

## **TRIANGLE TECH GRADUATE UPDATES**

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### **James Neal- June 2017 CADD Graduate**

After I separated from the Marine Corps, I decided to attend Triangle Tech because of my interest in CADD. I have family members that previously attended Triangle Tech and recommended I go there to earn my Associate in Specialized Technology degree in Computer-Aided Drafting and Design. I selected the CADD program because I had experience with CADD in high school and I enjoyed the program and could see myself having a career in Drafting and Design. Some of my biggest challenges while attending Triangle Tech included transitioning into civilian life after the Marine Corps and time management. I had to learn how to manage my time between all the projects worked on at once throughout the day. What I liked best about my time at Triangle Tech was getting to use the 3-D printer and seeing my designs come to life. I also enjoyed participating in the corn hole tournaments. The area of the program that I enjoyed the most was the architectural portion, as well as the mechanical portion in second semester. Upon graduation, I wanted to attain gainful employment as a Designer within a growing company. Some advice that I would give to current Triangle Tech students would be if you put in the time and effort you will be very successful at Triangle Tech. At Huntington Ingalls Industries my position is a Designer. Some of my responsibilities are to revise drawings and communicate with senior designers and engineers to get the most current information and changes, as well as keeping all of the databases up to date with the drawings I work on. I would say that I hit the ground running and put all my time and energy into earning my degree at Triangle Tech. Some of my future goals are to earn my Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering and attain a position as a Mechanical Engineer.

### **Zachary Lieb- February 2017 Electrical Graduate**

I wanted to get a degree and learn a trade to get myself a good job after graduating. I knew some people that went to Triangle Tech and they said it was a good school to attend. A struggle going to school was commuting back and forth, as I lived a little over an hour away and had a larger class. The teachers were cool which made class go faster and better. My favorite class was motor controls. I am a trainee for one year at my job with Carpenter Technology which is a huge industrial steel mill that produces high grade alloy steel used in jets, planes, medical parts and cars. I work on the primary side with the furnaces and we do monthly preventative maintenance and calibrations and take calls for anything production needs fixed. My position consists of everything, including motors, drives, switches, reading prints, PLC's, trouble shooting, conduit, lights, hydraulics, water cooling, rectifiers, and power supplies, you name it. I will move up from a level 4 trainee to class 5 Electrician in January or March.

### **Ranel Morris- June 2017 Welding Graduate**

I am proud to say that I have a career instead of "a job". The sky's the limit and that's how I feel about my career. I wanted to get into welding because of the high demand for the trade. I wanted hands-on training that applied to what I wanted to do. Prior to attending Triangle Tech, I was a cook. I went to school and gave it my best. The key is not to doubt yourself. I would tell new students to pay close attention to the instructors and never give up. Training goes by fast! I am now employed with a great company as a Fabricator. Some of my job responsibilities include looking over the blueprints, helping with fit-up of the girder and making tack welds. I also help with repairs as needed. I want to thank Career Advising. They sent my resume right to the source and a few

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days later I received a call. I plan on working as a welder for several years then advance to a Certified Welding Inspector.

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## **David Kovach- June 2017 Carpentry Graduate**

I am in my field and loving it! Prior to attending Triangle Tech, I did drywall and trim work. I also did cabinet work which is a specialty craft in itself. I always liked working with my hands. I really enjoyed my training at Triangle Tech. At times, it might feel like 16 months will take forever, but it really goes by fast! It's worth it in the end whenever you have a degree and the skills that no one can take away from you. I enjoyed learning and gaining knowledge from the instructors. They were always there to guide us and give us the extra knowledge from the field that I use every day. During school, I also worked part-time. Soon after graduation, I began my career with Shannon Staley & Sons located in Carnegie. I have the opportunity to do a little bit of everything; framing, drywall finishing, trim, tile work, etc. I like the fact that I'm not at one particular job site for more than a week at a time. In the future, I might get back into custom cabinetry.

## **John Christman- June 2017 RHVAC Graduate**

I chose Triangle Tech because of their reputation. I had already received a Maintenance Electricity and Construction Technology degree from the Triangle Tech, Dubois school and a lot of times, I received interviews for jobs just because of that degree. I decided to attend Triangle Tech, Greensburg for the Refrigeration,

Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning program because it enhanced my Electrical knowledge and made me more marketable. There are electrical components to most RHVAC equipment, and the two combined, go hand in hand. The biggest challenge I faced when attending the Greensburg school was the long commute from home that was an hour and a half one way and keeping my attendance record strong even in adverse weather. I really liked the instructors at the school because they are informative and very helpful. I especially enjoyed the refrigeration portion of the program because that was my primary focus and reason for choosing the RHVAC program. I had seen a variety of electrical, heating, and air conditioning aspects in my previous employment, but the refrigeration portion was the most unfamiliar to me. I wanted to find a decent and stable career after I graduated and I started my employment, less than 2 weeks after graduation. I would advise current Triangle Tech students to avoid getting flustered or fearful that they won't know what to do when they start to work because everything you saw/touched base on in the classroom, you will see again on the job, so don't worry, just TRY. I would like to maintain my employment with Taylor Products, Inc. and move up within the company. Currently, I am providing parts and services to various machines that provide food/drink products (milkshake, ice cream, juice) at fast food restaurants, gas stations, and restaurants.

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