Reflecting on education at Northwest Tech

Editor's note: These are memos written by students at Northwest Technical College from Diesel Technology and Electrical. The students were tasked by their instructor Leland Williams to reflect on their education experience at the college and put it in memo form for her class.

"These students attend technical writing together in one class," Williams said. "Shana Salazar, the MA student, is taking extra courses to get her associate's in one year, which is why she is part of this class.

"I think these memos turned out very well. Hope you enjoy and have the perfect spot for them in the paper!

From: Ethan Fehrenbach

Reflection on my Education I am currently going to Northwest Kansas Technical College in the Diesel Department. I am in my first year of my studies.

I have met many people who influenced me to want to try and be a better student in my program. This summer I worked in Burlington, Colo., at MV Equipment. While I worked there, one person who motivated me was the shop manager, Norm Fauson, because he always came to work with a smile and enjoyed coming to work. He was a technician at MV Equipment for 5 years but then found himself in a manager's position.

Another person who influenced me was a technician from the same shop named Shane Rieman. He inspired me because he always came to work ready to be a tech, and that's something I will be able to do. No matter how he thought his day was going to be, he always managed to keep a positive attitude.

My parents have had a major impact on my choice to go to Northwest Tech. They told me I could go for whatever I wanted, and they have supported me the whole way.

After graduating from the diesel department at Northwest Tech, I plan to further my new position as a diesel technician at MV Equipment. I plan to continue my internship at MV Equipment this summer.

Christopher Riddick

Re: Reflecting education When I started school here at Northwest Tech, I didn't know anybody since I was from Springfield, Colo. Everyone here at the college has been friendly and kind to me and always been willing to help me out if I ever asked.

the college I can really count as true bachelor's with Pitt State. Hope- a lot of hard working and skillful friends. I work with two of my good fully, with a degree and bachelor's people.



Brogan Duffield



Rinehart

program here at Northwest Tech, I will be leaving with an associate's degree and the experience of a lifetime

Quast

In conclusion, I will say I have had great experiences here in getting the skills I will need throughout my life. And thank you for taking the time to read this.

Daniel Gomez

Re: Diesel Technology Message: There are a lot of things I would love to do with my education. That is to either go back home to Wamego and work out there for John Deere or CAT, or settle in Colby and work for any of the diesel shops there like Central Power Detroit, CAT, Central Power Cummins, or many other diesel shops in the surroundings,

I believe being taught and trained by two of the best diesel tech instructors, Ron Kaus 2nd year instructor at Northwest Kansas Technical and Greg Unger 1st year instructor, I have done very well in learning all the many different studies and skills they have put me through to make me a better student.

I've met a lot of special people while being in school, amazing new friends, great staff, and most important, someone who has affected my life more, my lovely girlfriend Tavlor.

She has been wonderful. I never thought I'd meet the girl of my dreams in this small town; I just thought I'd be here for school and then graduate and leave, but this small little town grew on me. I love the community and have met the girl Duffield, Chase Moore, Matt Lind-I love. So thank you, Goodland. Or I should be thanking her amazing parents.

My education will set me up to be I have met some people here at a great employee and to pursue my Tech program has introduced me to



Emmons Fehrenbach



As a woman in Diesel Technology, I feel right at home. I grew up with five older brothers and am used to being the only girl. There are actually two of us women in the program.

The hardest question for me to answer is how I got into my program and why. I really woke up one morning and thought I might just go to Northwest Tech and become a diesel technician. So far I haven't regretted my decision one bit.

I would like to get a job working for John Deere, where I can expand my knowledge further and become the great technician I really would like to be.

Skyler Brogan

Re: Northwest Tech Experiences

In response to your request, I am writing about my experience College.

After I graduate, I expect to go back to work for Colby Ag Center in Colby. There I will use what I learned at Northwest Tech to work on customer equipment, trade-ins and new machinery. This will become my lifetime learning experience and job.

While attending this college, I have met and worked with many people. Greg Unger, my first year instructor, and Ron Kaus, my second year instructor, have taught me many interesting and useful things.

My classmates such as Timothy berg, Mitchell Ohlrogge and Collin Clapper are all great co-workers who are willing to help and lend a hand whenever I need it. The Diesel



Gomez Gridley



Riddick Salazar

The educating I receive from both Mr. Unger and Mr. Kaus is unbelievable; they really know what they're talking about.

The people I am lucky enough to call classmates are in a whole different class than what I expected. They all have your back and are willing to help you with whatever you need. Skyler Brogan is the perfect person to call friend. He's smart, respectful and is always willing to lend a helping hand.

In the end, I would say looking back I don't regret choosing Northwest Tech as my college. The town of Goodland is filled with great, respectful people.

Because of this school and all I'll gain in my two years here, there is no doubt I'm starting off on the right foot.

Ben Rinehart Re: My Education

First, I plan to finish out schooling by the end of May and to pass my Journeyman's test in order to become a licensed Electrician.

After I have received my Associate's of Applied Science in Electrical Technology, I plan to get hired on with an electrical company; whether it's in Kansas or Colorado, I want to get to work fast and start making money.

There are a few special people I've met at Northwest Tech, and I'd like to mention these very few. First off, I'd like to mention Mrs. Bergsma. She's the cosmetology instructor at Northwest Tech. She sometimes spoils us (random people) by making cupcakes or brownies She always makes sure we are happy, that's for sure. Next, there is a Mr. Wesley Garrens and Gary Kickler. These two men have brought forth to me an education I've never really types of work such as residential be the best medical assistant I can experienced before. I'm where I am wiring, commercial and industrial be. She is preparing us for immunow thanks to them. I believe my education at Northwest Tech has made me more employable due to the fact I was given the knowledge and used my work ethic to put things to use and do the job I'm required to do in a professional and successful manner.

more technology oriented and the use of computers has really been a challenge.

I will be looking to obtain employment in the local area upon my graduation in May. I will have an associate's degree and a journeyman license as rewards for continuing my education. Northwest Tech has been a great place to get that education.

Dr. Koon and Ms. Williams are two outstanding educators who, I feel, really give the school the ability to draw students in and keep them interested in what they are doing. These two really made it easy in my transition going back to school.

Koltin Nelson

Re: My Reflection on higher education

After receiving my Journeyman License, AAS degree and diploma, I will be moving down to Tahlequah, Okla.

I plan to get hired by Kelly Grant Electric or Tahlequah Public Works. If hired by either company, I will work there while my wife will be attending Tahlequah to study to be an optometrist.

While attending Northwest Tech, I have met and worked with many really good and not so good people. Currently, I work with Shad and Marty Electric, and a lot of their focus is grain elevator work. Since I have been there, I have learned a lot of knowledge from the both of them which I plan to use and expand on.

At college, I have met and been taught by two great teachers who have helped with furthering my education, Dr. Koon and Ms. Williams.

My education here at Northwest Tech has been a little rough with problems my class encountered. However, my class was driven by our obstacles and we expanded our capabilities by pushing each other to become better electricians. Luckily, I have had really good employers who have taught me basic electrical installations and have steered me in the right direction.

I believe I am easy to work with, am not afraid to tackle a task, and have the ability to lead; someday my goal is to be in a position where I can make the decisions and be the one people look up to.

Vance Jones

subject: My Education Northwest Tech has given me solid training in the electrical field across a broad aspect of different

Special people I've met while going to school here have definitely been my classmates in the electrical program. They have helped change me and make me the person I've become since attending Northwest Tech.

When I first started school, I was very shy and not really outgoing at all. I kept to myself except to the people I already knew, but my friends helped me to put myself out there and meet new people.

I think my education here at Northwest Tech will make me more employable because I have been given the skills to do the work I'm set with in a timely fashion and to good quality standards. The skills I have learned will set me up in a company for a position of leadership because school taught me what it takes to be the foreman of a job.

Kohl Gridley

My education

I am a 19 year old in diesel technology at Northwest Tech. I am going for my associate's degree in diesel technology.

In my time here so far, I have worked for a local farmer. After school, I am looking to go to Hays and work at RSC Rental or an Agriculture dealer there.

In my time here at the college, I have made some really good friends and mentors; our instructors are very good at what they do. They are quite experienced which makes a big difference in the way and method in which we learn.

The person who influenced me the most in our family is Jeff, my dad, who is a mechanic and lives in Hays and works at RSC Rental; he has been a mechanic for as long as I can remember.

I have grown up in an agriculture based community. I have always been a mechanically inclined kind of person.

Shana Salazar My education

After receiving my Associate's degree in Medical Assistant, I plan on taking the national exam to become a certified medical assistant, and work in the clinic setting of a medical facility in Manhattan.

During my training at Northwest Tech, I have had the opportunity to work with the American Red Cross at a blood drive, and I worked alongside many professionals at the Sherman County Health Fair.

My instructor, Ms. Lucas, at Northwest Kansas Technical College is thoroughly preparing me to wiring, PLC and motor control, as nizations, vital signs, philobotomy, preparedness, charting procedures and she is preparing us to become the office manager. Along with medical courses, I have taken a computer class, psychology, human relations, English composition and technical writing. The course is accredited through ing, support myself well, and live a Ms. Lucas, who is certified through "lavish lifestyle." Electricians make the American Association of Medical Assistants, and is one of the only accredited medical assistant courses in the state.



friends at S&M Repair.

from my education here at Northwest Tech is that I have the skills to be successful in diesel mechanics. I feel I will be successful because of the great instructors the college has. What I want to get from my education is to be able to have a job that will allow me to buy a house and support a family someday.

What I really like about Northwest Tech is everyone here is looked at as an individual and not just some other kid. When I complete my

under my belt, I can move my way The one thing I really want to see up to service manager or store man- taught me to work more efficiently, ager for any diesel shop.

Pearl Emmons

Re: Reflection on My Education I am currently attending Northwest Tech to get an Associate's of Applied Science degree in Diesel Technology. So far, my experiences at Northwest Tech have all been pleasant

When I am through with college, Tech I plan to take my education and turn it into a career.

Last, my time at college has faster and in a timely matter. I believe if I take these skills out to the workforce with me and apply them, I will become a better employee and maybe someday become the boss or shop manager. Northwest Tech has begun to prepare me for my future.

Timothy Duffield

Message: My time at Northwest

I believe my time here is both time and money well spent.

Dale Quast

Re: My Northwest Tech college experience

It has been a change of pace going back to school after such a long layoff. Students seem to be in the world.

well as solid training in general office administration, emergency education classes, helping me learn to deal with people and keep books and records for a business.

I came to this school not knowing anything about the field, but I will leave an electrician.

What I expect to do with this education is use it to make a good liva great living, have great benefits, and are always needed in some way

matters of record

Municipal Court

These are cases decided by the Goodland Municipal Court:

Jan. 19: Gary R. Slusher, racing, exhibition of speed, fined \$135.

Jan. 20: Jordan W. Roane, battery - domestic violence, diversion \$310.

Jan.21: Wendi Lea Ehlers, failed to yield at stop sign or yield sign, illegal tag or no tag, diversion \$185. Jan. 23: Ariel K. Hapke, minor consuming alcohol, diversion

\$310 Jan. 25: Monica N. Aaron, battery - domestic violence, diversion, \$360.

Jan. 26: Erica L. Austin, driving under influence, diversion \$660.

Gary L. Searle, Jr., battery - simple, fined \$460, and second charge of battery - domestic violence, fined \$260.

Jan.31: Devon Renee Inguanza, failed to yield at stop sign or yield

sign, fined \$135. Brett Lalicker, parked in alley, fined \$105.

wipers obstructing windshield, fined \$1-5.

Feb. 9: Maria E. Aguirre, failed to yield at stop sign or yield sign, fined \$135.

Tanicia K. Arnold, defective wipers obstructing windows, fined \$105.

Cassandra R. Thiem, disobey traffic control device, fined \$135.

Juan D. Yanez, vicious animal two charges and no animal license two charges, fined \$425.

Feb. 14: Richard D. Garcia, speeding 10 mph over limit, fined \$105.

Feb. 22: Sandra D. Silva, dog at large, fined \$90.

Feb. 23: Sheryl L. Davis, disorderly conduct, fined \$160. Ernesto V. Gonzales, parking

vehicle without current registration, fined \$135.

Maria De La Luz Hernandez, ex-Feb. 3: Donna S. Hall, defective pired license or no driver's license, at stop sign or yield sign, diversion unsafe speeding for prevailing \$185. conditions, fined \$235.

Efrain Lopez, battery - domestic violence, fined \$360.

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