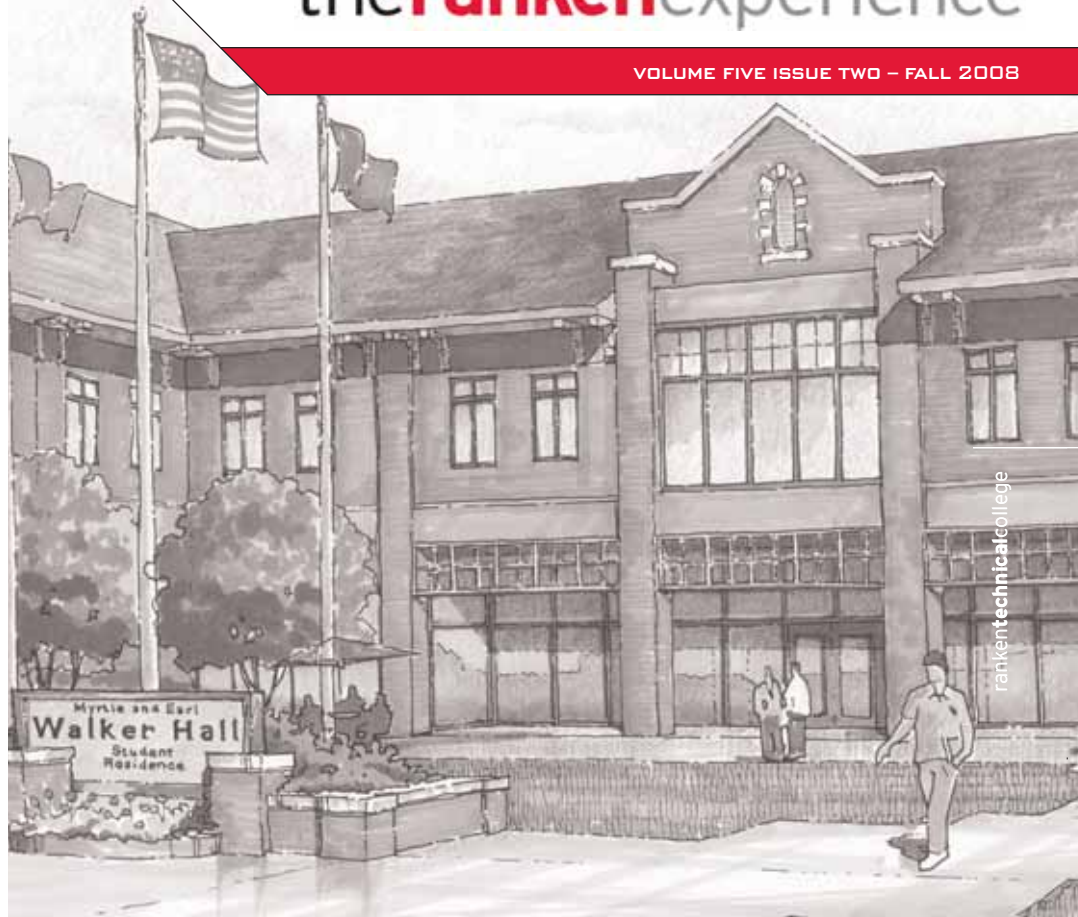


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TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Now an A+ designated school!
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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



Ben Ernst, President

note from the president

On the last day of the session this past year, the Missouri House of Representatives passed legislation that allows Ranken students participating in the Missouri A+ program to receive financial assistance in an amount equal to the current community college tuition rate. That vote did not come easily and capped a long four-year struggle to allow Ranken to participate in this popular program.

There are currently 254 A+ high schools in Missouri. In this program, any student who graduates from one of these schools and who meets the requirements of the A+ program is eligible for a tuition free education at any Missouri public vo-tech school or any public community college. We think this tuition assistance will become a major factor as A+ students assess their post-secondary training options. The A+ program has an attendance and grade point requirement as well as a community service component for its students while in high school. These requirements should make it even easier for A+ students to internalize the behavior expected of Ranken students.

Many people worked very hard over the four year period to get this legislation passed and signed by the Governor. Board members Jeff Pitts and Earl Walker were very helpful, and State Senator Mike Gibbons helped guide it through the State Senate. The legislator who worked hardest for all four years was Representative Vicki Schneider from O'Fallon, Mo. Vickie introduced this bill in four different sessions, guided it through committees, and worked very hard to get it passed. Thanks to her tireless efforts, Vicki was able to get it done this past session.

Many thanks to Vicki and everyone who helped make this a reality for our students. It opens up new opportunities for high school graduates all over the state by providing additional financial assistance to A+ students who otherwise might not have been able to attend Ranken.

Ranken Receives A+ Designation

Ranken Technical College is now a designated college for the Missouri A+ Schools Program. The A+ Schools Program was created by the Outstanding Schools Act of 1993 as an incentive for improving Missouri's high schools and rewarding qualifying students.

Prior to this year, students who graduated from a designated A+ high school qualified for a state-paid education at any two-year public community college or two-year public career/technical school in Missouri. This year, private vocational or technical schools that met specified criteria were added to the list. One of the key criteria was that a prospective college be a member of the North Central Association and accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.

Students who graduate from an A+ certified high school in Missouri can now attend Ranken to further their education. In turn, they will receive tuition reimbursement equivalent to that of a Missouri two-year public community college. In order to qualify, students must:

- » Enter into a written agreement with their high school prior to graduation.
- » Attend a designated school for three consecutive years prior to graduation.
- » Graduate with an overall Grade Point Average of 2.5 or higher (based on a 4-point scale).
- » Have an overall attendance rate of at least 95% for grades 9-12.
- » Perform 50 hours of district-supervised, unpaid tutoring or mentoring.
- » Maintain a record of good citizenship and avoid the use of drugs and alcohol.

Ben Ernst, President of Ranken Technical College, is very proud of Ranken's new designation and excited about the new possibilities it brings. "This is a tremendous opportunity for Ranken," commented Ernst. "This will allow us to further our reach for prospective students in the A+ high schools. Prior to private vocational and technical schools being eligible, we could not compete for A+ students on the same playing field with junior colleges and public technical colleges. Now we can."

Ranken Extends Its Borders

Ranken is now offering its Bachelor of Science in Applied Management Program (BSAM) at its new classroom site, located at 550 Technology Drive in St. Charles, Mo.

An open house was held on Wednesday, September 10 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. During the open house, potential students were able to meet with faculty, tour the facility and enter to win a \$750 scholarship. Every student who enrolled during the open house was given a \$100 tuition credit. Admissions representatives were on hand to answer questions.

The BSAM Program has three areas of emphasis: Management, Marketing and Management Information Systems. Students can earn their bachelor's degree in as little as two short years (based on previous education and work related experience). This continuing education program is specifically designed for the working adult. Evening classes are now forming and will meet one night a week for eight weeks.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Dorm Project

On November 18, Ranken will officially dedicate the dorms and honor Myrtle and Earl Walker for their generous support. The Walkers donated the initial \$600,000 to purchase the building and another lead gift of \$2 million as Ranken raised the \$3.8 million needed for the renovation. Following the dedication there will be a Board of Trustees meeting and a general donor reception.

After raising the money and getting necessary approvals from the city and utility companies, construction was started in November 2007. The hope was to open the dorms at the start of school in August 2008.

The sub-contractors pushed very hard to meet the August deadline, but due to weather and the decision to add a pitched roof instead of a flat roof, construction took longer than planned. The dorms are now under roof and workers can begin to deal with the various systems in a dry environment.

Late this summer, construction on the parking lot between the dorms and the rest of the campus also began. Once utility work on the lot is complete, the contractor will be able to wrap up this project as well.

The department of residential life has started to poll the current student body to see how many students are interested in dorm rooms for the January opening. Students should be able to move into the dorms on January 8-9, 2009. If you know someone who might be interested in a room, please have them contact Jeremy Sutton, Director of Residential Life, at (314) 286-3671.

Ranken thanks Rick Hill and the people in his company for their dedication on all of the campus projects. The Mary Ann Lee Technology Center, the Atrium and Courtyard, the Cook Avenue Parking Lot, and the

Myrtle and Earl Walker Residence Hall are all nearing completion. This has been a busy time but when all is said and done, these improvements will put a new and modern face on Ranken.



Photo of new dorms under construction

RANKEN 1CARD

This fall, the new Ranken 1Card was launched along with the opening of the newly renovated dining hall. The card is currently used by students and staff to make purchases in the dining hall. Those who deposit cash onto their card are given a 10% discount on purchases. The card is also used as student and employee identification.

Students and employees can check their remaining card balance and view current transactions by logging on to <http://1card.ranken.edu> or at insideranken.org. These sites also allow parents to add cash to their student's account easily.

Future plans for the card include using them for library checkout,

bookstore purchases and access entry into certain areas of campus such as Walker Hall. Ranken 1Cards are now available for all students and employees from the Department of Public Safety.



Photo of renovated dining hall

New Security Company On Campus

John Beeman, Director of Public Safety, announced in August that the school had hired a new security company to help handle public safety issues on campus. The new company, Hamilton Security, is now on campus and fully took over operations on September 1. All officers are trained in First Aid, CPR, Automated External Defibrillator (AED), and basic patrol.

Whelan employees were given the opportunity to apply for the job with Hamilton, so some familiar faces will remain on campus.

All employees of Hamilton Security receive specialized training through Security Training Solutions and receive certifications from the American Red Cross. All officers are also drug tested and go through an extensive background check.

To learn more about Hamilton Security, visit their website at www.hamiltonsecurity.com.

Residential Life

Ranken students choosing to move into Walker Hall in January will have several different room options and will benefit from many amenities offered inside the new facilities.

room options

- » Type A - Single Unit
 - 316 square feet
 - one bathroom
 - wheelchair accessible
- » Type B - Single Unit
 - 264 square feet
 - one bathroom
- » Type C - Double Unit
 - 556 square feet
 - two double bedrooms
 - one bathroom, four sinks
- » Type C - 2-bedroom Apartment
 - 735 square feet
 - two double bedrooms with two closets each
 - livingroom
 - one bathroom with two sinks
- » Type D - 4-bedroom Apartment
 - 947 square feet
 - four single bedrooms
 - two bathrooms, four sinks
 - kitchen
 - livingroom

features & amenities

Each room and unit includes:

- » Standard twin-size beds
- » Wardrobe or dresser
- » Desk and desk chair
- » Internet access
- » Basic cable
- » Heat, air-conditioning, hot and cold water, electricity

Walker Hall will have the following amenities for residents:

- » Snack bar
- » Cafe
- » Study lounges
- » General lounges
- » Community kitchens
- » Laundry room
- » Mailroom
- » Vending machines
- » Seminar room

dorm staff



Jeremy Sutton
Director of Residential Life

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Jeremy Sutton joined Ranken in November of 2000 as a Student Activities Assistant. He was promoted to Alumni and Student Relations Specialist in 2003, to Director of Alumni and Student Relations in 2006, and to Director of Residential Life in 2007. Prior to joining Ranken, Sutton worked as a Customer Service Support Specialist at the Trane Company and as an Intern for KFNS sports radio. Sutton holds a master's degree in counseling education and a bachelor's degree in mass communication from Lindenwood University.



LaTrina Rogers
Hall Manager

email: larogers@ranken.edu

LaTrina Rogers joined Ranken in September 2005 as an Admissions Counselor and Community Relations Representative. She was previously an Administrative Associate with the American Heart Association, Columbia College, and City of Wellston. She holds a bachelor of arts degree in criminal justice from Columbia College. Rogers will serve as Hall Manager and will reside in Walker Hall.



Jason Kelts
Resident Assistant

Jason Kelts is a current student at Ranken in the Information Technology program. As the RA, Kelts will reside in and will assume responsibility for assisting with all aspects of dormitory operations. Part of his responsibilities will include assisting residents with any issues that may arise. Kelts will graduate next spring.

For more information about the dorms or to apply, visit www.ranken.edu/StudentLife/StudentHousing.asp

View a virtual tour of Walker Hall!

Automotive Division Receives Endowed Scholarship Fund



Pictured L to R: Tim Willard, VP Development (Ranken); Forrest Heathcott, President (JM&A Group); Colin Brown, President and CEO (JM Family Enterprises, Inc.); Ben Ernst, President (Ranken); John Pfalz, Director, Customer Service (Fidelity Warranty Services of JM Family Enterprises)

Executives from JM Family Enterprises visited Ranken on Tuesday, August 5, 2008, to tour the automotive division facilities and announce their contribution of \$250,000 to endow a scholarship fund for students majoring in the automotive programs. The check was presented to Ben Ernst, President of Ranken Technical College. The donation will be used to establish the JM Family Enterprises and JM&A Group Endowed Scholarship for Ranken students pursuing a

degree in the Automotive Division of the College.

Students eligible to receive the scholarship must:

- » Meet admission standards and be accepted for admission to the College.
- » Be enrolled in a full-time program with a minimum of 12 credit hours to obtain a degree in the automotive division.
- » Earn a minimum of 12 credit hours during the previous semester to be eligible for continued scholarship assistance.
- » Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 to be eligible for continued scholarship assistance.

After the check presentation, the group toured the the Moog Automotive Center and the new Mary Ann Lee Technology Center.

Founded in 1968 by Jim Moran, JM Family Enterprises is a family-owned company, whose principle businesses focus on vehicle distribution and processing; finance and warranty services; insurance activities; retail sales; marketing and consulting; and dealer software products and services. The company, based in Deerfield Beach, Fla., employs more than 4,700 associates and has 10 other major locations throughout the country.

JM Family Enterprises has received several awards and recognitions such as being Ranked No. 23 on FORTUNE® magazine's annual list of 100 Best Companies to Work For; No. 22 on Forbes' list of Top Private Companies in the U.S.; Ranked No. 7 on Computerworld magazine's "100 Best Places to Work in IT" 2008 list and No. 2 on Florida's largest private companies list.

To learn more about JM Family Enterprises, visit their website at <http://www.jmfamily.com/>.

Local Businesses Visit Ranken

During the Employer Breakfast, hosted by Career Services on Friday, September 12, local businesses were invited to spend the morning learning about Ranken. Businesses that attended included:

- » Aboard Rent-A-Car
- » Air Masters Corporation
- » ARCHS
- » Barry-Wehmiller Design Group
- » Carpenters District Council of Greater St. Louis and Vicinity
- » Dave Mungenast
- » Extra Help, Inc.
- » J.F. Ahern Company
- » Metro Transit
- » Missouri Career Center
- » Planet Tool and Engineering
- » Strategic Staffing Solutions

If you are interested in attending one of our upcoming employer breakfasts, please contact Janie Summers in Career Services at (314) 286-3665.



Photo of employer breakfast held on Ranken's campus

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Scholarships awarded for the 2008-2009 academic year:

President's Scholarship

- ▶ Amanda Diehl, PMT
- ▶ Patrick Balsman, IT
- ▶ Andrew Wolf, EAT

Distinguished Achievement Award

- ▶ Alex Chau, ART
- ▶ Todd Dickman, INT
- ▶ Bryan Kilman, IT
- ▶ Andrew Mayer, PMT

Metro Vocational - TAP Award

- ▶ Kelton Jenkins, Jr., ACR

Tops at Tech Award

- ▶ Kelton Jenkins, Jr., ACR
- ▶ Michael Teiber, PMT

St. Mary's High School Award

- ▶ Kenneth Rapp, HVAC
- ▶ Joseph Kohlberg, AMT

Dr. John Mason Scholarship

- ▶ Diamond Brown, HVAC
- ▶ Sean King, PMT
- ▶ Jovon Rice, HVAC
- ▶ Gregory Squalls, PLT
- ▶ Shanika Stovall, CST

Anheuser-Busch Scholarship

- ▶ Jarrod Jones, EAT
- ▶ Michael Richardson, CST

E. Desmond Lee Scholarship

- ▶ Andre Mallett, EAT
- ▶ Dennis Johnson, Jr., IT

Earl & Myrtle Walker Scholarship

- ▶ Nathan Pupillo, CST

James C. Groom Scholarship

- ▶ Keith Parsons, PMT

Teacher/Counselor Workshop Scholarship

- ▶ Brennan Schroeder, EAT

Emerson Scholarship

- ▶ Chris Roberts, IT
- ▶ Dorian Williams, CRP
- ▶ Cameron Stuckey, IT
- ▶ Herbert Reynolds, EAT

Skills USA Scholarship

- ▶ Nicholas Cassani, EAT
- ▶ Kelton Jenkins, Jr., ACR
- ▶ Michael Lloyd, AMT

Kurt H. Jensen Scholarship

- ▶ Jaryd Patton, PMT

Orthwein Foundation Scholarships

- ▶ Oryan Baker, IWT
- ▶ Edward Black, CNT
- ▶ Jared Foley, EAT/CST
- ▶ Dennis Johnson, Jr., IT
- ▶ Jeffrey Myers, ART
- ▶ Courtney Outlaw, ESDT
- ▶ Anthony Reed, ART
- ▶ Jarrod Walters, CST
- ▶ RaShawn Williams, ESDT
- ▶ Tenika Winston, IT

Pettus Foundation Scholarship

- ▶ Torri Holbrooks, AMT
- ▶ Annsih Kesmaa-Serud, ART

St. Louis Auto Dealers Association

- ▶ Marcus Cole, AMT
- ▶ Jarrod Frazier, AMT
- ▶ Sheiku Gasama, AMT
- ▶ Steven Koch, HPRT
- ▶ Chris Long, AMT
- ▶ Mario McKinney, AMT
- ▶ Olaoluwa Olunloyo, AMT
- ▶ Eric Ravenscroft, AMT
- ▶ Fred Recker, AMT
- ▶ Joshua Roth, AMT/HPRT
- ▶ Samuel Rupe-Smith, AMT
- ▶ Allen Turner, AMT
- ▶ Scott Wallace, HPRT
- ▶ Timothy White, ACR

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Monticello Scholarships Help Four Women Experience Ranken



Pictured L to R: Brook Henderson (IT); Amanda Diehl (PMT), Linda Nevlin; Jessica Brandmeyer (ART) and Emily Sherman (ART)

Thanks to a \$10,000 gift from the Monticello College Foundation, four women will receive help paying for their Ranken education. On August 26, Linda Nevlin, the Executive Director of the Monticello College Foundation, visited Ranken to meet the first-year students receiving the scholarships this academic year. This year's recipients included Brook Henderson (IT), Amanda Diehl (PMT), Jessica Brandmeyer (ART) and Emily Sherman (ART) Each woman received a \$2,500 Scholarship.

The Monticello College Foundation, based in Godfrey, Ill., funds programs and projects that advance the education of woman in the hopes of encouraging more young women to pursue degrees in technical fields. Last year, the Foundation made grant awards to 24 educational institutions totaling over \$417,000. The Foundation was organized in 1971 from the proceeds of the sale of Monticello College to the community college district, which founded Lewis and Clark Community College in Godfrey.

One requirement of the scholarship is that recipients must provide 50 hours of community service work at Ranken or another nonprofit organization. All four women are participating in the Student Ambassador program.

Dana Brown Foundation Funds Two Full Scholarships

On August 15, Ranken received a three-year grant from the Dana Brown Charitable Trust totaling \$85,356. The grant will provide two individual scholarships at \$14, 226 per year. The scholarships will provide room and board, books, tools and other living expenses for needy or at-risk students who are between the ages of 18- 21 and wish to attend Ranken. Scholarship recipients will be required to live in the new residence hall. The grant will allow these students to concentrate full-time on their studies and take advantage of the services offered by both TRiO and the Student Achievement Center to reach their goals. This grant presents an excellent opportunity to recruit students from outside the St. Louis metro area and will help pay the bill for room and board, meals and bridge the gap between federal aid and the cost of tuition.

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Carpentry Program Participates in Paslode Safety Training

A Paslode representative, Brett Bennett, visited Ranken at the beginning of the fall semester to provide safety training related to Paslode equipment and the job site to all Carpentry students.

Paslode, a division of Illinois Tool Works (ITW), is a leading manufacturer and marketer of cordless and pneumatic fastening systems for construction, remodeling and industrial applications. Paslode introduced the very first pneumatic tool, a light-duty upholstery tacker, in 1959.

The company also generously donated two 16-gauge angled finish nailers to the carpentry program.



Brett Bennett pictured with carpentry students and instructors

John Hunn - Automotive Maintenance Technology



When John Hunn graduated from high school in 2005, like many others, he had no idea what he wanted to do with the rest of his life. Against the advice of his family, he decided to wait a year to go to college. Two years later, his paycheck from a fast food restaurant was paying the bills but he wasn't where he thought he should be.

When he had to take his car in for repairs, he asked the shop where they hired their mechanics. Their response was, "Ranken."

Hunn had always enjoyed working on cars but

had never thought of it as a career. He didn't think that someone could have a job that they truly loved doing. So in January of 2008, Hunn decided to give Ranken a try and entered the automotive maintenance technology program.

Hunn had never been interested in high school but immediately knew he had found his calling when he started attending classes at Ranken. "It's not at all like going to school," says Hunn. "I love coming here. I hated going to high school and never got involved in anything. Since being here I have gotten really involved and am doing well in my classes."

Hunn is a member of the Student Ambassador program, the TRiO program and also works in the Student Achievement Center (SAC) as a student tutor for basic engines and basic electricity. Erica Ellard, Director of SAC, has been very impressed with the work Hunn is doing.

"John has excellent work ethic and is very motivated," said Ellard. "He earned an Exceeds Expectations for work ethic during his first semester at Ranken, and he impresses nearly everyone he meets. I feel we are very fortunate to have him at Ranken and tutoring for the achievement center."

Hunn wasn't exactly sure what he wanted to do after graduating from Ranken, but over the summer he had the opportunity to work for Hunter Engineering, a company that designs, manufactures and sells a wide range of passenger car and truck service equipment. During the summer, Hunn was able to build two vehicles that are used for alignment demonstrations. His experience at Hunter helped Hunn make the decision to continue his education. He plans to pursue a degree in automotive engineering and would like to eventually be able to design vehicles for a major manufacturer.

Hunn's short term goals include graduating with honors and he is well on his way. While working at Hunter this summer, Hunn also took two general education courses and passed them both with flying colors.

Hunn has learned a lot already in his short time at Ranken and wishes he would have started sooner. "Ranken has opened my eyes to all of the opportunities that are available," said Hunn, "I never realized that there was more to the automotive industry than being a mechanic.

"One of my instructors was the one who helped me get the job at Hunter. If I hadn't come to Ranken, I would have never made that contact and been given the job there. Now I am moving in the right direction to have a great career.

"I would tell students thinking about coming to Ranken that an education is worth the investment of time and energy that you have to put into it."



Hunn pictured with some of his fellow student tutors.
Pictured from L-R: Jared Foley; Amanda Vacek; Andy Spies;
and John Hunn

WELCOME 2008/2009 STUDENT AMBASSADORS!

The Student Ambassador program welcomed back 19 returning ambassadors and introduced 38 new ambassadors!

RANKEN GIVES BACK

Ranken Helps Local High School's Engineering Program

Ranken's architecture program is helping a local high school build their new engineering program, which is being offered for the first time this fall.

Highland High School in Highland, Ill. is implementing a new program called "Project Lead the Way" (PLTW). This is a nationally recognized program with the goal of increasing the number of young people who pursue engineering and engineering technology programs at two- and four-year post-secondary colleges and universities. The PLTW curriculum makes math and science relevant for students by introducing hands-on, real-world projects. This allows students to understand how the skills they are learning in the classroom can be applied to everyday life.

Chris Durbin, the Highland High PLTW lead teacher, recently visited Ranken to speak with the head of the Architectural Technology program, John Kreishman. Durbin mentioned that their school is building an entirely new engineering lab for the PLTW classes and that they would like to install drafting tables like Ranken's. Since plans were moving forward to upgrade all of the furnishings in Ranken's drafting labs, Kreishman responded, "How would you like to have these?" The architecture program donated 12 drafting tables and 24 stools. Highland estimates that Ranken's donation will save the district over \$10,000. Kreishman and Steve Kashycke, the admissions representative for Highland, were instrumental in coordinating the donation.

"We can't thank Ranken, John Kreishman and Steve Kashycke enough for making this happen," comments Durbin. "Ranken has led the way in project based, real-world application of knowledge for over 100 years.

"I think its great that Ranken supports a



Highland students use drafting tables donated by Ranken's architecture program. Pictured from L-R: Highland students; Chris Durbin, PLTW lead teacher; Margie Duncan, Highland teacher.

program like Project Lead the Way, which stresses hands-on, project based learning.

"Ranken's approach to teaching with hands-on technical experience is an excellent example of the learning style we want our students to embrace at Highland High School."

Ranken Supports Local "National Night Out"

On Sunday, August 3, the 8th District Police Officers sponsored a "Pre-National Night Out" in Beckett Park designated specifically for the children in the neighborhood close to Ranken. Along with other members of the community which donated different items, Ranken donated the rentals of an inflatable slide and obstacle course. In addition to the inflatable attractions, the event included pony rides, sack races, food and drinks. Four bicycles were given away as prizes as well as bags of school supplies. Approximately 200 adults and children attended. John Beeman, Director of Public Safety, and LaTrina Rogers, Community Relations Representative, attended the event and took Ranken vehicles and information about the College along with them.

Every year, the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) dedicates the first Tuesday in August as National Night Out (NNO), a unique crime and drug prevention event. This night is designed to symbolize the taking back of the neighborhoods from crime. This year's event was the 25th Annual National Night Out. To learn more about NNO, view their website at www.nationalnightout.org.



ART Members Participate in MAGIC Summer Camp



Pictured L-R: Annsih KesMaa-Serud and Missy Borchardt

Missy Borchardt, a faculty member in architectural technology, and Annsih KesMaa-Serud, a current architecture student, participated in the Mentoring A Girl In Construction (MAGIC) camp this summer. MAGIC summer camp is designed to offer high school girls the opportunity to learn about the various avenues of employment for women in the construction industry. The girls

also receive hands-on training in the basic skills of carpentry, electrical, and welding. During this one-week day camp, the girls make new friends, learn new talents, and explore career options that they might not have ever considered. They are also introduced to successful women working in all phases of construction.

The girls, clad in their pink hard hats, participated in various projects throughout the week to give them a hands-on look at what it's like to work in the construction industry. The week included an overview of safety on the job site, participation in a hand and power tool demonstration, creating a lamp to take home and a taking a field trip to a job site. Borchardt and Serud were among the five guests who were invited to speak to the girls about what it's like to be a woman in the construction industry.



Photo courtesy of MOWIT.org

"It was rewarding to see these young girls have an interest in our trade and pursue a great opportunity into the trade," says Borchardt, "It was also a great opportunity for us to network with other female professionals."

To learn more about MAGIC summer camp and to see a video and more photos of the girls completing their projects, visit their website at <http://www.mowit.org/mentoringagirlinconstructionsummercamp>.

Admissions Office Branching Out

With the new addition of student housing in Walker Hall, Ranken can now reach out to students in further outlying areas. In order to meet this new demand, the Admissions office needed to create new territories and hire new staff to cover them, as well as rearranging responsibilities of the current staff. Two new members joined the Admissions team in August: Janet Ray and Becky Dulany. Ray joins the inside counselors and comes to Ranken from Sullivan University. She received a master's degree in education from Southeast Missouri State University and taught elementary and special education. Dulany will be an outside counselor covering central and western Missouri, which is a new territory. She also came to Ranken from Sullivan University. Dulany received a home economics degree from College of the Ozarks and went on to teach high school Family and Consumer Science (FACS). Another recent change is that Jennifer Burns will be moving into a new territory. Burns will cover the Northern Illinois territory which includes Chicago, Rockford and Peoria. Karyn Lutz, formerly an inside counselor, will be taking over Burns' old territory, Central Illinois. As of September 1, Steve Horner, VP for Sales and Marketing, is supervising both Admissions and Marketing.

Admissions Office Staff

- » Mike Hawley- Director of Admissions

- » Jennifer Burns - Outside Counselor (Northern Illinois)
- » Becky Dulany - Outside Counselor (Central & West Missouri)
- » Steve Kashycke - Outside Counselor (Southern Illinois)
- » Sandy Kremers - Outside Counselor (Southwest Missouri)
- » Karyn Lutz - Outside Counselor (Central Illinois)
- » LaTrina Rogers - Outside Counselor (St. Louis City & Northern Missouri)
- » Jeff Wilkens - Outside Counselor (Southern Missouri)

- » Mike Mays - Inside Counselor (Illinois leads)
- » Janet Ray - Inside Counselor (Outlying leads)
- » Nancy Yaeger - Inside Counselor (Missouri leads)

- » Sandy Burns - Corporate Account Specialist
- » Tyler Dasal - Telemarketing Specialist

- » Teri Reilman - Administrative Assistant
- » Anita Wobbe - Administrative Assistant

NEW FACES AT RANKEN

Ranken has grown! Please join us in welcoming the newest members of the Ranken team:

» John Springmeyer	Instructor	Automotive	5/12/08	» Janet Ray	Admissions Counselor	Admissions	8/25/08
» Nate Webster	Instructor	Electrical	5/12/08	» Becky Dulany	Admissions Counselor	Admissions	8/25/08
» Tamara Dreyer	Adjunct Instructor	General Education	5/18/08	» Whitney Wade	Communications Specialist	Marketing	9/8/08
» Teri Reilman	Administrative Assistant	Admissions	6/2/08	» Sandy Burns	Corporate Acct. Specialist	Sales	9/8/08
» Mike Gause	Maintenance	Bldgs & Grnds	6/2/08	» Tyler Dasal	Telemarketing Specialist	Sales	9/8/08
22 »	» Angie Riehn	Events Specialist	Marketing	7/7/08			
	» Jeff Scott	Instructor	INT	7/28/08			
	» Tim Wilson	Instructor	Carpentry	8/4/08			
	» Denny Covert	Adjunct Instructor	HVAC/R	8/18/08			
	» Brendan Riley	Adjunct Instructor	HVAC/R	8/18/08			
	» Pariss Reese	Administrative Assistant	Registrar	8/15/08			
	» Jovon Willis	Academic Coordinator	TRiO	8/18/08			
	» Bob Haas	Adjunct Instructor	PMT	8/18/08			
	» Micah Smith	Adjunct Instructor	PMT	8/18/08			

Recent Promotions

Congratulations to the following Ranken employees who were recently promoted:



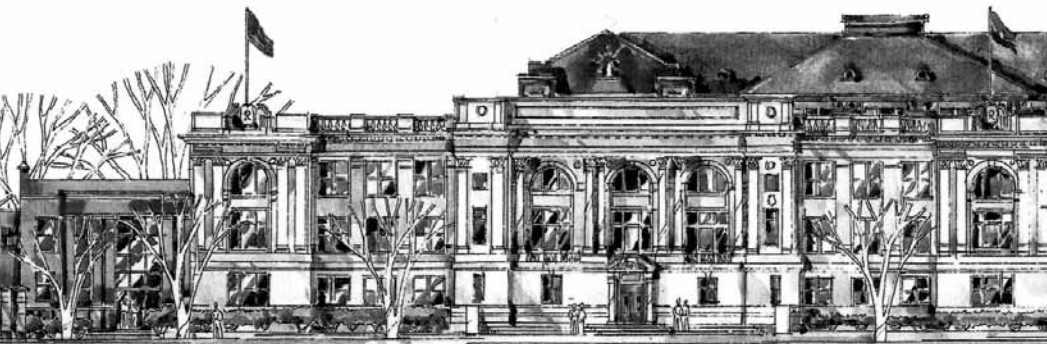
Jared Piel was recently promoted to the position of department chair in Precision Machining Technology. Jared graduated from Ranken summa cum laude in 2003 with an Associate of Technology degree and has been an instructor in the PMT department since August 2006.



Erica Ellard was recently promoted to the position of Student Achievement Center Director. Erica has been at Ranken since January 2007 and previously served as the Student Achievement Center Generalist. Erica and her husband, Tony, are expecting their first child this fall.



Bryan Hicklin was promoted to Department Chair of Carpentry and Building Construction Technology in May 2008. Bryan originally joined Ranken as a carpentry instructor. He has previous residential and commercial carpenter experience with Ahal Contracting, Design Development, Clayco, and Riggs Construction. Bryan attended Missouri Baptist University and Harris-Stowe State University and is a journeyman carpenter.



ALUMNI CLASS NOTES

1940's

Harry Claywell (Machine Shop 1940) remembers having class with Earl Walker in tool design. Harry believes that the work ethic he learned at Ranken has helped him throughout his entire career.

1960's

Alumni from ACR Class of '68 are looking for fellow classmates. If you have knowledge of the whereabouts of Steve George, Ron Schermer, Richard Flom, Leo Scaturro, Charles Schindler, Ron Schmitt, and Jose Vega, please have them contact Alumni Relations.

1980's

Darban Morris (ART 1982) has been employed as a Product Engineer for 15 years at Emerson in St. Louis, Mo. Darban remembers being a student worker and cleaning the buildings at night.

Richard Libby (ACR 1982) is currently a Designer for General Dynamics in Woodbridge, Va. Richard resides in Manassas, Va.

Brian Drake (AMT 1982) is the owner of Drake Automotive, Inc., in O'Fallon, Mo. He has been married for 23 years and has a 14 year old son.

Kirk Skaggs (Industrial Electricity/Electronics Technology 1982) is currently an Associate Technical Fellow for the Advanced Structures Development department at Boeing based in Seattle, Wa. Kirk was promoted to his current position in January 2007, and this marked the first time an engineer with a technical degree was awarded this title at Boeing. Kirk resides in Federal Way, Wa. The class he remembers most is the Electrical Motor Theory Class with Mr. Heineken.

Ronald Henderson (Instrumentation and Process Control Technology 1982) is currently a General Manager for Neeco-Tron, Inc. in St. Peters, Mo. Ronald resides in Troy, Ill. and has a daughter who is a senior in high school and plans to follow in her dad's footsteps by attending Ranken. He also has a son who is a Sophomore in college and was awarded a four year Federal and State ROTC scholarship.

Ray Johns (AMT 1983) has been employed for the past 10 years at True Manufacturing in O'Fallon, Mo. He currently resides in Sullivan, Mo. Ray states that the best thing Ranken did for him was to give him the knowledge and confidence to be able to rebuild things and the ability to work on any vehicle.

William Yowell (Diesel 1985) is the owner of Bad Boyz Bail Bonds in St. Louis, and currently resides in Florissant, Mo.

1990's

Albertina Clay-Downing (Computer Technology 1992), is currently self employed. After graduation, she was able to combine all of her goals (including business education) into one successful career. She says, "being in the IT field, working with people and projects was non-stop yet rewarding." She says that her days at Ranken were sometimes challenging due to the fact that she was the only female in a classroom with more than 15 men but feels like this experience made her a stronger person. "I made it through and have never felt intimidated by anyone nor anything since. Thank you, Ranken."

Oliver Feibel (Communications Electronic Technology 1992) has been employed for 10 years by SprintNextel as a RF Engineering Manager. He recently has been relocated to the St. Louis area after living in Kentucky, Florida, and Arkansas. He has three children. He remembers the great friendships that he made in class and is currently working with three fellow graduates from his class.

Mark Brewer (AMT 1993), is an Auto Technician for Purcell Tire Company. He resides in Granite City, Ill. with his wife, Robin, and their daughter, Shelby, who is three years old.

Chad Everett (IEE 1993) has been the Chief Electrical Foreman for 10 years at American Steel Foundries in Granite City, Ill. He and his wife, Kim, have one son whose name is Kyle. Chad's brother, Brad, graduated from the CST program at Ranken in 2001.

James Schrader (AMT 1994) is Vice President for Facility Services for Logansport Memorial Hospital in Logansport, In, and is a certified healthcare facility manager.

Sikina Lee (ART 1996) is employed by YouthBuild St. Louis as a Program Manager of Learn and Service. She has two children in college. Sikina has very fond memories of all of her teachers and peers at Ranken.

Jason Prichard (AMT 1996) has been the Service Director for Auffenberg Dealer Group of Illinois in O'Fallon, Ill. for 10 years. Jason currently resides in Shiloh, Ill.

Ethan Humbert (ACR 1996) has owned Pro Daddy Kustom Collision located in East Alton, Ill. for three years. He and his girlfriend have a happy, combined family of three children.

Ryan Reed (PMT 1997) is an Overflow Technician for Folsom in Wood River, Ill. and resides in Bethalto, Ill.

2000's

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Kyle Bingaman (PMT 2000) is working for GKN Aerospace-North America in Hazelwood, Mo. as an NC Programmer. He was married in 2005 and now has a daughter. He moved to Houston, Tx. in 2004, and opened a business, Budget Designs. He was married in May, 2007. He owns three rental properties and plans to retire from the corporate world in seven years. Michael sends a "thank you" to Melissa Borchardt, Kelly Rafferty, and Dennis Nieweg for contributing to who he is today.

Neil Fick (AMT 2000) received his bachelor of arts degree in Business Administration from Lindenwood College and is currently an Assistant Fire Marshall with the Warrenton Fire Protection District. His favorite memory was staying up all night working on a Microstation 3-D project, drinking a lot of Mountain Dew and sharing a pound of chocolate to stay awake.

Sam Brown (PLT 2001) is a Zone Manager for Lowe's Home Improvement in Washington, Mo. where he has worked for five years.

Stephen Osborne (CST 2001) is employed by Electric Power Systems as a Field Technician in Maryland Heights, Mo.

Michael Spratt (CNT 2002) has been employed by MasterCard Worldwide for the past two years as an ATM Network Specialist. His favorite memory of Ranken is the

hands-on experience and the teacher-student relationships that formed.

Donald Kennedy (ACR 2002) is currently employed as a Deputy Sherriff by the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office in Cummings, Ga.

Casey Adams (ART 2003) is working for the Winchester Division of Olin Corporation as a CAD Technician in Alton, Ill. Casey's son, Connor, was born in October 2006.

Cary Garcia (AMT 2003) has been employed for seven years at Auffenberg Ford in Belleville, Ill. as a technician. His favorite memories of Ranken were the friends he made.

David Dethrow (AMT 2003) is currently employed as a Sales Engineer for Combustion Kinetics in Kirkwood, Mo.

Kevin Power (EET 2004) is currently employed by Macy's as a LAN/WAN Analyst in downtown St. Louis. He was married in 2006, bought a house and welcomed his first child in April of 2008. He remembers his feeling of accomplishment when he received his diploma on graduation night.

Jason McGaughey (ESDT 2004) is currently a National Account Manager for Villa Lighting Supply in St. Louis, Mo.

Brad Kieffer (ACR 2005) is currently employed as a Team Leader for Bodine Aluminum in Troy, Mo. He has two sons, Hunter born in 2006, and Hudson, born in 2007, and currently resides in Jonesburg, Mo.

Ryan Vincent (CST 2005) is a Maintenance Electrician for Anheuser Busch, Inc. One of his favorite memories is winning the softball tournament on Spirit Day three times.

David Seckel (EAT 2006) is currently an Engineering Technician for Continental AFA in St. Peters, Mo. He recently received this promotion and plans to further his education.

Randy White (ACR 2006) is currently employed by Forrer Supply Co, Inc., in Troy, Ill. as a Warehouse Manager. He remembers the student interaction at Ranken.

Michael Little (ACR 2007) will be attending SIU Carbondale for a degree in Industrial Education.

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.

In Memorium

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

David Janowski (Automotive Maintenance Technology 2008) - September 2008.

John C. Wiersma (Refrigeration, Air Conditioning, Heating Service and Installation Technology 1972) - August 2008

Ernie C. Fischer (Machine Shop Practice 1948) - August 2008

Mattias J. Schmitz (Machine Shop Practice 1949) August 2008

Ricky L. Diesen (Stationary Engineer 1993)- July 2008.

John Elble (Air Conditioning; Refrigeration 1948)-May 2008.

Ernest C. Dvoracek (Industrial Electricity 1948)-April 2008.

Vernell Curvey (Electrical Maintenance 1980)-November 2004.

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Class Picture Project

Ranken Technical College is in the process of restoring class pictures from past graduating classes. We have completed restoration of many class pictures but are still in need of some that are missing. Restored class pictures will be displayed with other Ranken memorabilia. All donated pictures will be returned when the project is completed. If you are a graduate of, or have access to, class pictures from the years prior to 1930, or 1931-1933, 1947-1949, 1951, 1961-1963, and 1969 and are willing to lend them to the project, please contact Kathy Fern, (314) 285-4895, Director of Alumni Relations or e-mail ktfern@ranken.edu.

Thanks to **Marvin Darnell**, **Don Hogan**, and **Richard Vetter** for donating their class pictures for use in the project.

The McBride family is seeking photos of the Plumbing Department prior to 1910 for pictures of their grandfather, Denis McBride. Denis was one of the first graduates of the Plumbing Department. If anyone has a class photo or photos with members of the Plumbing Department from that time frame and are willing to share them with the McBride family, please contact Kathy Fern.

Ranken Archive Submissions

Dennis Dvoracek, son of Ernest C. (Alum '48 INEET), and grandson of Ernest D. (Alum '23 Electrical) donated a Heathkit, tube testers, tubes, voltage meters, and a number of electrical textbooks used in their Ranken classes from the 20's and 40's. Dennis also donated \$500 to the electrical program in their name which will be matched by the Boeing donor match program.

William Helvie (Alum'49 Patternmaking) donated tools, supplies, textbooks, molds and patterns.

William Bush (Alum'06 PMT) donated plastic injection molds he made in Tom Ely's class using the Master Cam computer.

Lisa Epstein donated a composition book she found in a bookstore dated 1938 describing Wheel Cylinder Detonation written by student, Joe Muich (Alum'38 AMT).

Should you have tools, textbooks or other pieces of memorabilia to donate to the College archives for future display, please contact Kathy Fern. Your donation will be placed on display indefinitely for future Ranken students and Alum to view. If you are a Ranken graduate and have items or photographs from when you were a student that you would like to donate to the College archives, please contact Jeremy Sutton at (314) 286-3671.

Alumni Mentor Program

Alumni Relations has established an Alumni Mentor Program to expose current students to role models - successful people in the industry who have completed Ranken programs and are strong in business practices. As recognized leaders in the industry and a past graduate, a Ranken Alum can raise awareness of the importance of education and motivate students to excel by providing insight, feedback, and compassion. Alumni mentors can offer advice concerning work-related performance outside of textbooks and beyond the classroom.



This program offers flexibility based on the student's and mentor's busy schedules. How much time a mentor spends is determined by the student's needs. A variety of methods can be used to mentor: e-mail, telephone, face-to-face visits, job shadowing and networking functions. The goal is to enhance each student's educational experience at Ranken and motivate them to excel after graduation.

An alumni's experience after graduation can be a great benefit to a current student. We invite you to join our Alumni Mentor Program. Alumni from any year or department are eligible. Please, contact Kathy Fern to learn more about the program.





Doug Funderburke
Instrumentation and
Process Control
Technology 1982

Doug Funderburke's path to Ranken was a little different than most. His Ranken experience all started because of a girl. Funderburke had attended a community college and was working in the construction industry as an electrician. He knew that he wasn't in the career that he wanted to be in for the rest of his life. During this time he met his wife, Denise, and she helped change his life in more ways than one. Denise's neighbor happened to be Ted Ott, who was the head of the HVAC department at Ranken. "At some point, when her father realized I wasn't going away, he sat me down with Ted and asked if I had ever thought of going to Ranken," tells

Funderburke. They told him all about the College and how Ranken focuses on practical application of skills. Funderburke decided to take his future father-in-law's advice and enrolled in Ranken's Instrumentation and Process Control Technology program. "Going to Ranken changed the direction of the rest of my life," says Funderburke. "I got a great education from wonderful instructors. As long as I was committed to my studies and doing the work, my instructors were committed to making sure I learned the skills I needed."

Before graduation Funderburke had a job offer from a place that he had been applying to for years; McDonnell Douglas (Boeing). Even 26 years later, Boeing puts applications from Ranken graduates at the top of the pile. "I tried to withhold my personal biases for the school so I had a five-member, multi-discipline interview team," said Funderburke, "But every time we interviewed a Ranken graduate, they were far superior to the others." Funderburke attributes his long, successful career at Boeing to what he learned at Ranken, "I came out ready and able to hit the ground running in control systems. Ranken was tough but I appreciated it. Ranken deals with all of the bumps in the road that would usually end up in an employee file. Employers love this."

Funderburke has not only found success in control systems, but also as a Missouri State Representative. He became interested in politics around the time of the Ross Perot era. In 1996 he ran for his first office, then two years ago the current state representative was vacating his office and Funderburke received a call asking him to run. He accepted the nomination and won. "I have the opportunity to make something better for my community. All of the people I have come to know in politics have it in their heart to make something better."

Funderburke has passed on his father-in-law's advice to other young men and women. He remembers four years ago when he was put in charge of a project and asked to oversee and train the other technician. The project revolved around a very sophisticated piece of machinery. "The first thing I did was sit him down and told him to go to Ranken," he remembers. "It was hard for him. He was working at Boeing and driving from Wildwood to take night classes. He graduated last spring with a 4.0 and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and I am so proud of him."

The girl who started it all, Denise, has now been Funderburke's wife for 27 years. Now with two sons of his own, he is grateful that his father-in-law set him on the right path, "Ranken is part of my family. If the College becomes a part of my boys' future, I couldn't be happier."

Doug lives in St. Peters, Missouri with his wife, Denise and their two sons, Brandon and Logan. Brandon, 19, is a long distance runner, carrying three state medal championships and is attending Southeast Missouri State University on a scholarship. Logan, 13, is a Boy Scout and loves to camp and be outdoors.

Doug joins the Alumni Leadership Council as the department representative voice for Control Systems Technology graduates. The Alumni Leadership Council serves as the representative voice of the Alumni Association and liaison to the Alumni Relations department. The Council welcomes Doug and looks forward to his participation.

Alumni Referral

As a Ranken alumni, you're probably already familiar with our commitment to excellent technical career education. Yet, within these campus walls, so much is new and exciting. We continue to embrace our student-centered philosophy throughout our planning processes to ensure not only the best technical education available, but also the best experience and success for our students during their career at Ranken. We'd like your help in spreading the word.

Please take a few moments to think about what a Ranken education can mean to the life of someone you know who's interested in jumpstarting his or her career. If an applicant mentions that you referred them to Ranken, we will waive the \$25 application fee and offer a \$100 tuition credit upon enrollment for the first semester of classes, and you will have the satisfaction of knowing you helped them get started on the road to success. Classes are forming now for the spring semester. Call the Admissions office at (314) 286-4809 to learn more about the many educational opportunities available at the College.

SAVE THE DATE

Fall Open House

Please join us on **Saturday, October 18, 2008** for our fall open house. The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will include the following activities:

- ▶ Tour our facilities
- ▶ Admissions information
- ▶ Free lunch
- ▶ \$1,000 scholarship drawing
- ▶ \$100 tuition credit for students who enroll

For more information, please call the admissions office at (314) 286-4809 or visit us on the Web at www.ranken.edu.

Alumni Breakfast

All Alumni are welcome to attend this breakfast, which occurs in conjunction with Ranken's fall Open House on Saturday, October 18. Breakfast will be served from 8:45-11:00 a.m. and will be held in the atrium of the Mary Ann Lee Technology Center located on the corner of Page and Newstead. Please confirm your attendance to Kathy Fern, Director of Alumni Relations.

Alumni Phon-a-thon

The Alumni phone-a-thon will begin on October 27 and runs through November 13. Alumni night will be held on Thursday, November 6 from 5-9 p.m. This is a great time to catch up with classmates while raising money for Ranken programs! Members of the Alumni Leadership Council will be in attendance but more Alumni volunteers are needed. If you are interested in helping, please contact Kathy Fern.

Alumni Night Out

Join your fellow classmates for a relaxing evening of networking, catching up and a little fun in the casino in St. Charles. All Alumni and spouses are welcome.

Thursday, December 4, 7 - 9 p.m.
Ameristar Casino Home Lounge, 1260 S Main St,
Saint Charles, MO 63301

Please contact Kathy Fern, Director of Alumni Relations, to confirm your attendance.

Employer Breakfast

Businesses are invited to attend this breakfast, held on December 5, from 8-9:30 a.m., to learn more about Ranken Technical College and how to connect with our recent graduates looking for positions in their field.

Please contact Janie Summers in Career Services at (314) 286-3665 to confirm your attendance.

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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: ktferm@ranken.edu or call (314) 286-4895.