

Diesel technology students enjoy campus life

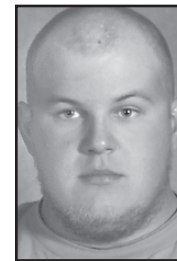
Editor's note: The following short articles were written as memos for a writing assignment for Leland Williams, technical writing instructor at Northwest Kansas Technical College. This is a continuing series of short articles split up by program at the college. These memos are from diesel technology students.



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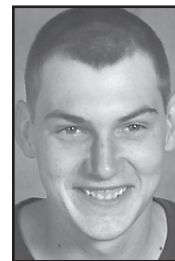
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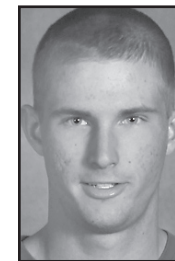
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From: Landon Dirks

I chose Northwest Tech because it was the best school that I looked at. It is also close to my home so I could work after school in Monument. I chose to further my education so I could work on my dad's and my equipment.

Since we started school, we have worked on customers' tractors, tearing down and rebuilding. I like the hands-on experience.

After I get done with school, I'm going to keep on working on my business and the family farm.

From: David Burns

Ever since I was little, I knew I wanted to go to college. My dad went to college in Houston, Texas, at the School of Automotive Machinists. My mom didn't go to college but is thinking about doing online classes.

In the seventh grade I started looking at different colleges. I had a list of different schools I was considering. My first was School of Automotive Machinists. The second was Wyo-Tech, in Wyoming. My third was Auto Tech in Goodland, Kansas. The last I was looking at was Diesel Tech in Goodland. I was really interested in going into automotive rather than diesel.

My freshman year, I ruled out Wyo-Tech because it was too expensive, and I didn't want to spend that much money. My sophomore year, I ruled out the going to School of Automotive Machinist. The middle of my senior year, I was set on going for Auto Tech in Goodland. Everyone likes hot rods and everyone wants to work on cars. What would be the smarter choice?

Finding a job as an automotive technician would be hard. I knew a lot about gas engines anyway, and I didn't know anything about diesels. I made up my mind: I'm going to be a diesel Technician. I figured this was the best choice because if I can work on a diesel, I can do any gas engine out there. It would also be easier to find a job in diesel.

Northwest Tech seemed to be the perfect college for me. Now that I'm in Diesel Tech, I'm glad I chose to come here. I've learned a lot about bigger vehicles, and my education will definitely help me in the long run.

From: Bryan Guyer

Why did I choose to attend Northwest Tech? Well, after deep thought of what college I was going to attend, I decided to attend Northwest Technical College. The Diesel program was one of the best here in Kansas, and I was excited to be attending as one of the students.

The college life here is exciting; there is never a dull moment, and if you have nothing to do, there are plenty of activities like movie nights and a basketball tournament.

I have learned a lot through my first year in Diesel Tech One, and I'm looking forward to next year to further my education in Diesel Technology. I really like working on customers' equipment and not mock-ups; working on a customer's equipment gives us that experience of dealing with how customers want the job to turn out or what they would like done.

After college, I plan on staying here and working on our family farm with the knowledge I have obtained through Northwest Tech. My education will help me to better understand how to operate machinery, and if something breaks down, I have the knowledge to fix it right.

From: Caden Ackerman

When deciding what college I wanted to attend after high school, I looked around the state at technical colleges that offered diesel technology. I am from central Kansas, so naturally my first thought was North

Central Kansas Technical College because it was closer to home. I finally decided on Northwest Tech because I have worked many summers and spent a lot of time around the Goodland area. Another important reason is that I could work for my family while attending school.

I was told that the diesel program was a very good one, and I now know that it is. I have learned a lot in the program, and I am excited to keep learning and furthering my education. I chose diesel because I like working on equipment, and it is a career that will be around for a long time.

In conclusion, I think that I made a good decision in choosing Northwest Tech. I think that attending school here will help me continue to further my education and make me stand out a little bit more for employers.

From: Paden Ellis

I am from Colby, Kansas, and am actively pursuing a degree in Diesel Technology. Since I drive everyday, it was an easy choice to go to Northwest Tech for a technical degree. I am writing this memo to explain why I chose to continue my education at Northwest Tech and what I expect to do with my education.

I chose to continue my education because I wanted to learn more about diesel equipment. I have always had an interest in agriculture equipment, and that is what I want to be around for the rest of my life. I chose to come to Northwest Tech because of its top ranked diesel program, and it is fairly close to where

I am from.

At this point in time, I do not quite know what I am going to do with my degree, but I am certain that I will be working with agriculture equipment.

From: Mario Holguin

When I was thinking about going to college to become a diesel technician, I didn't know where to go. I chose Northwest Kansas Technical College because it was really close to home, and I knew a few other guys who had finished the program.

I wanted to get a higher education so I can get a higher paying job. Here at Northwest Kansas Technical College, there is a lot of hands-on work in the shop. I want to succeed with my career with the help of Northwest Kansas Technical College.

After completing Diesel Technology, I plan to get a job as a diesel technician in the surrounding area. Overall, I believe I made a great decision in choosing Northwest Kansas Technical College.

From: Joseph Eddleman and Kevin Delano

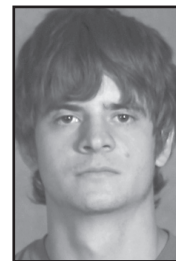
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Kansas Technical College to further our education in diesel repairs. We were both brought up around diesel trucks when we were younger. Northwest Tech is only furthering our education.

Kevin is a truck driver and has been for the past twenty seven years. I chose Northwest Tech because my whole family has attended Northwest Kansas Technical College. Kevin and I help each other, both in the shop and in the classroom.

We have been rewiring a Diamond Reo which is a big learning curve. This Diamond Reo has been challenging, both in finding parts and in finding wiring diagrams.

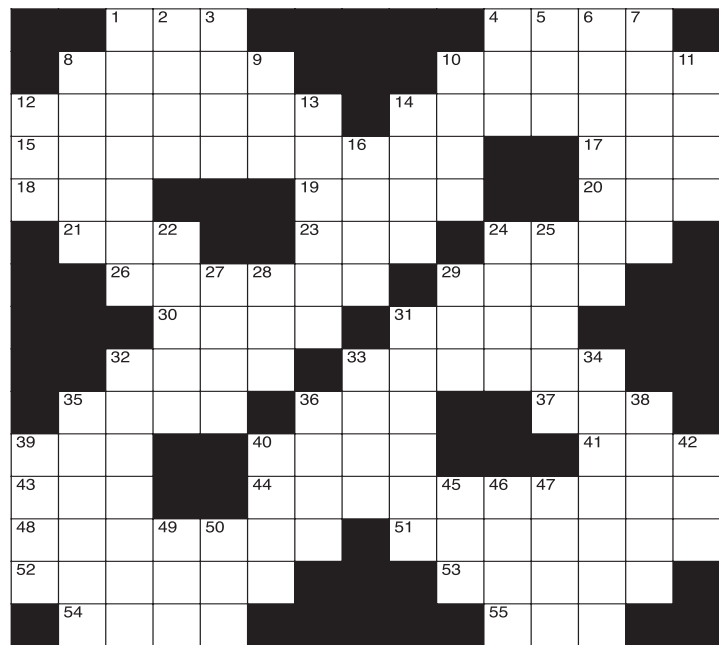
Northwest Tech is going to make us better employees because instructors are teaching us the hands-on along with work ethic. Also we are study writing, computers, math to get our degrees.

From: Jim Harrison

I came far away from my home in Nebraska to get an education and learn more about diesel.

I chose Northwest Tech because they have a big diesel shop and the dorm rooms are good and they with kitchens in them. Also, my brother

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