

TRIANGLE TECH GRADUATE UPDATES

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Matthew Weiler- RHVAC Graduate

“My name is Matthew Weiler. I am a graduate of Triangle Tech, Pittsburgh. Entering school at Triangle Tech was a huge change in my life. I was not used to going to school and it was a very scary and uncomfortable thing to do for me. I was very nervous and anxious. I had basically no knowledge and experience in the field I chose. But having very welcoming teachers there was a big relief. They were very down to earth and comforting. I couldn't have been more grateful for them and the education they presented. They were very knowledgeable and well-experienced with teaching RHVAC. It was through them, that helped me know the field and find the right job for me.

At Triangle Tech I was able to acquire the right education and degree that I never thought I was able to achieve. I have been working in the field now for some time and everything they taught us and told us to expect was dead on accurate.

I came from very little in my life and knowing I have a degree and am officially a tradesman I can see light at the end of the tunnel. Knowing I can provide for my family and give them the things that I never had is the most satisfying feeling I can ever have. Triangle Tech I cannot be more blessed with everything you have helped me accomplish. I'm truly blessed to have you, Triangle Tech in my corner and I can't thank you enough. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.”

Morgan Brosius- Carpentry Graduate

“I managed on a small income for several years, working dead end jobs with no real future in sight. I will never forget the day I finally broke, and decided I needed to do something with my life, with myself, and I wanted to build a career not just find a new job.

I filled an online application out for the Construction and Carpentry program at Triangle

Tech one morning in May of 2019 and that very same morning I received a call from the school asking if I'd like to take a tour and meet with the instructors. We set up an appointment and I fell in love with the school almost immediately.

I struggled a little bit throughout the program, but I had wonderful, supportive instructors that helped me through and kept me on track to pursue my goal and complete my education. I started with no knowledge on anything construction related and graduated at the top of my class with high honors. My current job was lined up a month before graduation.

I am now working on my career as a drywall finisher, and I thank my educators and the institute for the experience and knowledge to pursue the life I have always wanted.”

Alexander Adams - Welding Graduate

“I chose the Welding program because, I enjoy welding. And I chose Triangle Tech because I was able to earn an Associate Degree in 16-months, not 2-years.

While in school, I worked second shift and got less than 4 hours sleep a night. This was a big challenge for me. But the thought of making more money kept me motivated during school. My goal was to find a job that would give me good experience, in the welding field.

Since, graduation I have been working for Johnson Controls Federal Navy Systems. My job is to build chillers; weld flanges and other fittings for naval ships. My future plans are to continue working for Johnson Controls and make, as much money as possible.”

Kyle Kralick - Electrical Graduate

“I decided to attend Triangle Tech ultimately because I thought it would be the better option over a 4-year university for me. Trades are in great demand, so I knew that I would have a very



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good chance of getting a solid job right out of school. I also wanted to avoid a large student loan debt, and I figured what debt I would have accumulated from the school I would be able to pay off relatively quickly. It was a big factor for me in deciding to eventually come to Triangle Tech. I heard great reviews about the school from many people and knew that they offered very good programs. Also, the fact that I would be leaving with an Associate Degree in 16 months was a big deciding factor as well. I wanted to learn as much as I could and get out into the field as soon as possible. I selected the electrical program because I always had a fascination with electricity and how it worked. I also really enjoy working with my hands and was never afraid of hard and dirty work. All of that combined meant that the program sounded perfect to me, and that's why I ultimately chose it.

Some of my biggest challenges with the program came early on in the first couple months of attending the school. Although I liked electricity and was very interested in learning how it worked, I didn't really have any idea what it would be like to be an electrician. Everything was brand new to me and I had some doubts about my abilities and if this was really the best choice for me. Looking back on it, I realize how new I was to it all really gave me my doubts. But with where I'm at now, I am so glad that I never gave up and pushed through the rough patches. It was all so worth it. Unfortunately, the Coronavirus Pandemic happened during some of the most important months for our class, and it was a very big challenge to overcome. We went all virtual for a while, and then eventually to a hybrid schedule and then back to full time in school. It was hard but with everything that happened, we still ended up graduating pretty much right on time, and we learned everything that we needed to.

What I liked the best about my time at Triangle Tech was definitely the hands-on portions of the program. From wiring, to bending conduit,

installing boxes, programming on the computers, and even learning to build scaffolding, it was without a doubt my favorite days in the school. The satisfaction of installing a simple electrical system and seeing the light bulb come on for the first time is one of the best feelings you could get. The specific part of the program I liked the most was learning how to program the programmable logic controllers. I loved working on the computers and seeing how it all worked in conjunction with the hardwired components of the system.

Upon graduation, my goal was to have a full-time job somewhere in the electrical field. I wanted to walk out of Triangle Tech with my degree in hand and a job secured. I wanted to find an employer that would help me gain the best experience I needed to become a great electrician. I ended up scheduling an interview with a company in my last month of school. And a little over 3 weeks after my graduation, I was hired full-time by my current employer and was out on the floor of a manufacturing plant doing electrical work.

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I am an Electro-Mechanical Technician at East Penn Manufacturing. Basically, I am responsible for maintaining and servicing machinery and equipment used in the manufacturing processes. I have to be able to understand how the electrical systems relate to and work together with the mechanical aspects of the machinery. There can be a lot of troubleshooting and repairing involved. But there can also be days and weeks where we're responsible for installing new equipment.



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So, there is a little bit of everything in what we do. Everyday can bring something different, there is no such thing as a “regular” day here.

As for my future goals, I gave thought to going back to school to become an electrical engineer. I think I would really enjoy the programming aspect of this field, as well as getting to design electrical systems. Going for my engineering degree would enable me to have the chance to do these things. I also love electrical theory, so engineering would be great for me. And if I don't do that, I would like to start my own business at some point.

Mark Christian- Carpentry Graduate

Mark decided to attend Triangle Tech because the location was perfect for his commute and the class schedule fit his job schedule. He chose the Carpentry and Construction program because he recently purchased an older home and needed to know to fix it.

One of the biggest challenges while attending Triangle Tech was being 32 years old and getting back into a classroom environment. The best thing about his time at Triangle Tech was being in a smaller class size which gave him more one on one time with the teachers and allowed the teachers to get more in depth. He loved erecting the building walls but learning about the hydration of concrete and working with brick/block was his favorite part. Learning a life skill that could pass down through generations is something Mark looked forward to upon graduating.

Mark is currently a Construction Superintendent Intern. He leads and manages sub- contractors by coordinating and overseeing all work on site. As far as whether or not Mark hit the ground running, this was his response, “With this being commercial construction I wouldn't say I was running but with the knowledge I learned at Triangle Tech, I was confident enough to handle most situations thrown my way.” His future goals are to build in total around 5 million square footage of commer-

cial buildings, perfect his construction terminology and print reading abilities and to start his own project from the ground up with no supervision.

Daniel Albright- RHVAC Graduate

I chose to attend Triangle Tech because I wanted to become a RHVAC technician just like my father-in-law is. When I first started school, I struggled with financial and work schedule problems. However, I managed to find new employment and work out the financial issues and I was able to work things out so I could attend school.

During school it was hard to stay motivated because of the COVID-19 Pandemic and constant changes in our school, but I just kept picturing myself doing a job that I was training for and kept going. When I first started school, I knew very little about the RHVAC field and technologies. There was a time during school that I had a rough patch where I doubted myself and thought I wouldn't be able to make it through. I managed to push myself through though with the help of my teachers, family and friends and I graduated.

Throughout my training, because I kept pushing myself, I learned a lot and I am currently using the knowledge I gained during the program to perform the duties at my job.

After Graduation, my goal was to find a job in the field. I was able to accomplish that because I am now working as an RHVAC Trainee Technician at Hranec Mechanical Contractors. Part of my job is to do preventative maintenance and look for problems with HVAC systems, if there is a problem, I have to fix it. So, my current employment is kind of what I went through while attending school, I had problems at first, but I overcame those problems and now I am succeeding.

Overall, my journey through school is this, at first, I struggled and didn't think I could make it, but I worked hard, graduated, and found a job. So, my advice to new and current students is to follow your dreams and keep pushing yourself to excel at everything you do.”