC machinist in the Haas mill bay and Tim Huskey (2010 PMT) works as a CNC machinist in the Okuma mill bay.



Photo: Ranken graduates from May 2010
L-R: Zach White, James Dunn, Scott Webb, Amanda Diehl, Bobby Berding, and Nick Manville. (front) Tim Huskey.

ASS NOTES

Alumni Memorium

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

- Louis Duchinsky (1947 CMELT) - May 2010
- Sol Feit (1931 PLT) - May 2010
- Kenneth M. Brooks (1965 Mechanical Drafting) - May 2010
- Lloyd Buettner (1963 Machine Shop) - April 2010
- George Stram, Sr. (HVACT 1975) - March 2010
- Charles Ziegler (CRP 1940) - February 2010
- Virgil A. Weidemann (Communications Electronics 1951) - February 2010
- Arthur DeMasy (AMT 1937) - February 2010
- Samuel H. Hobson, Jr. (THERP 1988) - February 2010
- Norbert Hylsky (Electronics 1948) - February 2010
- Bobby Wheelis (HVACT 1972) - December 2009
- Scott J. Daniels (1999 IT) - November 2009
- Rodney Huber (Machine Shop 1993) - November 2009
- James Todoroff - (HVACT 1948) - September 2009
- John Michael Barnett (Diesel 1985) - August 2009
- Arnold Smugala (Machine Shop 1960) - August 2009
- James Boes (1967 AMT) - November 2008

Faculty

Jerry Henkel - Jerry was an instructor in the PMT department who retired from Ranken on August 16, 1995 after seven years of service. He passed away in February 2010.

Ranken Graduates Honored for 25-Year Milestone

This November Ranken will commemorate the 25th anniversary of the 1985 commencement exercise with a celebration for all alumni who graduated in that year. The Silver Club celebration will be held on Saturday, November 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the atrium of the Mary Ann Lee Technology Center. Meet with former classmates, hear presentations on the future of Ranken, learn more about retirement planning, financial positioning and the market perspective from industry leaders.

Invitations will be mailed to all 1985 graduates. To make sure you are receiving the latest campus and alumni information electronically, contact Kathy Fern to update your personal records. Mark your calendar in advance for this date and we hope you will join us in the celebration!

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JOIN OUR E-SCRIPT PROGRAM!

Shop at Schnucks and help grow the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund!

The eScrip program, developed by the Schnucks Corporation, helps colleges and special interest groups all across the country.

To join the e-scrip program and help Ranken add to the Alumni Association Scholarship fund, follow the below steps:

1. Sign up for Schnucks eScrip Community Card by contacting Kathy Fern in Ranken's Alumni Relations office located in Walker Hall by calling (314) 286-4895 or email ktferr@ranken.edu. Up to four cards can be issued per household.
2. Present your eScrip Card to the cashier at any Schnucks location when you check out. Schnucks will donate a percentage of your total store purchases to the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund.

With your help, future students can benefit from this easy way to grow the Scholarship Fund!



Carpentry Reunion Scheduled for Fall

All graduates of the Carpentry and Building Construction Technology program are invited to attend an alumni reunion on Saturday, October 23, 2010 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Gray Building. This reunion, held during Ranken's fall Open House, is for all alumni and their families. Hear the state of the carpentry education on campus, learn of the latest trends in residential and commercial construction, tour homes built by the Ranken Community Development Corporation and rekindle relationships with former classmates. All attendees will receive a copy of Ranken's history book, "A Century of Educational Excellence, The First One Hundred Years of Ranken Technical College".

The campus Open House is open to the public from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Contact Kathy Fern for further details and to R.S.V.P. your attendance for the reunion.



"During my time at Ranken I got involved in everything. I was a Student Ambassador, worked as a student caller for the Phone-a-thon, and was a student worker in the Library. One of the things that I am most proud of are the homes on Evans Avenue that my class and I built. I feel like we really made our mark because those homes will last forever. I did it all and got the most out of my education. Ranken gives you everything you need to know for a career in any trade. The faculty tell it like it is and are just great. I had the highest grade point in the class and am working today because of it. I plan on starting BSAM classes this fall to further my education."

- Jean Fancote (2010 Carpentry)

Keep In Touch With Our Alumni Newsletter!

We recently sent out the 6th issue of the Alumni Newsletter! We appreciate those of you who read and forward this information to others and we hope you are finding the information interesting and useful. This newsletter is written with Ranken alumni in mind and contains information not published elsewhere. Our readership continues to grow as we add and update personal email addresses of all Ranken graduates. We appreciate those who have shared information with us already and we hope you continue to enjoy Ranken information via this format.

To assist us as we strive to meet the needs of the electronic generation, contact the Alumni Relations office via email at alumni@ranken.edu or by phone at (314) 286-4895, to update your email address. Join thousands of other alumni who are taking advantage of e-communications. For any new alumni email addresses entered, "A Century of Educational Excellence, The First One Hundred Years of Ranken Technical College" will be sent as a complimentary gift.

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Become an Alumni Mentor

Is having a positive effect on a student important to you? Do you have time to spare during the week to impact someone's life? If you do then the Alumni Mentor program is a volunteer opportunity for you. With the start up of a new school year, the campus will have many students who are struggling with their education, in social and professional situations and with life in general. Just a phone call, text or email could have a positive impact on a life decision and could move a student in the right direction.

The new Shearwater High School located on Ranken's campus is also seeking alumni mentors. Located in Alumni Hall, this program empowers youth 17-21 years old who have dropped out or become disconnected from education in the City of St. Louis to reengage in school and graduate ready for college, work and life. The Shearwater Mentorship Program utilizes adult volunteers to provide individual support that is emotionally safe and personally meaningful. A Shearwater mentor can help a youth by making positive life choices and maximize their potential developing and reaching academic, career and personal goals.

Both opportunities are available to Ranken graduates from any department, however requirements do vary. If you are interested in mentoring Ranken or Shearwater students, please contact Kathy Fern at (314) 286-4895 or email ktfern@ranken.edu to learn more about these programs.

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CAR SHOW CALENDARS

Thanks to all the Ranken alumni who attended the recent 2010 Car Show and who sent in their car entries for the upcoming 2010-2011 Car and Campus Calendar. A variety of alumni cars including classics, race cars, street rods and even a few motorcycles were received. We had a great showing of alumni at the April event and we hope you are already planning for April 2011.



The 15-month 2010-2011 Car and Campus Calendar will be available in October 2010. Contact Kathy Fern by phone (314) 285-4895 or email ktfern@ranken.edu to purchase your copy for \$10.

ALUMNI

Alumni Spotlight

Kenneth “Skip” Wiese

Automotive Maintenance Technology, 1974



Photo: Kenneth Wiese with his wife, Pat.

Keith Wiese started at Ranken in the Automotive Maintenance Technology program in 1972, the same year as a very well-known Automotive instructor, Al Davenport. Wiese chose Ranken because of the College's reputation in the industry.

“I had researched other avenues of education, but what I found was the end result would not have had the reputation that a degree from Ranken had,” said Wiese. “The job

placement ratios were much better through Ranken than any other school I researched.”

After graduation, Wiese started working full-time at a small independent garage in North County primarily working on foreign cars. During this time he also became involved with a United States Auto Club racing team which ran two race cars throughout the Midwest. One was a USAC midget and the other was a Champ dirt car. In 1975, with Jimmy Caruthers behind the wheel, the team won the National championship in the dirt car division.

In 1979, Wiese made a career move from the automotive industry into aircraft ground support with Ozark Airlines. During his time there he traveled to a number of outstations to troubleshoot and repair specialized group equipment in the field. He worked for Ozark until 1986 when the airline was bought out and he became an employee of TWA. Wiese again worked hard to build his reputation with the new company and was soon put into a specialized area where he was the sole rebuilder of obsolete and specialized components to support TWA's ground support fleet. In 1994, he was awarded TWA's highest honor for exceptional service on the job by having a plaque installed in a plane.

In 2001, Wiese had to once again weather a change in employer when American Airlines bought TWA. He worked on several special projects for American Airline including a specialized support truck for AA's oldest flying DC-3 aircraft, 'Flagship Detroit.'

Wiese is now the technical crew chief in a rebuild facility in St. Louis that is responsible for rebuilding all of AA's baggage tractors throughout the continental United States, a total of more than 900 units. To date he has helped to rebuild 30 units to 'O' time and has new tractors in 10 cities throughout the U.S.

"I truly believe that my Ranken education gave me the foundation and the confidence to build my career," said Wiese. "I hold Ranken in high regard for helping me build my reputation in the path I have chosen for my career. Ranken gave me the confidence and the skills to successfully build a career and provided a positive self esteem to help throughout my adult life."

"I have told students that Ranken is a school that can help give them a valuable skill to make it in this tough world. A person with a skill is a person that will always have a job."



Photo: Kenneth in his Shelby Cobra replica at Ranken's Annual Car Show

Wiese has been an ASE master technician for 35 years and has been married to his wife, Pat for 28 years. They have a 26 year old daughter, Beth. He enjoys restoring and building kit cars and has restored two 1969 Mustang convertibles, has built two kit cars, one in

1974, and the most recent in 2006 which is a 1965 Shelby Cobra replica which has been a dream come true for him.

SAVE THE

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Every day, the Missouri-Illinois blood region of the American Red Cross needs the support of over 600 volunteer blood donors. Ranken Technical College plays an important role to ensure that an adequate blood supply is available for patients in local hospitals.

Tuesday, October 19 and Wednesday, October 20
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Ranken Technical College, Rooms G108 and G109

To schedule an appointment, go to www.redcrossblood.org and enter SPONSOR CODE: Ranken

All presenting donors will receive a specially designed camo ballcap (while supplies last). Unsure whether you are eligible? Call the American Red Cross at (866) 236-3276 to find out!

Fall Open House and Carpentry Reunion

Join us at our fall Open House on Saturday, October 23 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Take the opportunity to tour our programs, speak with an admissions counselor and learn about the many scholarship opportunities.

Also on this date, all graduates of the Carpentry and Building Construction Technology program and their families are invited to attend an alumni reunion from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Hear the state of the carpentry education on campus, learn of the latest trends in residential and commercial construction, tour homes built by the Ranken Community Development Corporation and rekindle relationships with former classmates.

Shadow-a-Tech

All potential students are invited to spend part of their day on campus to get a first hand look at what it's like to be a Ranken student. This half-day event includes breakfast, lunch, a program tour and the opportunity to participate in a hands-on project in a classroom setting. To sign up for one of the dates below, please register online at www.ranken.edu or call (314) 286-4849.

- Thursday, October 14, 2010
- Wednesday, November 17, 2010
- Wednesday, December 1, 2010 (Automotive only)

E D A T E

Employer Breakfast

Businesses are invited to join us for breakfast on October 8, 2010 or Friday, December 3, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., to learn more about Ranken Technical College and how to connect with our recent graduates looking for positions in their field. To sign up to attend this event, please register on-line at www.ranken.edu or call the Career Services office at (314) 286-4821.

Placement Testing Day

Choose from three different sessions on Tuesday, November 2, 2010 to take the placement test and enjoy a free continental breakfast or afternoon snack. The \$25 application fee will be waived for day students who take the test during this event. Please register online at www.ranken.edu or call (314) 286-4849. Space is limited.

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 4 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Take the opportunity to showcase your business to Ranken students.

Silver Club Celebration

On Saturday, November 6, 2010 the Alumni Relations office is hosting a Silver Club celebration commemorating the 25 year anniversary of the class of 1985. The event will be held in the atrium of the Mary Ann Lee Technology Center from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. An invitation will be sent to all 1985 graduates. Meet with former classmates, hear presentations on the future of Ranken, learn more about retirement planning, financial positioning and the market prospective from industry leaders.

Alumni Night Out

All alumni and students are invited to attend an Alumni Night Out on Wednesday, December 8, 2010 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Join us at North Oaks Bowl in St. Louis for an evening of bowling, food and fun! Contact the Alumni Relations office at (314) 286-4895 or ktfern@ranken.edu for more information.

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