

TRIANGLE TECH GRADUATE UPDATES

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Tyler Kline- Carpentry Graduate

I decided to attend Triangle Tech because I knew they would give me the hands on training I needed to be able to land an entry level position in my industry. I chose the Carpentry field because it is such a vast industry with many paths you can take and is in high demand of skilled workers. Plus, being able to apply the skills of carpentry to my every day home life was an added bonus.

At Triangle Tech there is a lot of information given to you in a short amount of time. That required me to stay focused and driven to understanding everything that was being taught to me to the best of my ability. I didn't want to just go through the program to finish. I wanted to really apply myself so I could be ready for the workforce and have a solid base to build upon. I really enjoyed the hands-on projects we completed. Learning the basics in the field such as; installing a bathtub and tile and how to remodel a home was rewarding.

At Triangle Tech, I not only gained knowledge, but a brotherhood as well, in the individuals I had classes with. We really bonded and helped each other in the program. I consider them like my family. Triangle Tech was the stepping stone I needed to get into the carpentry industry. I now work for one of the largest construction companies in South Florida. We do luxury residential and commercial projects for the Palm Beach area. When I first started with them I was a laborer but after two months they saw my skills and began moving me up and I give credit to Triangle Tech for that. I am currently working under my superintendent to learn more about running a jobsite with the goal to eventually become a superintendent and run my own jobsite for this company.

My advice for current Triangle Tech students is to not worry about what it will be like out in the field. Many employers know and understand that you are new. Enjoy the time you have at Triangle Tech and learn as much as you can. Everyone is there to help you succeed.

Victor Pacchioni- Electrical Graduate

I decided to go to Triangle Tech because I wanted an option for how the world was heading during the COVID-19 pandemic into a great unknown. Nobody knew what was going to happen in the world, but I was sure that there was going to be a need for electricians when the outcome was decided. I knew it was going to be a lot of hard work. I still had to work full-time to support my family and go to school full-time. I loved every minute of going to school again and learning a trade. I met so many great students, faculty, and administration that helped me along the way. Even when things at work got difficult they were there to help me along my journey. I met some of the best young people that are dedicated to the trade now and made so many new friends for life. I treasured my time at Triangle Tech.

Now I used my degree to move into a maintenance supervisor job. I am the only electrician on the staff so I get to work with it in all aspects and teach other maintenance officers how to do it correct and safely.

I can't thank everyone at Triangle Tech enough for the help and support.

My advice for anyone considering going into the trades is just do it. The world is in the most need for these skills. Even at my job we cannot find enough qualified trades personnel. So go get a great education and find a great job in the field with great benefits!

Wita Kuglasz- Welding Graduate

I chose the Welding Program because I have always been hands on and artistic, in welding. Through Triangle Tech, I saw the opportunity to take control of that vision for myself with the benefit of job security. Plus, welding is an excellent skill to have and applicable anywhere in the world.

I chose Triangle Tech because It was affordable and gave me the opportunity to earn my desired degree in a timely fashion!

Some challenges I faced starting school was working full-time after school at the hospital. So having the



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time to study and get needed rest was difficult at times, but well worth the outcome. Closer to graduation, I faced some challenges in my personal life with family.

Staying motivated during school was important, knowing this was something I really wanted to do and was going to work hard to achieve, at all costs. I focused on obtaining my degree with every ounce of effort, I could give. It was very rewarding to see the steps achieved daily, expanding knowledge and developing welding skills, knowing the reward would pay off, in the long run.

Becoming a welding inspector after acquiring years of experience and progress, my career in the welding industry was a goal. My personal goal was to purchase a home, get the puppies I always wanted and start my own family, in time.

Looking back on my journey to graduation I can say, "it was a success". My peers called me the "Wild Card" because when I started classes I did better in my book work than out in the shop. I struggled managing time with grinding and creating welds that would be needed in the field. By the end of each semester, I was on the Dean's list, the Honor Roll, passing each welding certificate, and passed a weld test for a job offer at Johnson Controls. As graduation approached it became a very emotional experience because, as a female welder I never thought I would ever reach the skill level I had achieved, as a welder. And I want to especially thank my great classmates for their support and our exceptional instructors for cheering us all on and giving us their support through the good, the bad and the ugly days. I had a great experience at Triangle Tech connecting with my classmates and will never forget reaching this milestone in my new career.

Since graduation my achievements are: passed all my certifications; welding and crane. Created the life I have always wanted; I have a home filled with two puppies, an awesome car, the feeling of financial security, and a loving partner who I graduated with from Triangle Tech.

I am employed at Welding Unlimited in Montoursville, PA where I have the opportunity to expand my knowledge in custom welding & fabrication. I was previously employed at High Steel Structures in Williamsport, PA for two years where I gained a lot of experience fabricating bridge beams as a Welder/ Fabricator. Welding skills, used in my position is Stick, Fluxcore, MIG, Subarc, and grinding.

My advice to new and current students is work hard, gain all the skills and knowledge you can so, you don't have to work as hard later. Welding is a skill that is useful not only for a great career; but useful around the house and as a hobby! Anywhere you want to go in life, welders are needed and there are so many ways you can be creative with welding skills! It can be rewarding and fun surrounding yourself with people who are motivated and ready to take the journey with you. My plans for the future is possibly start my own business to do custom work someday!

Dylan Averell - CADAM Graduate

"I decided to transfer to Triangle Tech because my father attended Triangle Tech as well. I was familiar with a few of the teachers and knew I would get the "bottom up" education that was necessary for the field. When I say "bottom up" I mean they lay out the ground work and build from there. Even if I had no background prior too, they could teach me. I went into their CADAM program and learned the importance of detail and time management. Classes were always fun and interesting. Through all of the hard work we still managed to have a good time while doing it! Triangle Tech also prepared me for real life interviews and jobs. They helped build my resume, set up mock interviews, and connected me with several companies and job opportunities. I even accepted a job offer 4 months before I graduated. I now work for Allegheny Millwork as a draftsmen full time. Triangle Tech aided in me building a relationship with this company starting from second semester at my first job fair.

They set me up for excellence and success and I felt prepared without feeling a sense of dependency. They gave me the skills I needed to make it in this ever growing industry."



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Chuck Haddad - RHVAC Graduate

Growing up, I always knew that I wanted to work with my hands. Once I could start working I got a job helping out at a heating and air conditioning company. As an assistant, I learned a lot from others but it was very obvious that the people who had gone to school were more knowledgeable than those who had learned in the field.

I started asking around to see where people had gone to school and I was the most impressed with those who said Triangle Tech. It may have taken me a few extra years but I finally made time in my life to go to school and the only place I wanted to look at was Triangle Tech. From the moment I went to fill out paperwork I knew this was the place for me and I didn't have to look any further. The instructors at the school are what makes it what it is. I was able to form bonds with them over the time I attended Triangle Tech and knew that no matter what or when I could always reach out to them for anything I needed help with. I will always be thankful for them. After graduating, Triangle Tech offered me a job as a Maintenance Technician at the school and it has been a pleasure working for them.

Joshua Bridges - Carpentry Graduate

I chose the Carpentry program because it was my dad's career choice and I wanted to follow in his career path. I chose Triangle Tech because it was local and had a good reputation. I was unsure what direction I wanted to go for my career. It was a challenge to find the path that was right for me; but my goal was to find a high paying job.

I started the carpentry program not knowing what path I wanted to take in the industry. With help and guidance from my instructors and peers, I made it through to fourth semester. When I reached graduation, I knew construction is where I wanted to build my career. I knew I would have to keep building upon my career and skills, even after graduation. I started working at Zartman Construction, Northumberland as a laborer in the carpentry field and worked my way up to superintendent steel erection position. After working many

years at Zartman Construction I moved on to HEPCO, Selinsgrove as a Project Manager and am currently pursuing my degree in Civil Engineering. My duties include; cost estimation, logistics, time management and much more.

The training and skills I learned at Triangle Tech and use in my position include, blueprint reading, cost estimation, basic knowledge of building are essential at HEPCO. At Zartman Construction; building skills and people skills was something I learned at Triangle Tech. This is a great tool to introduce you into the workforce. I think, if I would have gone to work right out of high school, I may not have survived my first job. I credit my career to perseverance, staying the course and wanting success. Triangle Tech instructors, the curriculum and my peers helped to instill these valuable skills in me. I did not know it at the time but when I look back and see my career and how it has progressed, I see the value in my education and the people at Triangle Tech as influencers in my career and life.

My advice to new and current students is don't fool yourself to ever think you have learned it all. Every day you learn something new. Use your difficult days as motivation. This is something I have always held on to "If you don't like the mud; learn to manage in construction". I am working on going back to school for a degree in Civil Engineering; my degree from Triangle Tech allows me to pursue it with confidence.

Colin Donahue - Electrical Graduate

After careful consideration and looking around I picked Triangle Tech as it seemed to be the best route to take because of the Associate Degree they offered. I chose the Maintenance Electricity program because my cousin also did the program and was very successful. It also interested me the most out of the rest because of the many avenues you can take whether it be residential, commercial or industrial.

Some of the biggest hurdles were learning everything new, not having really any prior experience with anything in the electricity field. What I liked best about my time at Triangle Tech was the ability of hands-on learning. It was really helpful to see what we saw on a

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daily basis in the field and how it actually functions and works. The class environment was very helpful as well as everyone helped each other out when we would be stumped on something. The residential labs were very helpful, learning how to wire switches and receptacles, bending pipes. The motor control labs were probably my favorite. We learned how to transform drawings to actual working circuits from spinning a motor, turning lights on, or having something work in a sequence. All parts of the program were helpful in each way.

Upon earning my degree, I wanted to be able to immediately use it in my career to help me in progressing in a company with my skill sets that I learned at Triangle Tech. Making a life career out of it to help me in my future. Stay committed, Stay focused it all comes full circle once you get your actual job. Don't be afraid to ask questions if you don't understand. It will help you in the future if you ever run into something in the field.

My current position is a Test Technician at Siemens and I recently got a promotion into Field Service which I will be starting in the new year. Yes, I did hit the ground running, I started in assembly after 6 months I was promoted to a Test Technician position and then after 6 months I applied to be a Field Service Representative in which I was accepted and will soon travel a lot in the Field at different job sites to work on my Companies Drives.

Some of my future goals are to hopefully learn a lot in the field to help me become a better Field Service Technician and continue to try to be a helpful resource at my company and better myself in my future endeavors.

Blaze Coolidge - Welding Graduate

I chose the Welding Program because I enjoy working with my hands and metal; and I chose Triangle Tech because the cost of the program, the speed you can acquire your associate degree, and smaller class sizes which allows you more time with instructors.

Moving to a new area and seeking housing was challenging for me when starting school. But I was able to work through all the details. I stayed motivated

through school by remembering what could be; not what is. My journey to graduation was hard, but a good way to grow.

My focus was to start and grow in my career. Since graduation my achievements have been to become a titanium copper nickel tube welder (pending). I am employed at Johnson Controls Federal Navy Systems.

My duties are to use manual and automatic processes to join tube to plate. Training and skills I use in my position are automated and manual Tig welding, troubleshooting problems, and machine setting and maintenance.

My plans for the future is to continue to grow my career here at Johnson Controls Federal Systems.

James Harrison - CADAM Graduate

Triangle Tech came to my high school and I was very impressed in what they offered, so I decided to enroll. I selected the CADAM program because I've always enjoyed design. Some courses were challenging for me to grasp but I overcame it by staying dedicated. I really enjoyed the fact that I had a smaller class size that allowed me to get that individual attention and interaction from the instructor. If you are a current student my advice is to always work hard. It pays off!

My main goal was to find a well-paying job after school, that would allow me to live a better life. Right off the bat I got a lot of interviews. Even though I am working with a company I like, I am still getting employers reaching out to me for interviews!

At the company I am with now, I will be helping to design warehouses. Eventually, I plan on furthering my education and obtaining a license for Architecture and Engineering.

Randy Weller - Electrical Graduate

I chose to attend Triangle Tech because I was fascinated with the range of trades they had to offer. I also liked how hands on a lot of the training was. I decided to enroll specifically into the Electrical program because I had always been interested in that field, and liked how in depth the curriculum was. Before this, I didn't have much experience working with my

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hands or with tools. In the beginning even just using a tool was difficult! That was the biggest challenge I had while attending. However, through schooling, I gained the knowledge needed to hit the ground running.

I landed a position before I even graduated, that gave me additional experience. In the long run, that position wasn't for me and I transitioned into a company I love. I've learned so much in the short amount of time that I've been in the field and have gotten to work on some awesome projects such as, wiring buildings for Lehigh University all the way to working on a Wingstop location. After 7 months with my current company, I was promoted to Shop Supervisor and now oversee materials and a crew.

My future goal is to become Master Certified and own my own electrical company! My training at Triangle Tech definitely helped give me the skills I needed to get started. My advice for current Triangle Tech students is to pay attention in class. Everything you're learning right now will directly benefit you in your career!

Lillyn Raum - Welding Graduate

I chose Triangle Tech because of the fact that you graduate with 4 certifications and an Associate Degree in only 16 months, plus the wide variety of welding education. Triangle Tech doesn't just teach you the basics of welding, they go into detail including how welding intertwines with algebra. You will learn the classroom side of welding. I chose the welding program simply because I wanted to learn welding.

I didn't have many challenges at Triangle Tech, my teacher was amazing with talking me through anything. Welding is changing and he was very patient and understood that sometimes you will mess up. I would say I enjoyed all of my time at Triangle Tech. My peers and instructors made me very passionate about my welding.

My goals after high school graduation were simple: secure an education that would never let me down. Triangle Tech gave me a career I'll always be able to depend on. My advice for current students would be to push through and finish. My time at Triangle Tech was not easy, and it won't be for you.

I currently am working at Volvo CE as a Front Frame Welder. I assemble the front frames for Volvo Front Loaders. I absolutely did hit the ground running. I'm very passionate about my work. Taking pride in your work is how to produce quality products every time and even 2 years later I'm still as passionate as I was the day I graduated. My future goal is to one day become a welding instructor/inspector. I want to be able to give the same welding education that I got.

Jacob Ackley - Electrical Graduate

I chose the Maintenance Electrical program because the electrical trade is prevalent in my family. Triangle Tech's Sunbury School was a good choice since it was close to home.

While in school, I stayed motivated by thinking of how successful I could be in my career. After graduation, my goal was to get a job in the electrical field doing something that was relatable to me.

Before I graduated, I had a job offer from Andritz Inc., Muncy. I was hired as a project technician. My duties include helping maintain client site systems and finding ways to enhance them. Training and skills relevant in my position are mainly PLC logic and require knowledge of motor systems and high voltages.

My advice to new and current students is to keep working towards graduation and never stop seeking career opportunities. If there is a part of the electrical training you are not particularly fond of, it could be helpful to retain it because it may be relevant to your position when hired.

My plans for the future are to become more established and recognized in the company. I am gaining recognition and seeing an increase in my salary in my electrical career, and I hope to own a home one day.