

Collision repair students like hands-on classes

Editor's note: The following short articles were written as memos for a writing assignment for Leland Williams, technical writing instructor at Northwest Kansas Technical College. This is the third of a series of short articles. This group is from collision repair.



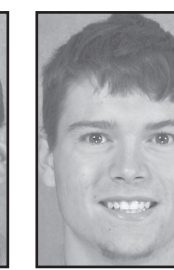
Garcia



Heck



Henry



Hill



Inguanza



Konecne



League



Moreno



Rogers



Sander



Trejo



White



Wickham

available after completing the course.

Jonathan Garcia

Originally, I had decided not to go to college because I didn't know much about technical colleges.

I knew that some of my grades would not be good enough for college, and I knew that I wouldn't make it in some of the classes.

When I found out about technical colleges, I decided to go, but I didn't know where. I had decided to go to United Technical Institute, but I did more research on it and found out that UTI costs about \$40,000 for a year.

I knew that Northwest Tech was cheaper and just as good if not better. That's basically how I chose my college and why I decided to go to college.

After visiting and beginning the school year at Northwest Tech, I quickly found there are many good things about this school. The instructors here know a lot about what they teach and some even are still doing their craft, which keeps the instructors very knowledgeable about new and old tricks of their respective trade.

I'm currently in collision repair and plan on taking auto tech and diesel tech, so I plan on becoming very well acquainted with this school and its instructors.

Currently, I am working on my Associate's of Applied Science degree the school offers through its general education classes. I feel because these classes are geared to help those who may not be so interested in university classes, students have more of a chance of succeeding.

I would recommend anyone go to Northwest Tech to further his or her education.

Joseph White

Accomplishing My Dream

I almost didn't make it to college because some stuff happened, but I'm thankful to be here.

I have the potential, motivation, and the desire to accomplish my dream.

My dream is to restore cars because there are always going to be cars in the world, and there will always be wrecks.

At this college, my instructors are very good at what they do. Each and every day, we do something new, which is great.

All in all, Northwest Tech is a very good school. I'm glad to be here so I can better myself.

Kabir Moreno

Being one of the youngest and first to go to college in my family is a great thing that I'm going to accomplish within these next two years.

When I accomplish this goal that I set in my life, my lil bro will look up to me, and hopefully he'll follow right behind my footsteps. Making my folks proud is something I have to do.

The collision repair program is great here. I like it because there's a lot of hands on training and the teachers actually know what they're talking about. My fellow classmates are great students and they're all easy to get along with.

I'm really glad I made the choice to come here.

Kalee Konecne

Why I chose to attend NWKTC

In my college hunt, I looked at many colleges all over the United States.

I did not find one that really tricked my trigger, but then I got a phone call from the Mavericks golf coach Travis Jones.

Now if you know me, I'm a very athletic person, and since coach Jones was desperate for golf players, I took on the challenge, not knowing what major I would take.

As some of you may know, I am currently one of the two girls in the collision repair class.

I had no idea what was in store for me, but again, I was willing to take on the challenge. I really like how the instructors, Larry McLemore, first year, and Darryl Hoss, second year, teach us students and let us learn hands on, so we are not in the classroom all day.

I love attending NWKTC, this was one of the best decisions I have made. My degree here at NWKTC is so important to me because I feel an education will open many of doors for the future.

Thank you for reading this memo on why I chose to attend college at the wonderful school of Northwest Kansas Tech College. I hope everyone enjoys my story, and feels free to share it with family and friends.

Kyle Sander

What higher education can do for me

The reason I chose to come to college is because I knew that without a higher education, I would be unable to find a good paying job, have more knowledge and skills, and get the job I want for the rest of my life.

So far, I am very happy with my choice to come to Northwest Tech. I had to use financial aid to help pay for the tools I needed for collision repair and to help pay for the whole college experience.

This college was the best choice for me because I wanted to stay in Kansas for my schooling, and Northwest Tech had the education I wanted and wasn't that far away from my hometown, which is Oakley.

College was the best thing that I could do for myself.

I have a very good feeling my college days at Northwest Tech will be exciting and will give me the most knowledge and skill I can use to succeed through my future life after college.

Once I graduate from Northwest Tech, I will have obtained my associate's degree for collision repair.

Devon Inguanza

Why I went to college

I went to college because I had some huge changes in my life's plans.

When I was in high school, I got a job offer to work on an oil rig for very good money. Later that month, I got a huge surprise that I had a kid on the way, and I knew on a rig I would be gone all the time and have to drop out of high school.

After much thought, I decided to

finish high school and move on to college so I could provide for a good life and be home all the time.

I chose Northwest Tech because it was the closest to home so every weekend I could go home to work and spend time with my son.

I realize I have a ways to go yet before I can graduate with an associate degree in collision repair, but I know I will be able to provide a solid future for my child.

Waylon Heck

I decided to attend Northwest Tech because I heard there was a really good collision program here, and I needed to attend a collision program to further my career.

Also, it was close to home.

I chose the collision repair program because it is a business where you will always be needed. In addition, there are fewer collision repair technicians than regular auto technicians, which means a little more money in the career because it is more of an art skill than just mechanical.

In the long run, I think Northwest Tech was the best place to attend; it is an affordable school and closer to home.

Christopher Hill

Why did I choose this College?

I chose this college because I have had two cousins go here in the past, and I have two friends in their second year of Collision Repair.

One of my cousins went through Collision Repair and my other cousin went through Carpentry.

Both of my cousins and friends recommended this school for me because they said it was an amazing hands-on learning college, and the teachers were really nice and knew what they were talking about because they went through the programs they teach.

In my opinion, I would say this is the best school because it has good learning experiences and is cheaper than other schools, but you learn more because you take General Education classes and receive your AAS degree.

Nick Henry

Going to college has always been in my educational plans; however, going to a four year university didn't seem to fit me.

I wanted a hands on technical education. That's why I chose Northwest Tech.

Collision Repair appealed to me because of my interest in vehicles. With two years of training, I'll be ready to enter the workforce.

The instructors are some of the best in the industry, and the shop is up to date with the latest technology.

Before I decided to attend Northwest Tech, I considered attending WyoTech. I decided against it due to the price and quality of the program.

Attending Northwest Tech was one of the smartest decisions I've ever made.

Along with getting an AAS degree, I'm getting a first rate education in collision repair at the best possible price.

Instead of working hard labor jobs like I was, I'm on my way to a great career.

Rosalio Trejo, Jr.

Education is a highly important part of life today. Without it, many struggle to find a good job and make a decent living for themselves and their families.

I have given much thought and consideration to this, and I decided to attend college at Northwest Tech.

I chose Northwest Tech because it is close to home and the cost of attending here is considerably less than attending, for example, WyoTech.

The instructors here are excellent. Both of them have great experience in the field and are both former graduates of this college. I especially enjoy class because since the classes are kept small, there is more room for the teacher to work with the students on an individual basis to assure that they develop their skills to the best of their ability.

Even though this town is small, the quality of education achieved here is great, and there is a strong sense of pride within the Northwest Tech campus that could rival any of the other tech schools in the region.

City of Goodland Treasurer's Financial Statement

Goodland, Kansas

For the period from October 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010

FUNDS	PREVIOUS BALANCE	RECEIPT	DISBURSEMENT	CURRENT BALANCE
Special Highway	131,693.13	31,729.22	0	163,422.35
Self Insurance	361,786.42	581.35	12,500.00	349,867.77
Airport Fund	151,949.89	9,015.69	9,491.00	151,474.58
General Operating	1,392,665.99	337,786.26	576,805.36	1,153,646.89
Bond & Interest	22,379.19	5,989.84	0	28,369.03
Library	0	3,132.78	2,378.89	753.89
Sales Tax	3,046.80	49,686.63	48,919.12	3,814.31
Electric Utility	3,649,364.73	1,592,353.21	1,378,629.24	3,863,088.70
Mun. Court Div. Fees	27,486.96	1,561.90	0	29,048.86
Law Enforcement	20,756.11	29.88	0	20,785.99
Electric Meter Deposit	132,979.94	7,969.00	8,460.00	132,488.94
Water Utility	226,905.29	254,118.10	156,562.69	324,460.70
Water Service Deposit	73,632.00	6,800.14	7,500.14	72,932.00
Sewer Utility	137,162.99	100,236.61	118,417.16	118,982.44
Special Park & Rec.	62,249.43	1,537.29	0	63,786.72
Vehicle Insp. (VIN)	18,132.31	1,716.02	1,213.68	18,634.65
Grant Imp Res. Fund	465,258.77	32,404.04	448	497,214.81
Street Imp. Project	290,832.19	243.14	0	291,075.33
Solid Waste	62,712.67	76,097.85	107,886.89	30,923.63
Fire Equipment	0	0	0	0
Airport Improvement	-9,491.00	9,491.00	0	0
CDBG Grant	0	0	0	0
Capital Imp. Reserve	3,013,250.75	223,069.66	82,042.03	3,154,278.38
Insurance Proceeds	0	0	0	0
Employee Benefit	468,174.62	32,604.97	116,043.75	384,735.84
Library Emp. Benefit	0	308.32	308.32	0
State Water Fund	5,622.00	3,770.76	4,704.98	4,687.78
Cemetery-Perp. Care	82,500.00	0	0	82,500.00
Cemetery Endowment	99,750.79	1,900.00	0	101,650.79
Cemetery Improvement	113,809.30	1,160.20	0	114,969.50
Replacement Tree	0	0	0	0
Electric Reserve	2,262,939.99	54,502.34	168,435.00	2,149,007.33
Water Reserve	445,138.41	666.24	86,118.41	359,686.24
Water System Imp. Proj.	-336,567.49	1,389,430.52	1,386,220.89	-333,357.86
FEMA	0	0	0	0
Sewer Reserve	837,528.57	11,204.46	0	848,733.03
M.E.R.F.	2,875,382.05	84,477.47	228,789.75	2,731,069.77
Total	17,089,032.80	4,325,574.89	4,501,875.30	16,912,732.39

AVAILABLE CASH	PREVIOUS BALANCE	CURRENT BALANCE
Cashier's Change	2,000.00	2,000.00
Checking Accounts:		
BANKWEST	415,179.45	1,379,379.04
Investments	16,671,853.35	15,531,353.35
Total Available Cash	17,089,032.80	16,912,732.39

LIABILITIES AND OBLIGATIONS

ST OF KS PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY LOAN	1,397,976.54
ST OF KS PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY LOAN-2009	4,469,121.12
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2007	1,785,000.00
TOTAL	7,652,097.66

I, Janeil Dilling, do hereby certify that the above statement is correct.
 City Treasurer
 Signature

City development director hired

CITY, from Page 1

Q: I see you are from the northwest corner of Arkansas, and wonder if there are any similarities between that northwest area and ours along I-70.

A: In Northwest Arkansas we are 30 minutes from Missouri and Oklahoma. Much like Goodland being close to Nebraska and Colorado. Both areas have major highways that make them a hub, I-540 in Arkansas and I-70 in Kansas. Northwest Arkansas is more populated and it is hard to know when you have left one town and enter another town. In Northwest Kansas the towns are more spread out and have their own character.

Q: Are you married and do you have a family.

A: I am married, My wife Mary and I have 2 Daughters, Savannah age 10 and Vivian age 7.

Q: Can you give me an example of a project you worked on in Lowell you might translated in Goodland.

A: Two projects I worked in Lowell were family entertainment venues. The first is a company called Fast lane entertainment. They are an 80,000 square foot entertainment

complex with bowling, Laser tag, Go Karts and 100 video games as well as a full service restaurant.

The other project is a 36-hole Miniature golf course. Both are large and might need to be scaled down for a market the size of Goodland, but I think the Idea of a family entertainment complex would complement the attractions already in Goodland and be a great thing.

Solomon has a political science degree from University of Arkansas, and graduated from the University of Arkansas Supervisor Development Program in 1998.

Before moving to Lowell Solomon worked for three years as Production Supervisor for Tyson Food's Mexican Original South Plant in Fayetteville. He led a team of 25 people towards completion of production goals, and coordinated production issues arising during shifts. He said the focus was on quality and safety in production areas.

He graduated from the Tyson Leadership College in 2000.

Solomon moved to Lowell in 2001 and was a fleet manager for J.B. Hunt Transportation for seven years. He managed 40 trucks, kept up with maintenance and utilization

of them. In 2005 the fleet he managed had the lowest accident cost among the 90 over the road truck fleets. He had a staff of 45 drivers to manage their efforts towards on time service and safety.

Solomon completed the JB Hunt Fleet Manager Training course in 2004.

He served two terms as a Lowell City Alderman from 2003 to 2007, and served as Chairman of the Low-

The
Goodland Star-News

SUBSCRIBER

JUDY HELM

You receive two free passes to see

TRUE GRIT
(PG-13)

Clip and bring to the show.
Non Transferable

Sherman

1203 MAIN - Phone 899-6103