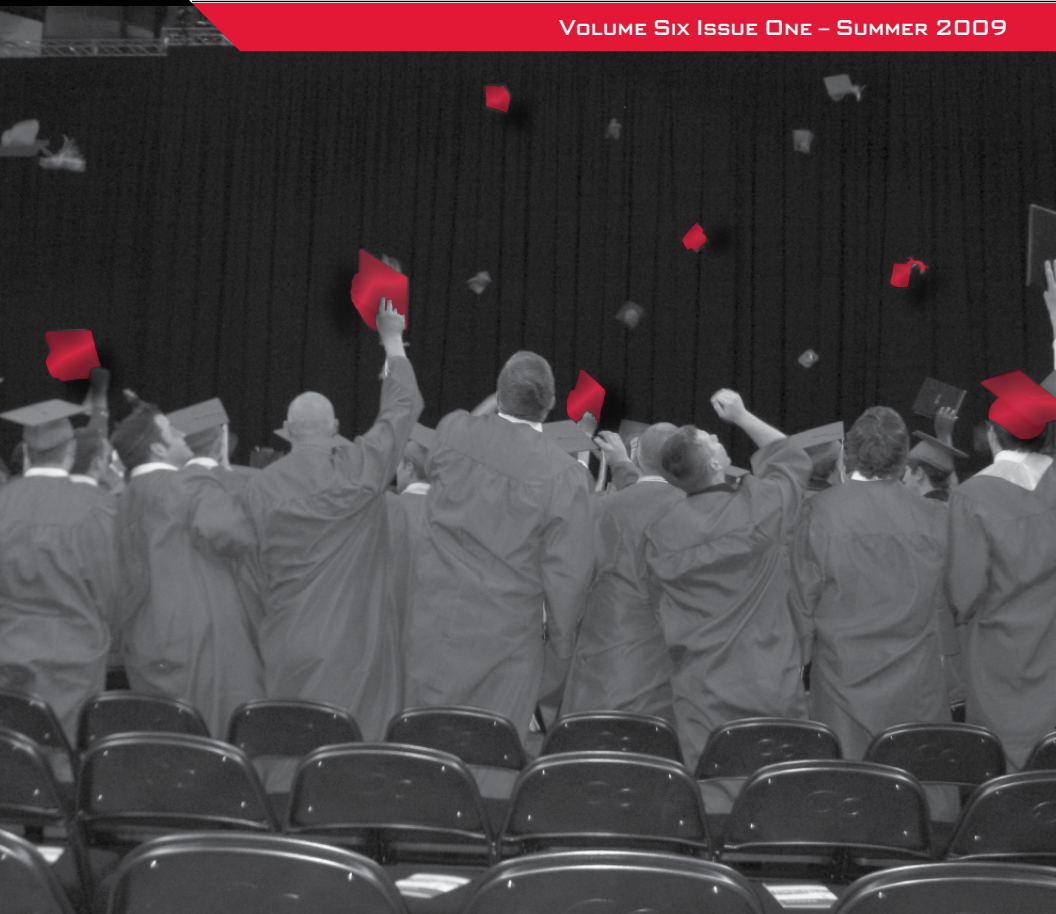


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program key

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

As some of you may know, I am retiring and leaving Ranken at the end of June. It is a bitter-sweet time in my life as I look forward to this new chapter but look back fondly at the past 30 years. As I look back at the changes I have seen over the years, some are more obvious than others. It is easy to recognize some things like additional students, more buildings, more faculty and staff, better equipment, and how the general footprint of the campus has changed. To me, many of the intangible changes are more important to the Ranken we know today and where our College will go into the future. For example, the affiliation with the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association has brought about significant changes that affect the teaching and learning that takes place in the classroom. The credentials of not only the faculty but also the staff have improved significantly. The rigor of the course material and the prescriptive method of developing and delivering curriculum have improved as well. The bottom line is that our faculty teach more and our students are required to learn more than ever before in order to be successful in their field.

Another significant change that has taken place over the years is the institutional approach to how we treat our students. In the past our basic philosophy was that our students were our product and we treated them more like things rather than people. Today, in my experience, the significant majority of our faculty and staff believe that it is our collective responsibility to do everything we can to help our students succeed without lowering standards at graduation. This student centered philosophy required a gradual but significant change in how we dealt with students and it did not come about easily.

Our relationship with the local community has also changed. Many years ago we did not know our neighbors and had no interaction with them. We simply occupied this property with no thought about how we could improve the neighborhood, improve the relationship with the community around us, or be involved in local activities. Now we serve as

note from the president (continued)

members in a number of community organizations and try to support them in any way we can, including allowing them to use our facilities when appropriate. Our view of our neighbors and their view of Ranken has improved significantly.

Finally, although our campus is expanding and our shops are full of sophisticated equipment, we are becoming more and more of a people place. What we do is about our people—our students, our employees, our board of trustees, our donors, our employers, our alumni, and on and on. In my opinion, the better we treat people, the better people we will have, and Ranken will be stronger in the long run for it.

I feel extremely fortunate to be able to say that I have been a part of this College that not only provides our region with experienced, professional employees, but also hardworking, compassionate individuals who have a strong work ethic and love what they do. I am proud to have been a part of so many changes that have helped to shape campus and Ranken students over the past 30 years and I look forward to seeing what the future holds. I am certain the incoming administration will make many more changes that will make Ranken a better place to work and to learn for a long time to come.



Congratulations on your retirement! Thank you for your many years of service to Ranken.

Ranken Announces Its New President



Ranken Technical College is pleased to announce that it has selected Stan Shoun, Vice President of Workforce Development and Continuing Education for Central Virginia Community College, as its new president. Shoun brings a background of military service, a degree in aeronautical engineering and a long career in technical education to the position.

Embarking on a second career in education after retiring from the US Navy in 1996, Shoun has been with Central Virginia Community College (CVCC) in Lynchburg, Va., since 2001, and also served as that college's Dean of Math, Science and Engineering. In his time at CVCC Shoun oversaw four satellite campuses, and led in the establishment of two additional satellite campuses and numerous new classes and associate degree programs.

Before CVCC, Shoun served as the director of the A. Linwood Holton Governor's School in Southwest Virginia, providing oversight for the day-to-day operations of a virtual school for gifted and talented students. The school provided math, science and engineering classes to 38 high schools in 12 school districts in Southwest Virginia.

Shoun holds a Master of Science degree in Aeronautical Engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School and a Bachelor of Science degree (cum laude) from East Tennessee State University, where he majored in political science, public administration and education. He is also a graduate of the Naval War College where he studied political science and international affairs.

Retiring President Ben Ernst said of Shoun, "After a lengthy search and conversations with a well-qualified pool of both internal and external candidates, Stan emerged as the best choice to develop a strategic plan for the College, explore new opportunities, get people involved and lead Ranken to continued growth."

"I deem it a great honor to be selected to lead an institution whose very core mission is so vital to not only the careers of so many young people but to this nation's economic recovery as well," said Shoun. Shoun assumed his new duties at the College in mid-May.

Ranken Celebrates Employees, Honors Ernst

Thursday, May 14 was Employee Appreciation Day at Ranken. The day, which celebrates employees and the end of a successful school year, began with a continental breakfast in Finney lobby. Following breakfast, several employees played games in the courtyard. During lunch, administrators served all employees bar-b-que catered by Fresh Ideas in the Dining Hall. Employees then gathered for the employee awards ceremony. Congratulations to all of the employees who received awards:

Service Awards

» 5 Years of Service

Laura Christian (Education)
 Jerry Esselman (Electrical)
 Susan Flayer (Marketing)
 Steve Kashycke (Admissions)
 Denise Poindexter (Business Office)

» 10 Years of Service

Mike Hawley (Admissions)
 Andy Raines (Electrical)

» 15 Years of Service

Derek Babcock (Information Systems)
 Kevin Meine (Automotive)

» 25 Years of Service

Tom Ely (Precision Machining)

» 30 Years of Service

Todd Wilson (Buildings & Grounds)

» 40 Years of Service

John Wilson (Automotive)



Photo: Brothers John Wilson (AMT 1968) (left) and Todd Wilson (HVAC 1995) (right) between them have over 70 years of service at Ranken.

Education Awards

- Missy Borchardt received a Bachelor of Arts in Art History from the University of Missouri - St. Louis
- Chris Brueggeman received a Bachelor of Science in Applied Management from Ranken Technical College

- Ronnie Raines received an Associate of Applied Science from Ranken Technical College as well as a Bachelor of Science in Workforce Education and Development from Southern Illinois University - Carbondale
- Jovon Willis received a Master of Education in Adult Education from the University of Missouri - St. Louis
- Carol Winkler received a Master of Arts in Management and Leadership from Webster University

Spirit of Excellence Award Nominations

- John Baima
- Missy Borchardt
- Travis Byrne
- Erica Ellard
- Tom Ely
- Sal Francis
- John Helterbrand
- Crystal Herron
- Joe Jackson
- Greg Presley
- Steve Swenson
- Kurt Trice
- PMT Department
- TRiO Office

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Photo: President Ben Ernst (left) presented automotive instructor Joe Jackson (right) with the Spirit of Excellence Award.



Photo (left): The entire PMT department was nominated by the automotive department for the spirit award. L-R: Brian Austwick, Tom Ely and Jared Piel.

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Following the awards ceremony, faculty, staff, board members and other friends of the College gathered in the atrium of the Mary Ann Lee Technology Center to honor our outgoing president, Ben Ernst. Ernst's family was in attendance as he was presented with a plaque by board of trustees Chairman Bob Staley. The plaque will be mounted on a pedestal in the plaza between Walker Hall and the Cook Building and will be designated as the Ben H. Ernst Plaza. Following the presentation, Ernst thanked members of the College and the board of trustees for the support he has received during his tenure as Ranken's President.



"I feel so honored to have been a part of so many great changes that have occurred at Ranken over the past 30 years," said Ernst. "Ranken has become a people place and I feel lucky to have worked with so many great people, especially Bob Staley and my assistant Mary Lou Burke." Burke, who has worked at Ranken for more than 17 years will also be retiring at the end of June.

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Want to know what it's really like living in Walker Hall?

Follow the dormitory hall manager's blog on Ranken's website. In her blog, LaTrina Rogers talks about the daily living of a dormitory resident and posts photos of the fun activities that they participate in. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/lmy92l> to follow LaTrina's blog!

We are now accepting applications to live in Walker Hall for the fall 2009 semester. For more information, call Jeremy Sutton, Director of Residential Life at (314) 286-3671 or send an email to jwsutton@ranken.edu.

CLASS OF 2009

On Saturday, May 16, more than 450 Ranken students graduated as the Class of 2009. The ceremony, held at Chaifetz Arena on the campus of Saint Louis University, began with the performance of the national anthem by Architectural Technology graduate, Ishca Gibson. The invocation was then read by Melissa Reno who graduated with an Associate of Technology degree in Automotive Maintenance Technology. Following the commencement address given by Ranken's outgoing president, Ben Ernst, Don Pohl presented the David Ranken, Jr. Award to Information Technology graduate, Ryan Godfrey. This award is given each spring to a Ranken student who best demonstrates all of the qualities expected of Ranken students such as academic excellence and a strong work ethic.

Ranken's Golden Graduates (alumni who graduated from Ranken 50 or more years ago) were honored with a reception prior to graduation and were also recognized by Timothy Willard, vice president for development, during the graduation ceremony (see page 46).

For a complete listing of Ranken's Class of 2009 as well as our 2009 Golden Graduates, visit Ranken's website at www.ranken.edu.



Photo: Chris Brueggeman, HVACR instructor (right) and his son, Nicholas (left) both graduated from the B.S.A.M. program.



Photo: Jesse Dykes (left) and Dane Fletcher (right) both graduated from the AMT program.



JM&A Creates Satellite Office at Ranken

If you have been on campus recently, you may have noticed something different about one of the classrooms located on the bottom floor of the Cook building. The classroom that was temporarily used as the CST lab during renovation has now been turned into a call center for the JM&A Group.

JM&A Group, based in Deerfield Beach, Fla. is one of the largest independent providers of finance and insurance products in the automotive industry. The group of four companies provides services to over 2,800 automotive dealerships and retail automotive outlets, representing virtually all manufacturer makes and models. JM&A's local call center is located in Earth City, and along with associates in Florida, they answer over a million calls a year.

The idea to set up a satellite call center at Ranken came when they realized that more than 35 Ranken students were driving to Earth City every day to work. Ranken agreed to lease space to JM&A for their call center and also offers one credit hour to automotive and collision students who complete 40 or more hours per semester working in the call center.

"It's a win-win situation," said Tim Basset, call center manager. "We have access to well-trained employees that have basic automotive knowledge, and Ranken students have a great job opportunity that is right on campus. It's a great partnership."

Call center employees take calls from service advisors, technicians and consumers concerning automobile warranties. The associates are responsible for looking up the vehicle warranty information and processing the claim if it's something that is covered.

"It's so much more convenient," said John Hunn, a call center

employee and Ranken automotive student.

"Instead of spending time driving, I am able to get four more hours of work in per week."

JM Family Enterprises, Inc. has been a long-time supporter of the College and recently set up an endowment fund in the

amount of \$250,000, which will help provide scholarships to students in the automotive programs at Ranken.



Photo: The JM&A call center located in the Cook building on Ranken's campus. Pictured L-R: Chris Kolkmeier, manager; Dan Krupinski, senior claims analyst; Tim Basset, manager and Scott Cathey, supervisor.

Ranken Helps Local Veteran Organization



Pictured L-R: Kurt Schwab, founder and executive director of The Veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom and John Wood, vice president for education.

On Wednesday, April 8, Ranken held a press event in the atrium of the Mary Ann Lee Technology Center to announce the donation of a 40 foot trailer to a local organization that helps veterans of the wars in Iraq. The Veterans of Operation Iraqi/Enduring Freedom Organization's mission is to "enhance the quality of living for our men and women who have fought and are now fighting for our country during both campaigns of Operation

Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom and to help them cope after returning home."

The trailer, which was originally donated by Kraft to Ranken, will be remodeled and turned into a mobile kitchen.

"When Kraft donated the trailer to us they asked us to find the perfect use for it, and I think we have found that use," said John Wood, Ranken's vice president for education.

"We really appreciate the support Ranken has given us by donating this trailer and will put it to good use helping our Iraqi veterans that are coming home," said Kurt Schwab, founder and executive director of the organization.

Channel 4 (KMOV) came to campus to film the story and Larry Connors of KMOV news produced and aired the segment for his "Good News 4 a Change" feature.



Photo: 40 foot trailer donated by Ranken to a local veterans' organization

CARSTAR Donates to ACR

Recognizing the importance of quality training in the automotive collision repair field, the Metro St. Louis CARSTAR Group has formed a partnership with Ranken's Automotive Collision Repair (ACR) program and generously donated \$35,000 to the program. The majority of the money will be allocated to remodeling and furnishing a classroom that will bear the company's name. The new CARSTAR classroom will be equipped with smartboards and other essential 21st century learning tools. The remaining funds will be used for equipment needed to improve the ACR program.

Two local CARSTAR stores are owned by Ranken graduates, and many shops employ Ranken interns. "Ranken has the best auto body repair program in the area," said Kerry Woodson II, Chairman, Metro St. Louis CARSTAR Group. "We look forward to bringing more Ranken interns, apprentices and graduates into the CARSTAR family."

"With a decline in the number of people entering the auto body trade, we wanted to do our part in recruiting and training the most competent individuals for the job," Woodson continued.

"Ranken produces top-notch, well-qualified individuals for our field, and we are excited about the opportunities this partnership will provide to both CARSTAR and Ranken."



Photo: Members of the Metro St. Louis CARSTAR Group presented a \$35,000 donation to John Wood, Ranken's vice president for education.

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Lowe's Supports RCDC Program

On Wednesday, April 15, Joe Dodson, the regional manager for Lowe's, visited campus to see the Ranken Community Development Corporation (RCDC) in action. Dodson visited some of the sites where students have built homes and presented a \$9,700 check to Dean of Academic Affairs and SkillsUSA Advisor Don Pohl.

The funds will help support the efforts of RCDC. Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation teamed up with SkillsUSA in a nationwide competitive program that provides grants designed to assist local Skills USA chapters in running quality local projects to serve their schools or communities.

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Photo: Joe Dodson, regional manager for Lowe's, presents Don Pohl, dean of academic affairs, with a check to support the RCDC program.

**IF YOU OR YOUR COMPANY ARE
INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING ONE
OF RANKEN'S PROGRAMS, PLEASE
CONTACT OUR DEVELOPMENT OFFICE
AT (314) 286-3674.**

Nu Way Supports Carpentry Students

During the Christmas holiday, employees of Nu Way Concrete Forms contributed funds toward a scholarship for carpentry students at Ranken. This year, their employees raised a record-setting \$5,500.

On Wednesday, May 13, representatives from Nu Way Concrete Forms visited campus to announce the recipients of the Nu Way - Rhomberg Construction Scholarships. Congratulations to carpentry students, Chris Bruce and Chris Kenney!



Pictured L-R: Bryan Hicklin, carpentry department head; Joe Wibbenmeyer, Nu Way general manager (Ranken graduate - PMT 1986); Chris Bruce, carpentry student; Matt Clements, Nu Way employee (back); Chris Kenney, carpentry student; Jeff Rhomberg, Nu Way employee and Aaron Rhomberg, Nu Way employee.

Thank You!

The Missouri Department of Economic Development recently awarded the College community development neighborhood tax credits that totaled \$26,590! The proceeds from the tax credits will help to lower the construction costs for the homes being built by RCDC on Cook Avenue and, in turn, help keep the cost of the homes affordable to home buyers.



Former Automotive Student Gives Back

On Monday, April 27, several Ranken staff members greeted Earl Sandweg in the lobby of the Moog/Rodenheiser building to present him with a plaque to thank him for his recent donation to Ranken. Sandweg recently included Ranken in his estate for \$200,000 and has also become an annual fund contributor. In return for his very generous donation, Sandweg only asked that a plaque be hung in the building to honor his brother, Harold, who paid his tuition so that Earl could attend Ranken.

After graduating from AMT in 1934, Sandweg went on to own his own collision repair shop in St. Louis City from which he is now retired. Sandweg is also a World War II veteran and currently resides in Ballwin, Mo.



Pictured L-R: Larry Schmidt, automotive assistant department head; Earl Sandweg; Ben Ernst, president and Dan Kania, automotive department head.

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

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



Gifts can be made in the following forms:

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

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

RCDC Program Continues to Grow

The Ranken Community Development Corporation (RCDC) continues to make great progress on homes being built around campus and are making improvements to make the process seamless.

» Cook Avenue Homes

- Mr. Shands and his plumbing crew installed fixtures and completed the finish work at the 4025 and 4033 Cook homes. This is the first year that our plumbing students have done all of the rough in and finish work.
- Chris Brueggeman and his HVACR students completed all of the heating and air conditioning work well ahead of schedule except for the outside condensing units which will be installed once the homes are sold. This is the second year that HVACR has helped with the mechanical systems in the homes.
- On Saturday, May 2, Ranken's RCDC program hosted an open house to celebrate the completion of two more homes on Cook Avenue. Approximately 70 people attended and were offered property tours and lunch. Thank you to the carpentry, HVACR and plumbing students and instructors for working diligently to complete these homes.

» Evans Avenue Homes

- Due to the homes on Cook Avenue being completed ahead of schedule, students were able to begin work on the new homes to be built on Evans Avenue.
- Carpentry students poured the footings and then set and poured the walls. For the first time since the program's inception, Ranken students were able to be a part of the very beginning of the building process.



"In the past we hired an outside company to come in and pour the foundations and then the homes were untouched by students until the next August," said John Wood, vice president for education. "The program

Photo (left): Pat Capps, administrative assistant and Drew Shands, plumbing department head, grilled lunch at the open house.

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is running so well now that we are ahead of schedule and able to give our students the opportunity to see this part of the building process."

- The homes on Evans will be the 47th and 48th that have been built through the RCDC program in the area that surrounds the College.



Photo: carpentry students poured the foundations and walls at homes being build on Evans Avenue.

"This program is really important for the community and is an excellent way to teach our students about what it's like to be on a real job site," said Jeff Bosick, Carpentry Instructor and coordinator for the RCDC program. "We have worked really hard to be able to get to the point where the students can see all stages of the construction of a new home. It's really important for them to have that knowledge and experience when they leave Ranken and start their career."

» Page Avenue Homes

- Two more RCDC homes have been sold on Page Avenue. Now that the new owners are moving in and the weather is warming up, HVACR students went to the homes to install the air conditioning units.



Photo: HVACR students, Brandon Scott Bryan (left) and Diamond Brown (right) install the exterior air conditioning unit at a home on Page Avenue.

"We are really excited to have two more homes completed," said Chris Brueggeman, HVACR department head. "This is a great opportunity for students to experience what its like to go to a home that someone is living in. It's a different atmosphere when the homeowner is there and the home isn't a construction zone anymore."

Ranken at the Races

Ranken and Gateway International have teamed up for a series of racing-related events! The College recognizes that many of its students are interested in racing and has entered into a partnership to promote this popular sport.

Ranken will sponsor race nights for its students and Midnight Madness Expos for local high school students. The College will also partner with Gateway to offer internship opportunities.

To find out more, check out Ranken's website at www.ranken.edu or Gateway's site at gatewayraceway.com.

Gateway International Raceway is an all-purpose racing facility and the site of more than 250 racing events throughout the season. Gateway boasts a challenging 1.6-mile road course utilized by the Sports Car Club of America and a number of local, regional, and national racing clubs. 2009 will mark the track's 13th season of providing intense racing action for the thousands of fans in St. Louis and the surrounding areas.

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Ranken at the Races

Ranken Events at Gateway

- » **Midnight Madness Expos**
September 4 (9 p.m. - 3 a.m.)
- » **Ranken Internship Program**
July 11 & August 15
- » **NASCAR Expos**
July 18 & September 12

PMT, INT Sponsor Local Robotics Team

FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) was founded in 1989 to inspire young people's interest and participation in science and technology. Based in Manchester, NH, the not-for-profit public charity designs accessible, innovative programs that motivate young people to pursue education and career opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and math, while building self-confidence, knowledge, and life skills.

Each year FIRST holds a robotics competition that challenges teams of young people and their mentors to solve a common problem in a



Photo: Perpetual Chaos at the FIRST Championship held in Atlanta, Ga.

six-week time frame using a standard "kit of parts" and a common set of rules. Teams build robots from the parts and enter them in competitions. The mission is to introduce high school students to the world of engineering and research. During this competition, winning means much more than just scoring the most points. Contestants are

rewarded for excellence in design, demonstrated team spirit, gracious professionalism and maturity and the ability to overcome obstacles.

Twenty-eight St. Louis area high schools formed a team for this event and Ranken sponsored the team from Gateway High School, Perpetual Chaos. Tom Ely, PMT instructor, and his class helped to build all of the metal parts and John Baima, INT instructor did all of the welding. Ranken's name was displayed on the completed robot.

The team from Gateway's first competition with their robot was at the Greater Kansas City Regional in Kansas City, Mo. where they were regional winners. They then competed at the St. Louis Regional competition on March 20 at Chaifetz Arena on Saint Louis University's campus where they were awarded the Motorola Quality Award.

All 349 regional winners then moved on to the FIRST Championship which was held in Atlanta, Ga. in mid-April. The team finished with a record of 6 and 1 which put them in seventh place out of 81 in their division. That is the best the team has ever finished at national finals.

For more information on the competition, visit these websites:

- www.usfirst.org
- www.stlouisfirst.org
- www.gearmo.org (team website)

Ranken Students Succeed at SkillsUSA

Over the first weekend in April, 20 Ranken students from six technical departments participated in the state SkillsUSA competition at Linn State in Linn, Mo. Students who placed first in the hands-on portion of each area will compete on a national level. Eight of 20 students that participated will be moving on to the national competition in June.

Congratulations to the following students who placed at the state competition:

» Automated Manufacturing Technical Information (Written)

Charlie Meier - First Place

Ross Graves - Second Place

Andy Jensen - Third Place

» Automated Manufacturing Technology (Hands-on)

Team 5: Jordan Bertels, Ross Graves and Andy Jensen - First Place *

Team 4: Danny Farrington, Charlie Meier and Nathaniel Smith -
Second Place

» Automotive Refinishing Technology (Hands-on)

Chris Sladek - First Place *

Matt Borgmyer - Third Place

» Automotive Service Technical Information (Written)

Dane Fletcher - Third Place

» Automotive Service Technology (Hands-on)

Dane Fletcher - First Place *

Derek Kleidon - Third Place

» Carpentry Technical Information (Written)

Tim Zapor - Third Place

» Carpentry (Hands-on)

Jake Lintzenich - First Place *

» CNC Milling Technology (Hands-on)

Cody Mueller - Second Place

Jaryd Patton - Third Place

» CNC Turning Technology (Hands-on)

Andy Mayer - First Place *

» Collision Repair Technical Information (Written)

Matt Borgmyer - Second Place

» Collision Repair Technology (Hands-on)

Travis Unerstall - Third Place

» HVACR Technology (Hands-on)

Corey Valleroy - Third Place

» Precision Machining Technical Information (Written)

Mike Tieber - First Place

Jaryd Patton - Second Place

Andy Mayer - Third Place

» Precision Machining Technology (Hands-on)

Mike Tieber - First Place *

Mike Ehrenstrom - Third Place

» Residential Wiring Technical Information (Written)

Andrew Wolf - First Place

» Residential Wiring Technology

Andrew Wolf - Third Place

* Invited to compete at the national level



Ranken Hosts Sixth Annual Car Show

On Sunday, April 19, the Ranken Car Club, the Automotive Division and Car Show Committee, hosted the Sixth Annual Ranken Car Show and Alumni Reunion.

Despite the rainy weather, the event was a big success. Approximately 120 cars registered for the event and more than 20 cars were run through the Dyno machine at HPRT. Automobiles were judged in 23

different classes and first, second and third place winners were awarded in each class. Five specialty awards were also presented (see pages 24-25).

Through registration and raffle tickets, more than \$3,400 in revenue was generated to help offset expenses. Raffle winners were able to pick from a variety of prizes including several mailboxes made and donated by Lewis and Clark Career Center and

Photo: Volunteers helped sell raffle tickets throughout the day. Pictured: Patsy Zetler (general education instructor); Jean Fancote (carpentry student) and Brooke Henderson (IT student).

a SNAP-ON tool chest donated by SNAP-ON. Thank you to Automotive Collision Repair student, Josh Roth, for painting the HPRT logo on the tool chest. The car show wouldn't have been a success without the help of many donors and sponsors. More than \$4,000 worth of items for the raffle were donated as well as another \$4,000 in cash and services.

A big draw during the Car Show was the "Buy A Puck, Empty the Truck" fundraiser sponsored by CARSTAR benefiting the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Everyone who donated to the cause had the opportunity to win a puck autographed by hockey Hall of Famer, Al MacInnis or a current Blues player. Ben Sutton, a Ranken AMT student and student



Photo: CARSTAR and Make-A-Wish teamed up for the "Buy A Puck, Empty the Truck" fundraiser during the Car Show.



Photo: Lewis and Clark Career Center made and donated mailboxes to raffle off at the Car Show.

ambassador, won a MacInnis-signed puck. Featured during the event was a "tricked out" 1998 Chevy S10 pickup truck which was a wish granted to a cancer survivor as well as the CARSTAR SuperStang. The SuperStang is a recreation of a 1967 Mustang that has toured the country for the past 18 months, raising more than \$200,000 for Make-A-Wish.

"We really value the partnerships we have with the St. Louis Blues and Ranken

Technical College," said Kerry Woodson, chair of the Metro St. Louis CARSTAR Group. "We have a deep commitment to the community and it is obvious our partners do as well."

Fox 2 news came to campus and highlighted the Make-A-Wish Foundation fundraiser and the CARSTAR SuperStang. The segment aired on the 9:00 p.m. news that evening.

The Development Office and Alumni Relations held their annual Alumni Reunion as well as an all-years Automotive reunion in conjunction with the Car Show. The reunion was attended by 55 alumni from all departments spanning 70 years. The competition for the greatest number of alumni from one program in attendance was won by ACR again this year, barely beating out AMT.

Alumni Relations collected information from the graduates in attendance and presented the following reunion awards:

» Traveled the furthest	Ron Ray (AMT 1973). Drove 325 miles from Chicago, Ill.
» Married the longest	Jacob Colter (AMT 1958). Married for 53 years.
» Highest position held	Dean Alinder (AMT 1962). Owner of his own business
» Oldest in attendance	Jim Kyle (AMT 1941) 87 years old

Car Show (continued)

More than 40 Ranken employees and 30 students donated their time to help with the event. A big thank you to all of the volunteers and to Larry Schmidt and Kevin Meine for heading up this successful event!

To view more pictures of the Sixth Annual Car Show, visit Ranken's MySpace or Facebook pages.



Pictured L-R: Bill Wagner (CRP 1937) retired CRP instructor and Jim Kyle (AMT 1941), retired AMT instructor

Congratulations to all of our first place winners:

CLASS	FIRST PLACE	OWNER
Original 00-48	1946 Ford	Kenneth Szahnlesky
Original 49-65	1959 Dodge Coronet	Herbert McCurdy
Original 66-75	1973 Chevy Camaro	Bill Rueckert
Original 76-85	1985 Buick Riviera	Barry Miller
Original 86-95	1994 Chevy Camaro	Larry Crews
Original 96-02	2002 BMW 745Li	Butch Weirich
Original 03-pres	2008 Shelby GT 500	Dan Shymanski
Street Rod 48 and older	1934 Ford Truck	Bill and Liz Komorowski
Mod Cars 49-75	1994 Buick Wagon	Jose Hernandez
Mod Cars 76-pres	1995 Mustang	John Schumaker
Mod Trucks 76-pres	2004 Dodge Dakota	Brad Weseman
Street Machine 49-60	1956 Chevy Bel-Air	Ron and Sue Pallarito
Street Machine 61-75	1972 Dodge Dart	Terry Bibb

CLASS	FIRST PLACE	OWNER
Street Machine 76 to pres	1979 Pontiac Grand Prix	Michael James
4X4 vehicles	1987 Chevy Jimmy S-15	Jon Sanfilippo
Mini-trucks	1996 Dodge Dakota	Joey Titchenas
SUV's 1999	GMC Yukon	Jay Johnston
Import 80-2000	1994 Mazda MX-6	Anthony Beisel
Imports 01-pres	2003 Lancer Evo	Jason Davis
Sport Compact	2006 Chevy Cobalt SS	Tommie Picha
Motorcycles	1999 Warrior	Jay Johnston
Competition On-Road	1969 Ford Mustang	Kevin Meine
Under Construction	1940 International	Chris Gillespie
Best Paint	1996 Dodge Dakota	Joe Titchenas
Best of Show	1956 Chevy Bel-Air	Ron and Sue Pallarito
Most Horsepower	2001 Dodge Ram	Cory French
Best Club Display	Gateway Impala Club	
High School Student	1994 Mazda MX-6	Anthony Beisel

2009-2010 RANKEN CALENDAR

All Ranken alumni are invited to submit classic or custom car photos to be featured in the next Ranken Car and Campus Calendar.

Please send your jpg color photo, contact information and a brief description of the car to Kathy Fern via email to ktfern@ranken.edu.

Fifteen automobiles will be selected and the deadline for submission is July 15, 2009.

ART Brings the “Bird’s Nest” to Ranken



On Tuesday, March 10, the ART department, with help from sponsors, TRiO Student Support Services and the St. Louis chapter of the American Institute of Architects, hosted a viewing of the “Bird’s Nest” on Ranken’s campus. This new documentary is about the construction of the building seen by the entire world during the

2008 Summer Olympics held in Beijing, China.

The event was a big success as approximately 75 Ranken students and staff members attended the free viewing.

“Students and staff were very impressed with the project,” said Missy Borchardt, an instructor in the ART department who helped to coordinate the event. “Many of the attendees commented on how this movie opened their eyes to the cultural and political issues involved when working outside the United States.”

RANKEN BLOOD DRIVE

On Wednesday, April 8 and Thursday, April 9, Ranken hosted a blood drive for Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center (MVRBC). More than 75 faculty, staff and students showed up to donate on the first day alone. During the two-day drive, 119 units of blood were donated!

Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center was formed in 1974 and is an independent, not-for-profit organization. MVRBC typically collects more than 120,000 units annually in Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Missouri. For more information on MVRBC or how to donate blood, visit their website at www.bloodcenter.org.

Thank you to Jeremy Sutton and all of the student volunteers who helped to coordinate the drive.

Ranken Women Hold Final Semester Meeting

On April 8, the Women In Technology (WIT) group held their final meeting of the spring semester. Approximately 35 Ranken students, staff and faculty gathered for lunch in the Gray boardroom. After lunch, Evelyn Thames, Program Director at the Youth Technology and Education Center (YTEC), spoke briefly about where the technology industry is going and what their organization does to provide local youth the skills they need to stay ahead of technology. For more information on YTEC visit their website at www.ytec-stl.com.

The WIT organization provides female students and employees at Ranken a forum to discuss issues, socialize and get acquainted with other females on campus. The group meets during the school year for a luncheon and usually invites a guest speaker to talk about a current issue affecting women.



Pictured L-R: Jenn Wall, ESDT student; Rose Crawford, Development office and Brooke Henderson, IT student.

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Ranken License Plates Now Available

You can now show your Ranken pride by purchasing a Ranken Missouri license plate! These specialty plates will be available for purchase beginning in July 2009.



To order your specialty Ranken plates:

1. Purchase a "Ranken Emblem Use Authorization" from Ranken Technical College's Office of Development by calling (314) 286-4865. (\$25 minimum tax deductible donation)
2. Complete the Personalized and Specialty Plate application form 1716 at your local license office (\$15 fee).
3. Complete your annual registration and renewal process including fees.
4. Take all original forms with fees to your local license office where you would like your plates mailed. Process takes approximately six weeks.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Josh Roth

- Automotive Collision Repair



If you walk into the ACR shop, you will see several beautifully painted car hoods that past students have completed during their time at Ranken. Most of the hoods are done to show support to donors and sponsors that help support the program and our students. This year, one student's class project is

getting a lot of attention.

Josh Roth, a second year ACR student, is one of approximately 40 Ranken students who are employed by the JM&A Group, a long time supporter of the College. Earlier this year the company even opened a satellite office on campus so that students would not have to drive to their office in Earth City to work.

"When some of the JM&A executives were on campus, they asked if I would be willing to paint a hood with their logo so that it could hang in the shop along with our other supporters," said Roth.

He agreed to paint the hood and hit the ground running. Roth came in early before classes and also came in on his days off to complete the hood. The entire process took approximately two months. Roth hand sketched and hand painted the entire JM&A logo.

"Its really amazing what he has done," said Larry Schmidt, automotive assistant division chair. "He had never picked up an airbrush in his life and took the time to practice so that he could use it to make the Toyota emblem on the bottom of the hood."

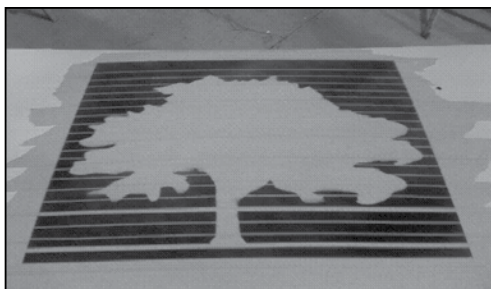


Photo: Roth hand sketched and trimmed out the JM&A logo on the car hood.

"This hood took a lot of time and dedication on Josh's part. He had to be very patient and detailed to trim out the very intricate logo. We are very proud of him."

When executives from JM&A saw the hood, they were more than pleased. "They actually want to hang it at their Earth City office or maybe even send it to Deerfield Beach, Florida to hang it in the home office," said Roth.



Photo: Completed hood painted by ACR student,
Josh Roth

Roth graduated from Ranken in May and for now plans to remain working at JM&A.

"I asked Josh if he could have seen himself putting this much time and effort into something before he came to Ranken and he said 'No, not at all,'" said John Helterbrand, ACR Instructor. "It just goes to show you that students

leave here with not only more confidence in themselves, but a strong knowledge of their field and great work ethic."

Roth also painted the HPRT logo on the SNAP-ON tool chest that was given away at the Car Show on Sunday, April 19 (story on page 20).

To see progression photos of Josh's JM&A car hood, visit Ranken's MySpace or Facebook pages.

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SO DOES RANKEN!

STUDENT AMBASSADOR PROGRAM



On Thursday, April 9, Ranken's Student Ambassadors were allowed to take a half day off of school to attend a Cardinal's Baseball game as an end-of-the-year appreciation event. Approximately 50 ambassadors, staff and faculty attended the event held in the Stan

Musial room inside Busch Stadium.

Student Ambassadors assist in a variety of ways on campus including giving tours, helping during campus wide events and working in the Admissions office and other departments in a general capacity. Ambassadors are required to work at least 20 hours per semester, including mandatory attendance at the College's open-house events. Students who complete these requirements receive between \$250-\$500 in tuition credit per semester.

Beginning next semester, the Student Ambassador program will implement a new Officer Council. This elected group of students will meet on a monthly basis and will have the opportunity to implement new policies and procedures and make the program a more student-run organization.

Elections were held at the end of April and all ambassadors, faculty and staff were eligible to vote. Congratulations to our new officers for the 2009/2010 academic year:



President
John Windom
IT student



Vice President
Jason Scharf
ART student



Recorder
Tim Huskey
PMT student



Marketing/PR Coordinator
Tamara Trotman
IT student

Ranken Offers New Degree Option

Ranken's new Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree program now allows students to study toward their associate degree in the evening! Students can transfer credit from other technical colleges, and in some cases can also get credit for on-the-job experience.

The College has also added online courses to make the program more convenient for working adults.

The AAS degree is available for the following programs:

- Automotive Maintenance Technology (AMT)
- Automotive Collision Repair Technology (ACR)
- High Performance Racing Technology (HPRT)
- Heating, Ventilation, Air conditioning and Refrigeration Technology (HVACR)
- Control Systems Technology (CST)
- Electrical Automation Technology (EAT)
- Electrical Construction Design and Management Technology (ECDM)
- Industrial Technology (INT)
- Information Technology (IT)
- Precision Machining Technology (PMT)

Thirty technical credit hours are required for graduation, along with 32 general education credits (62 total hours). Students can receive work experience credit or credit from other accredited technical training programs (subject to Ranken approval) to meet the 30 technical hour requirement.

Contact Admissions at (314) 286-4809 to learn more about Ranken's new AAS program.

ESDT Graduates Heading for Chicago

Ranken is pleased to announce that seven Electrical System Design Technology (ESDT) students have been offered positions at Sargent & Lundy in Chicago, Ill.

Larry Sisson has been working diligently with the engineering firm to help place many of our electrical students who graduated this May. It is expected that the company will hire several more in the coming months.

The students will begin by training at the Sargent & Lundy offices located in downtown Chicago. After training is complete, they will have the opportunity to travel globally to perform their jobs in Nuclear Power Design, Fossil Fuels Power Plant Design, and Power Delivery Service.

Sargent & Lundy does engineering work around the world in nuclear and fossil fuel power plant design. They are also working in renewable energy designs. Visit www.sargentlundy.com for more information.

Local Companies Support Electrical Students



Pictured L-R: Tim Willard, vice president for development; Mike Gavin, regional manager (Maverick); Cody Hager, EAT/CST student (Ranken) and Sal Francis, electrical instructor (Ranken)

At a presentation held on Wednesday, March 11 in the Programmable Logic Controls (PLC) lab, **Cody Hager** was awarded the Maverick Technologies Scholarship.

Maverick Technologies is a next generation engineering, systems integration and operational consulting firm. With their world headquarters located in Columbia, Ill., Maverick is a long-time friend of the College and has six Ranken graduates currently employed. Each semester Maverick provides a \$1,500 scholarship to a student enrolled in Ranken's Electrical

Automation Technology (EAT) program.

"We see a great fit with the caliber of graduates we have hired and this is why we want to continue to support students in the electrical program at Ranken. The students we support may some day be employees," said Mike Gavin, regional manager for Maverick.

Hager is double majoring in EAT and Control Systems Technology and plans to graduate in December 2009. He is currently a full-time day student and a student worker at Ranken.

"Ranken not only gives us knowledge about our field but also teaches us responsibility and work ethic," said Hager. "These traits have helped push me forward toward a great career. I really appreciate this gift from Maverick Technologies. It will help me pay for my tuition next semester."



Pictured L-R: Adam Sheppard, EAT student and Bill French, president (French Gerleman)

In a ceremony held on Wednesday, March 18, Adam Sheppard was awarded the James W. French/French Gerleman Scholarship. Bill French, president of French Gerleman, presented the award to Sheppard.

French Gerleman is the region's leading supplier of profit-boosting electrical, automation, datacom and power transmission products and services to industrial, commercial and construction markets. The scholarship is named after Bill's father who started the company.

"French Gerleman is proud to support students seeking higher education, especially those in pursuit of an electrical technology career," said French.

"We believe it is important to provide financial assistance to promising students and do our part to help build a stronger, more educated workforce."

Sheppard, a resident of Bethalto, Ill., was selected as the scholarship recipient because of his excellent academic record and work ethic.

"I am very grateful to Mr. French and French Gerleman for this scholarship. This is a great opportunity that they offer to EAT students and I feel honored to have been selected. This scholarship will help pay my student loans for this semester," said Sheppard.

Each year since 2005, the James W. French/French Gerleman Scholarship has awarded \$1,500 to a Ranken student in the EAT program. For more information about French Gerleman, visit their website at www.frenchgerleman.com.

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.

Ranken Wins National Science Foundation Grant

The National Science Foundation (NSF) established a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Scholarship program several years ago due to the national need to increase the number of American scientist, engineers and technical experts.

Recently the NSF awarded Ranken a four-year \$582,000 grant to be used to award scholarships to students interested in pursuing careers in STEM related technologies.

With this grant Ranken will award scholarships annually for the next four academic years to students majoring in four STEM related technical disciplines - architecture, information technology, precision machining and manufacturing.

The grant also provides funding to develop a special enhanced program to help the NSF scholarship recipients with their studies at Ranken and prepare them to enter these high tech fields or enroll in advanced degree programs. The program includes faculty and peer mentoring, scholar groups, academic advising and assistance, professional development activities and career services and counseling.

Ranken received this award after an extensive nationwide competition. The proposal that Ranken submitted had to undergo a rigorous peer-review process by a number of faculty and administrators from colleges and universities nationwide.

"Not only do these scholarships provide much needed financial assistance to young men and women and their families who wish to attend Ranken, but the program also allows these scholarship students to participate in an enhanced learning environment," said Stan Shoun, Ranken's President.

"We are pleased to be awarded this grant. The National Science Foundation support adds to the excellent reputation and prestige that Ranken enjoys. The College is a major contributor in the effort to continually develop a skilled workforce in the bi-state region and throughout Missouri and Illinois."

To learn more about the NSF visit their website at www.nsf.gov.

For more information on the STEM Education Coalition visit www.stemedcoalition.org.

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

PMT Student Completes NIMS Certification



Pictured L-R: Jared Piel, PMT department head and Andy Mayer, PMT graduate.

Like most industries, machining has certifications that individuals try to obtain to increase their knowledge of their field and further their career. The National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS) is the nation's only American National Standards Institute (ANSI) accredited developer of precision manufacturing skill standards and competency assessments. NIMS certifies individual skills against the national standards. There are

48 distinct NIMS skill certifications.

Andy Mayer decided when he came to Ranken that he wanted to try to complete the Machining Level I certification before he graduated. In order to earn this certification, Mayer had to pass various skills such as Measurement, Materials and Safety; Job Planning, Benchwork, and Layout; Manual Milling; Manual Turning; Manual Surface Grinding; Manual Drill Press Operations; CNC Turning and CNC Milling. For each skill, Mayer had to pass a theory exam and a performance requirement in which he had to make a part using the specified technique. Once the parts were completed, the PMT instructors, who served as his sponsors, had to send in the parts to be approved.

On Wednesday, May 13, Jared Piel, PMT department head, presented Mayer with a certificate of completion for his NIMS Machining Level I certification. The department also gave him a 0 - 3" Starrett micrometer set and a coaxial indicator as reward for his dedication and hard work.

"Andy is the first PMT student to ever complete a NIMS certification while still in school. It takes a lot of dedication and isn't easy to do," said Piel. "We are very proud of him and what he has accomplished."

"Andy is one of the best students in the class so we knew he could do it if he put his mind to it," said Tom Ely, PMT instructor. "There are guys who have been in the industry for many years and are just now getting their certifications. Andy is way ahead of the game and it's only going to help him in his career."

Mayer graduated from the PMT program in May and is employed as a machinist by Sanks Machining in Staunton, Ill.

Congratulations to Andy and thank you to the PMT department for sponsoring Andy and supporting him during the certification process.

HVACR Instructor Nominated as Best Teacher



In a recent issue of “The Ranken File” student newsletter, students were asked to nominate a favorite Ranken teacher to be highlighted in the campus newsletters. Patsy Zettler asked her English Composition class to participate and 25 students turned in nomination forms. Steve Jones, an instructor in the HVACR department, received more nominations than any other teacher.

In their nomination essays, students talked about Jones’ dedication to ensuring that every student is learning, his patience and his “dry”

sense of humor.

“It’s nice having someone around who is willing to do whatever they can to help you...,” writes Zeth Williams, a HVACR student. “If someone is having trouble with the class work, he will spend one-on-one time trying to tutor them. Using personal time to continue his efforts for your success really shows he cares.”

HVACR student, Shane Donovan wrote, “A good sense of humor helps break the ice. He has these phrases that he says everyday that makes everybody laugh. Every morning he walks in and says ‘Gentleman, how are we doing?’ Or when something is on the board that we’ve already went over, he’ll say, ‘Oh don’t worry about that. You guys don’t know anything about that.’”

Jones has been an instructor in the HVACR department for 21 years.

“Steve always puts the students’ education ahead of everything else and he truly loves teaching and seeing his students learn the trade,” said Chris Brueggeman, HVACR Department Chair.

“Mr. Jones pushes us to be better because he knows how hard it will be out in the real world...” - Keith Willis

“His way of teaching is very thorough. He takes his time explaining every step...” - Joseph Veal-Briscoe



Photo (left): Four HVACR students nominated Jones as best teacher at Ranken. Pictured L-R: Zeth Williams, Shane Donovan, Joseph Veal-Briscoe and Keith Willis

Congratulations to the following employees who recently received a promotion:



Pat Capps was promoted to executive assistant to the president in May 2009. Pat began employment at Ranken in 1993 as a secretary in the Registrar's Office. She was promoted to administrative assistant in the Education office in February 1999 and to administrative assistant to the vice president for finance in October 2007. Prior to Ranken, Pat was the office manager and assistant to owners of several businesses. Pat earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business and management from National Louis University in Chicago, Ill.



Therese Velleca was promoted to scholarship counselor in March 2009. Therese began employment at Ranken in November 2005 as a financial aid assistant. She was promoted to financial aid counselor in 2007. Prior to Ranken she was the assistant registrar and assistant to the college admissions specialist at Lafayette High School in the Rockwood School District for 11 years. Therese holds a B.S. degree in business administration from the University of Missouri-St. Louis.



Patsy Zettler recently accepted the position of general education department chair in charge of English, communications, and humanities subjects.

Zettler started at Ranken in August 2008 as an administrative assistant in Continuing Education. She began teaching English courses during the spring 2009 semester and will assume her new duties on July 1, 2009.

Zettler, who has been a columnist for the St. Charles County Journal since 2006, has also recently been published. Three separate works—two short stories and an essay—were recently published in Cuivre River Anthology (available on Amazon.com). In addition to these new pieces, her writings have been frequently published over the past 25 years in other books, newsletters, literary journals, and newspapers.

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1940s

Fred Givens (1944) was a foreman at the Columbia Box Factory in north St. Louis until his death in 1948 (1901-1948). The company manufactured wooden boxes, beer and soda crates, and wooden toys, some of which were developed by Mr. Givens (information submitted by grandson, Steve Givens).

Harold Keller (1948 Refrigeration) went to work for Kelvintor and retired from there as a field service supervisor 40 years later.

William Hutchinson (1948 Communication Electronics) married his wife Joan in 1951 and has four children. He retired in 1991 from the Motorola Government Electronics Division in Scottsdale, Ariz. He currently resides in Surprise, Ariz.

Allan O. Miller (1949 Communications Electronics) has been employed by Scott Air Force Base as an Avionics AFET for the past 38 years.

1950s

Cost of tuition in the 1950s was \$54 for students aged 16-21 and \$405 for students over 21. M.R. Bass and George B. Rodenheiser

were Directors during this time. In 1951, there were 36 day instructors. In 1957, 100 students graduated.

Carlton Holmes (1956 AMT) resides in Moore Haven, Fla.

1960s

Randall Rhoads (1966 PMT) is currently retired after 38 years in the field and lives in Carrollton, Ill.

Ron Thompson (1967 IEET) is retired and resides in Springfield, Ill.

Dennis Hellebusch (1967 Communications Electronics) is currently a manager at Intoximeters in St. Louis, Mo. He has been employed there for seven years.

Raymond E. Catlett (1969 IEET) is employed by ABB in St. Louis, Mo. as a senior technical consultant.

C. Allen Davenport (1969 AMT), a current Ranken faculty member, was elected Elsay Township Supervisor in April 2009.

Alumni Relations

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1970s

Greg Bergheger (1970 ART) is a project manager for Ross & Baruzzini and has been in the architecture field for 19 years.

Michael Buckley (1971 THERP) was named the Technician of the Year in Medium Heavy Truck Electrical Systems by the ACE Board in November 2007. The award was presented in Scottsdale, Ariz. and sponsored by Delco Remy.

Roger Pierjok (1971 PMT) is owner and operator of three businesses in Richview, Ill., including Rapco Services, Rapco Custom Fabricators and Rapco Building Products and Supply Company.

Dennis Formann (1971 AMT) retired in December 2008 after 29 years of service at Anheuser Busch leaving as the operations manager of the metal container can manufacturing division.

Glenn Valin (1972 AMT) retired as a service technician after 33 years and lives in Alton, Ill.

Clifton Simpson (1972 HVACR) is retired after a career that spans 31 years as a CEO and paramedic but continues as CEO of United Life Care Ambulance.

Steve Isaak (1973 Welding) is a supervisor of maintenance for NuStar Pipeline Company located in Hermann, Mo. and has been

employed there for 27 years. Steve has four family members who have attended Ranken and is the proud father of three sons. He has been married to his wife Gloria for 36 years.

Mike McDermit (1978 IEET) is currently the facilities engineering team leader at Lennox Industries in Marshalltown, Iowa.

Mike Opich (1978 ACR) is an auto body technician for White Auto Body in Florissant, Mo.

1980s

Ross Marre (1980 PLT) is retired and living in Wentzville, Mo.

Ross Breeden (1982 AMT) is an alignment specialist for Warrenton Tire and Muffler Service Center in Warrenton, Mo.

Jim Thro (1986 AMT) partnered with Terry Zeisler (1991 AMT) and together they own Jim Thro Automotive in St. Charles, Mo. The company was recently featured in the February/March 2009 issue of the St. Charles Business Magazine. They have been providing car and truck services to the area for the past 10 years.

Brian Spencer (1986 Instrumentation) is employed by Stone Technologies as a controls engineering technician. He's been in the field for 23 years.

Ed Heintz (1988 Truck, Heavy Equipment Repair) has worked for UPS as an automotive mechanic for nine years. Ed was married in 2000 and has one 19 year old son.

John Wolf (1989 Instrumentation/ Process Control Technology (IPC)) is currently employed by Mark Andy, Inc., in Chesterfield, Mo. as the Midwest regional sales manager. John received his B.S. in Organizational Leadership from Greenville College and a MBA from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Ill. in 2003. John is married and has 2 children.

1990s

Missy Dingeldein Auten (1990 ART) returned to Heneghan and Associates in Godfrey, Ill. in 2006 where she worked from 1995-2001. Missy has two children.

Mark Curran (1990 CRP) currently owns Curran Enterprises, LLC in South St. Louis County, Mo. and has been in business since 2003.

Terry Zeisler (1991 AMT) partnered with Jim Thro (1986 AMT) and together they own Jim Thro Automotive in St. Charles, Mo. Their company was recently featured in the February/March 2009 issue of the St. Charles Business Magazine. They have been providing car and truck repair services to the area for the past 10 years.

Michael P. Avret (1992 PLT) is a journeyman plumber for Local #562.

Gregory Brunts (1993 HVACR) has been employed by Schneider as a service technician for the past two years.

Joseph Sciarrino (1993 IEE) is currently working for Ameren UE as a line service worker. He is married to Debbie and they have two daughters and one son. They currently reside in Wentzville, Mo.

Gene Moore (1994 EET) is starting his own WISP company called RIC Communications. After graduating from Ranken he worked at Sprint for six years as a network engineer, then went to Cingular for four years and is now employed by AT&T as an IP architect Engineer. Because of his work ethic, Gene was selected to represent the company and placed on their billboard. Gene currently lives in Kennesaw, Ga. and works in Atlanta. (Contact Kathy Fern if you would like to see Gene's latest picture and the billboard.)

Deron Magruder (1997 IPC) is currently employed by Wainwright Industries in St. Peters, Mo. as a process improvement engineer.

Morgan Collier (1997 Machine Shop) recently graduated from Southern Illinois University -

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Carbondale with a degree in IT. He currently works in on-line computer quality control from his home in Indian Rocks Beach, Fla.

David Clements, Jr. (1998 Communications Electronics) was married in 2005 is currently working at AT&T in St. Louis, Mo. as a network center technician.

Tracy Ford (1998 CNT) is a quality assurance consultant for MasterCard Worldwide in their O'Fallon , Mo. office and has been employed with them for 10 years.

2000s

Nicholas Reed (2000 AMT) is currently employed by eServ Engineering in Peoria, Ill. as a mechanical engineer/delivery manager. Nicholas completed his degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Missouri-Rolla in 2004.

Gerald Armstead (2000 CST) is currently employed by Metropolitan Sewer District as lead operator. Gerald went on to obtain a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Technology at Southern Illinois University - Carbondale.

Kenny Frasca (2001 PMT) has served in the military since graduation and works on C-130 search and rescue helicopters.

Kenny has served in Japan and is soon to be deployed to Iraq.

Keith Steinacher (2001 EET) is married to Natalie, has two sons, and resides in Dow, Ill. He is employed as a senior engineer with JEOL USA Inc. and works out of the St. Louis district office. Keith is currently one of 10 candidates to enter the election for four seats in the Jersey Community Board of Education election.

Matthew Behrle (2002 PMT) is employed by Schaffner Machine Company in Berkely, Mo. as a CNC setup/operator. He has been employed there for four years.

Patrick Myers (2004 CNT) is employed by Savvis Communications as a junior systems administrator in Town and Country, Mo. He has a 20 month old girl named Brookelynn Marie.

Douglas Ruyle (IEET 2005) was married to Christina Macher in March 2009. Doug is employed by JF Electric.

Scott Simonds (2008 HVACR) is employed by Mills Property's - Timberlake Apartments as a Maintenance Technician.

Nick Cannedy (2006 AMT) exchanged vows of matrimony with Sarah Campbell June 2009.

John Thyer, Jr. (2006 ESDT) is engaged to Allie Gill and will be married in August 2009. John is a project manager for Legacy Electric.

James Hermann (2006 EAT) is employed by American Airlines as a fleet service clerk.

Justin Hamblen (2006 PMT) is currently employed by Weir Lewis Pumps in St. Louis as a machinist. He was recently engaged and plans to be married in October 2010.

Davor Bosnjak (2007 EAT) is employed by Hughes Customat as a maintenance manager and lives in Ballwin, Mo.

Jonathan Smith (2007 AMT) works for Dobbs Tire and Auto in Sunset Hills, Mo. Jon was diagnosed with non-hodgkins lymphoma in August last year, is undergoing chemotherapy, and is expected to make a full recovery.

Quy Cao (2008 ACR) is an operator for ConAgra Foods in St. Louis, Mo.

Matthew Thole (2008 PLT) is employed by Brefeld Plumbing and Heating in Trenton, Ill. as a plumber.

Doug Paddock (2008 IT) is a network administrator for Micro Systems located in Maryland Heights, Mo. and lives in Glen Carbon, Ill.

Alumni Memorium

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

John H. Sullivan (Electronics Communication) - April 1996

Ken Ryan (1994 AMT) - April 1998

Maurice Miller, Sr. (1967 Machine Shop) - December 2002

Merlin J. Garrett (1941 Machine Shop) - April 2008

Joseph Picard (1997 CNT) - September 2008

Ronald L. Mead (1971 PMT) - October 2008

Joel Melton (1949 CRP) - January 2009

John A. Griffin, Sr. (1980 AMT) - February 2009

August (Bud) Holthaus (1949 CRP) - March 2009

Glennon Marren, Jr. (1975 PMT) - April 2009

To submit an alumni update, visit our website at www.ranken.edu or contact Kathy Fern, Director of Alumni Relations.

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

Tidwell Gives “Top 10 List To Build Success”

Gary Tidwell, a 1975 HVAC alumnus, presented his Top 10 List to Build Success during his presentation on Ranken’s campus as part of the Alumni Entrepreneur Workshop series.

1. Work Safe - don't take risks - take precautions
2. Be a Good Worker - give a full day's work for full day's pay
3. Listen to your foreman - these guys know what they are doing
4. Be Honest
5. Be Dependable - your peers, family and employer are depending on you
6. Be Trustworthy - if people can trust what you say and do it makes you valuable
7. Be Congenial - be easy to work with no one likes working with a crab
8. Be Attentive - listen to what is being said
9. Cross Train - if you are a fitter, learn plumbing
10. Be a sponge for knowledge - continue your education, read, teach others, get every certification and license that pertains to your career; don't ever think that you know it all.



Tidwell notes that not only will these steps work in plumbing or HVAC but can be used for any job in any field where success is desired. He has followed these steps and believes that anyone who does will have a fulfilling career.

Tidwell started as a technician and because of his energy and need for variety in his job, moved into contracting and construction management at Air Masters. He is currently serving as the president of the Mechanical Contractors Association of Eastern Missouri and will complete his term of office in 2010.

Any Ranken alumnus interested in sharing their success story with Ranken students and other graduates may contact Kathy Fern, Alumni Relations (314) 286-4895.

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2009 Golden Graduate Ceremony

The 'Golden Graduates' of Ranken Technical College were honored at the 2009 commencement exercise on May 16. Held at the Chaifetz Arena on the campus of Saint Louis University, 21 alumni who completed programs and graduated in 1959 or earlier participated in the event. Golden Graduates were invited to a social hour and dinner prior to graduation and were honored with a certificate during the commencement exercise.



Front Row L-R: Lawrence Stivers (Radio 1940); Glenn Brod (AMT 1955); Junior Daves (HVAC 1959); Harry Tourille (Mechanical Design 1958); Melvin Scharf (Communications Electronics 1956); Edward Boyd (Architecture 1955)

Middle Row L-R: George Bakker (Electrical Maintenance 1951); Tony Margherio (Machine Shop 1942); Robert Stewart (Machine Shop 1959, Class President 1959); Charles Pick (Auto Maintenance 1948); Morris Grattendick (Architecture 1947); Albert Katzenberger (Auto Maintenance 1939); Earl Sandweg (Auto Body Repair 1934); Joseph Horvath (Industrial Maintenance 1940)

Back Row L-R: Richard Lurk (Machine Shop 1959); William Hutchinson (Radio 1948); Joseph Moehrle (Mechanical Drafting 1959); James Gard (Auto Maintenance 1958); Edward Miller (Industrial Electricity 1949); Allen Miller (Communications Electronics 1949); Russell Lay (Industrial Electricity 1951)

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First Annual Senior Celebration

The first annual Senior Celebration was held in the Dining Hall to honor all 2009 graduates. Career Services and Alumni Relations hosted the event as a joint effort. Seniors picked up their caps and gowns, were treated to light refreshments, gathered information about the College's Bachelor of Science in Applied Management (BSAM) program, and learned about membership in the Alumni Association.

Alumni discounts and coupons were available from Walter Knoll Florist, Enterprise Rent a Car, Trotter Photo, Working Advantage, and Dobbs Auto and Tire Service. Alumni Leadership Council members, Don Huster (AMT 1967) and Dean Alinder (AMT 1962), were on hand to welcome all the new graduates into the Alumni Association. Students Helping Students participants were recognized and received an Alumni Association polo shirt as a complimentary gift. Two AMC movie tickets donated by Working Advantage were won by Kyle Dawidowski.



Photo: 2009 graduates gathered in the Dining Hall to pick up their cap and gown and learn about membership in the Alumni Association.



Pictured L-R: Dean Alinder, alumni and George Sims ('09 Carpentry), graduating Summa Cum Laude.

Employer Spotlight

John Henry Foster Company St. Louis, Mo.

The John Henry Foster Company (JHF) is a full-line fluid power sales company that distributes to customers throughout most of Missouri and Southern Illinois. JHF sells products such as air compressors, hydraulic pumps and power units, pneumatic cylinders and valves and custom assemblies that include electronic controls.

John Henry Foster, founder of JHF was born in Rhode Island in 1905. In 1928 he started his career as a manufacturer representative for Norgren, Hansen, Mead & Vice-Grip. In 1942, he opened his first distributorship in Minnesota. Two years later a second branch of the John Henry Foster Company was founded in St. Louis, where John Henry remained to build his business.

Foster drove his air stream trailer around the Midwest selling pneumatic equipment to industrial customers. His philosophy was, "you can't sell from an empty wagon." So today, JHF's 6 million dollar inventory allows customers the comfort of



knowing that products they order are in stock.

In 1983, Foster sold the company to his general manager, Bob Gau (a 1960 Mechanical Drafting Ranken alumnus and a Top 100 Outstanding Graduate honoree) and his wife, Kathy. Gau was one of the first employees JHF hired as a sales representative, quickly moving to general sales manager, then owner. One year after the Gau family purchased JHF, an Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) was created. The Gau family still runs the business according to Mr. Foster's motto "take care of the business and it will take care of you."

As part owners, JHF employees have identified the values that they believe are important for continued success. Those are loyalty, respect, integrity, honesty, trust, cooperation, teamwork, accountability, and excellence. Many of these traits are values instilled in Ranken students through their education, and a reason why John Henry Foster Company



Photo: John Henry Foster Company located in St. Louis, Mo.

looks to Ranken graduates as potential employees. With 13 Ranken graduates currently employed there, JHF has a continued presence at campus job fairs, is a frequent donor of equipment in numerous departments, and remains a corporate friend of the College. The JHF name is proudly displayed in the Industrial Technology department as a testimony of their continued support to Ranken programs. Gau, who serves as chairman of the board at JHF, continues to reinforce the dreams of the company's original founder and his success can be seen in their \$44 million in annual sales.

Eric Droege recently graduated from the INT program at Ranken and will begin working at JHF as a hydraulic technician.

"Ranken has given me the skills I need and the opportunity to step into a company like John Henry Foster Company and be a productive technician. The two years I spent at Ranken led me to a great career," said Droege.

Ranken is grateful to have corporate partners such as the John Henry Foster Company, and Ranken alumni who give back to the College through corporate scholarship and equipment donations. For more information on the John Henry Foster Company, the Gau family and company history, visit their website at www.jhf.com. Click on the link "A look at our History" for a downloadable version of "The Story of John Henry Foster St. Louis, Mo., 1944-2007" written by Kathleen Gilbert, which served as a source of information for this article.



Pictured here are graduates from Ranken and current John Henry Foster employees.

First step L-R: Aaron Brown, Dan Griffith; Middle step L-R: Scott Derleth, Jordan Covington, Joe Gutting; Top step L-R: Russ Renner, Eric Droege, Mike Parr, Dave Doyle and Bob Reid.

(Not pictured are employees/graduates: Kurt Mueller, Mike Borgini and Dave Howell)

Alumni Spotlight

Ranken graduates not only become experts in their field, but some also become successful teachers of their field. Thirty-three out of Ranken's 60 full-time faculty members are Ranken graduates. This is an impressive number on its own and then add in the 14 of 57 adjunct instructors and two administrators. This article will introduce two Ranken alumni who are currently members of the faculty.



» Howard (Bill) Layman, 1993 graduate of Industrial Electricity Technology (IET) and current Electrical evening school instructor

While spending a spring semester at a local community college, Layman felt as if he hadn't really left high school. He was looking for a good paying job, but didn't have the education or experience he needed. Layman was watching channel 11 one night and saw a Ranken commercial. The next day he visited campus and

liked the atmosphere and the courses that they offered. He decided on the Industrial Electricity program and began classes the following semester.

After graduating from Ranken in 1993, Layman moved to Springfield, Mo. for a job. He taught seminars similar to the ones given at Lowe's and Home Depot, and really enjoyed the experience. When he heard that Ranken was hiring, he sent his resume and was chosen for the position which brought him back to St. Louis in 1996. After learning that he would be teaching some of the same classes that the late Bob Heinichen taught he knew he had big shoes to fill. Layman taught full time at Ranken from 1996 to 2005. During this time he started Ranken's Electrical System Design Technology program. He returned in 2008 to teach evening school in Electrical Automation Technology.

During the day, Layman is the pre-construction manager for Habco Partnership, Inc. Habco currently has five Ranken graduates as employees: three foremen and one journeyman that graduated from Industrial Electricity/Electronics Technology and an estimator/project manager who is a 2007 graduate of the ESDT program.

"I like being able to bring real world situations back to the classroom to better prepare the students for their future careers," said Layman.

"My most memorable moment teaching at Ranken was probably my first day. I don't know who was more scared; me or the students."

"A graduate from the first year I taught came up to me a couple of years later and said 'Thanks.' That one word made everything worthwhile."

Bill's advice for current students is to "work hard and take in as much as you can. Never miss a learning opportunity."

"I cannot express the importance of making contacts in the electrical industry. This industry changes so fast and education is so important. Keep your certifications up to date. Do not job jump. Moving jobs for a couple of bucks seems like a good idea, but in the long run is a resume killer. Employers are looking for stability."

Bill has been married to his wife Cindy for 15 years. They have two sons, William (11) and Joshua (6) and live in Lebanon, Ill. His two boys keep him busy with boy scouts and sports.



» Charles (Chip) Comley, 1993 graduate of Automotive Maintenance Technology (AMT) and current AMT evening school instructor

When it was time to select a college, Charles chose Ranken based on the College's reputation in industry and the proximity and convenience to where he lives. Comley had a great experience as a student and has a lot of fond memories.

"I mainly remember the friends I made at Ranken and the football games we played after lunch in the grassy area in the middle of campus."

Comley, a newcomer to the Ranken faculty, has been teaching night school in AMT for just over a year. He chose to begin teaching because he really enjoyed his time as a student and felt he could pass that along to new students while sharing with them his real world experience in the industry.

"I really remember the first class I taught because I felt that the students really appreciated what I was trying to teach them," said Comley.

His advice to current students is to "take the time do all the work assigned and ask any questions that you might have. Any and all information you can get while you are in school will help you succeed."

"Don't get discouraged, take all hurdles in stride and learn from any mistakes you might make."

Comley has been married to his wife Valorie for 14 years and lives in Shiloh, Ill. He has two children and enjoys soccer and boating.

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2009/2010 Campus Calendar

August 2009

Fall classes begin - 8.24.09

September 2009

Employer Breakfast - 9.4.09

Labor Day - All School Holiday - 9.7.09

Student Ambassador Meeting & Orientation - 9.10.09

Teacher/Counselor Workshop - 9.25.09

October 2009

Employer Breakfast - 10.9.09

Columbus Day - All School Holiday - 10.12.09

Fall Open House & Alumni Event - 10.17.09

Alumni Night Out (Chili's in Fenton, Mo. 5-9pm) - 10.19.09

Shadow-a-Tech - 10.28.09

November 2009

Career Fair - 11.5.09

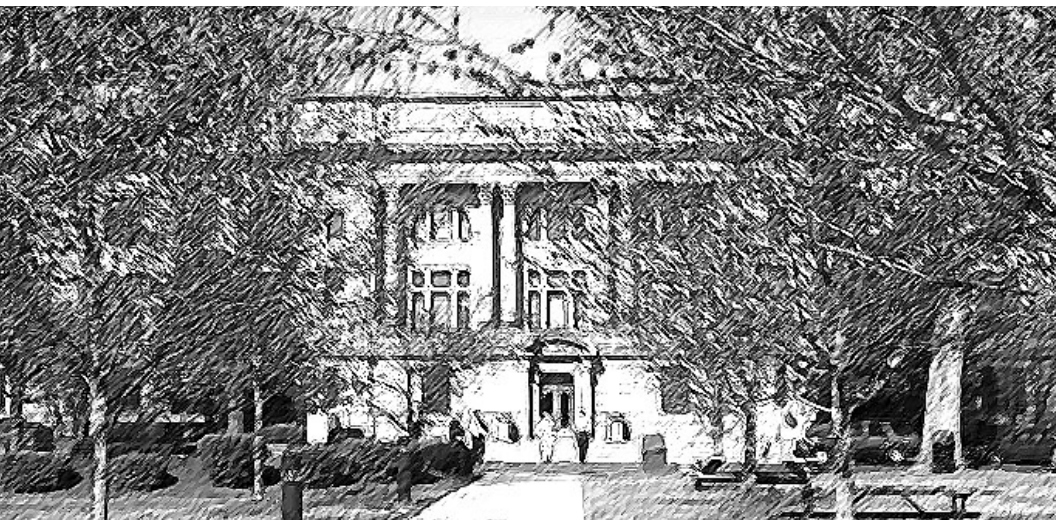
Placement Testing Breakfast - 11.6.09

Veterans Day - All School Holiday - 11.11.09

Shadow-a-Tech - 11.19.09

Thanksgiving - All School Holiday - 11.26.09-11.27.09

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December 2009

Automotive Shadow-a-Tech - 12.3.09
Employer Breakfast - 12.4.09
Day School Classes End - 12.18.09
Holiday Break - 12.24.09-12.31.09

January 2010

Holiday Break - 1.1.10
Spring Classes Being - 1.11.10
Martin Luther King Jr. Day - All School Holiday - 1.18.10
Employer Breakfast - 1.22.10

February 2010

Presidents' Day - All School Holiday - 2.15.10
Placement Testing Breakfast - 2.25.10
Employer Breakfast - 2.26.10

March 2010

Spring Open House & Alumni Event - 3.7.10
Career Fair - 3.11.10
Shadow-a-Tech - 3.18.10
Spring Break - Student Holiday - 3.29.10-3.31.10

April 2010

Spring Break - Student Holiday - 4.1.10-4.2.10
Good Friday - All School Holiday - 4.2.10
Shadow-a-Tech - 4.8.10
Placement Testing Breakfast - 4.15.10
Automotive Shadow-a-Tech - 4.21.10

May 2010

Spring semester ends - 5.12.10
Commencement Ceremony & Golden Graduate Event - 5.15.10
Memorial Day - All School Holiday - 5.31.10



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calendar of upcoming events

June 2009

Summer Open House | 16

July 2009

Independence Day Holiday - All School | 3

August 2009

New Student Orientation | 4-5

Family Orientation | 6

Fall classes begin | 24

September 2009

Labor Day - All School Holiday | 7

Teacher / Counselor Workshop | 25

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