



TRIANGLE TECH GRADUATE UPDATES

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Paul Fair, Jr.- 2016 Graduate RHVAC

Before I started at Triangle Tech I was working for a grocery store as a department manager and head of maintenance. When they decided to close the doors for good I didn't know what to do, after all I had a family to take care of, and bills that needed to be paid. That's when I thought about going back to school but for what and where? After all, I had tried college before and I didn't like it, well, it just didn't work out. Then I saw the ads for Triangle Tech and thought about some of my close friends and family that had gone to Triangle Tech, Greensburg for Electrical and CADD, and I knew they were doing well. When I talked to one of them, he told me to take refrigeration after all it's mostly electrical, but you get refrigeration as well. Refrigeration was something I had worked with and around in a grocery store and knew a little about it and did find it interesting.

When I started Triangle Tech I told the admissions personnel I wanted to be a refrigeration tech, and I wanted it to be commercial. I liked the other side as well, but I knew I liked refrigeration. I had a good foundation from being around it in a grocery store, but now I was getting the theory and why and how it worked. The best part about this field is the fact that you never know what you will be doing on a daily basis. You can be hunting down a short in an anti-sweat door, changing a compressor, or condenser fan, it can be even as easy as just deicing a coil because a drain got plugged. It's honestly like Christmas in that you never know what you are getting, and also like a puzzle game as in, are you smart enough to figure it out? You are always learning and should never be bored. As far as the Career Advisor, she did a very good job. She is actually the one that found me this job. I may have found it on my own, but then again I may not have. The one

thing I can say is they will help you find a job, providing you are willing to try as well. My advice to the upcoming classes is to look at it as a competition, even though you will most likely become friends. Also, if you go into commercial refrigeration it is not a 9 to 5 job, it can be 17 hour days – 7 days a week, it can be 40 hours a week – 5 day week, after all we are driven by the weather. You need to have drive and show effort.

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Ian Butler- 2016 Graduate Carpentry & Construction

I am a recent graduate from Triangle Tech's Carpentry program. I selected carpentry as a career because I love building and working with my hands. One of the main things I liked about Triangle Tech was working in an actual carpentry lab and workshop. We were able to work on a lot of different projects. I also combined my training with doing work in the field at the same time. This gave me a lot of good experience. I enjoy framing. I find this to be my strong suit—being outside, using power tools and building...what's not to love about that! I would share with current students to take each day and learn as much as possible.

Anthony Beachel- 2016 Graduate Maintenance Electricity

Prior to attending Triangle Tech I was working a minimum wage job and wanting more. I began looking at different schools in my area, knowing that I didn't want to go to a traditional 4 -year college. That is when I found Triangle Tech in Sunbury, PA. After looking at the programs they offered, the benefits of the school, such as helping me find a job when I

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graduate, and the teachers having field experience that is when I decided that Triangle Tech would be a perfect fit for me. The only thing to decide on is which program I wanted to study. After thinking about the three choices the Sunbury campus offered, I decided that Maintenance Electricity would be the best fit.

With the knowledge that I had gained from my teachers, and staff at the school, and the help of the job fair they held, I found a job with the Edwin L. Heim Company, a.k.a. Heim Electric, where I am currently a Construction Wireman (CW3) for the company. Some of my responsibilities include: running/bending conduit, pulling electrical and communication wires, designing the paths in which the wires run and much more. My favorite part of the job is the freedom to be able to do my job with minimal supervision.

I hope to one day to either be a foreman within the company or possibly start my own business. As I advance within my position and gain more knowledge in the company I hope to be able to eventually own my own home, and start my own successful business. By graduating with a 3.94 QPA at Triangle Tech many doors have opened in my favor that would not have been opened had I not attended Triangle Tech. My advice to any student or potential student is to try your hardest and push the envelope within yourself to learn as much as you can. My personal motto is "you get out of it, what you put in it", basically if you don't try, you won't succeed. By pushing myself to be the best, I was the best in my class, but that came with hard work, determination, and the willingness to strive for the best and nothing less. The Triangle Tech slogan is very true, "No One Trains You Like Triangle Tech", and I wouldn't change my experience at the school for anything.

David Kneisley- 2016 Graduate Welding & Fabrication

I chose Triangle Tech because I wanted to pursue some type of higher education. They were one, or maybe, the only school in the area with welding certifications as part of their program. I had previously welded for a crane company and wanted to gain more welding knowledge.

Currently, I work as a Welder/Fabricator and I weld on structural steel I-Beams. I hope to further my career and move into a more lucrative position, and maybe eventually join a union. I like the idea of doing something different every day and welding is a way that I can do that. My best advice to students would be not to take the first job that comes along, unless you know that is where you want to be in the future.

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Jarrod Hemm- 2016 Graduate Computer-Aided Drafting & Design

I decided to attend Triangle Tech because they offered CAD Technology. I like being creative, designing things and coming up with ideas. I really enjoyed the school and all of the people both the students and school administration. I focused on my training and earning my degree. I graduated in February of this year and started my new career in February with The Berlin Steel Construction Company in Malvern, PA. My current position as a Detailer allows me to do a variety of tasks including designing structural steel, cost estimating and field measuring. I would recommend that students pay attention to every part of their training because often times things that you thought were secondary come into play more than you think.