



## **TRIANGLE TECH GRADUATE UPDATES**

Check out our graduates and their success.

### ***Dennis Manges- 2014 Graduate RHVAC***

"I started my education off at a four year school, but I couldn't find a reason or a point to the classes I was taking. I quit within my first year and started working. After working in the "Real World" for a couple of years, I knew it was time for a change. I signed up at Triangle Tech and my life began to turn for the better. I loved my teachers; they gave me the confidence to believe in myself and to push myself to new limits. I became good friends with my classmates and now we are connected for life. I graduated in October of 2014, and I am currently working for the Federal Aviation Administration as an "Engineering Technician."

### ***Daniel Cole- 2013 Graduate Maintenance Electricity***

Graduated in February 2013. Dan was tired of working dead-end jobs. He was planning on getting married and wanted to do more with his future. Dan enrolled in the ME program. He was an excellent student with a positive attitude. Career Services presented an opportunity to test/interview with Latrobe Specialty Metals on-campus. It was all good news from this point! Dan passed all of the exams and the hands-on mechanical test and is now employed with the steel company as an Electrical Technician earning over \$22.00/hour. To quote Dan, "I love my job and look forward to going to work each day. I am very grateful to Triangle Tech and all of the teachers and staff that helped me better myself."

### ***John Milewski- 2014 Graduate Mechanical CADD***

John Milewski was a June 2014 Graduate of Triangle Tech earning his Associate in Specialized Technology Degree in Mechanical Computer Aided Drafting and Design. Prior to enrolling at Triangle Tech John attended

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. It was while at Edinboro John realized he was looking for something more. He had always had a mechanical interest and after looking at other alternatives he discovered Triangle Tech. It was at Triangle Tech where John was able to develop excellent critical thinking skills and also the ability to quickly learn new skills to take on assigned duties. It is that same skill set that earned John a position with Organ Supply Industries in Erie as a Drafter/Designer and in a short time span earned a promotion. John will also begin furthering his education this summer enrolling in correspondence classes at California University of Pennsylvania pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Land Management. John attributes much of his success to the dedication of the faculty and staff at Triangle Tech who guided him during his 16 month journey.

### ***Bryan Sheppard- 2014 Graduate Welding & Fabrication***

I needed a hands-on program that would be compatible with my learning style. Triangle Tech met that need for me. The classes I took were all relevant to my field of study. Each class was geared to prepare me for a career in fabrication. I graduated with certifications that immediately identified my capabilities to prospective employers. Triangle Tech helped me write a resume and helped me with my job search. The instructors and staff at Triangle Tech worked with me to help me meet my goals. I had three job offers before I graduated and I started work immediately. I am currently employed as a fabricator for Hexcore Welding and Designs. Hexcore is known for producing high quality equipment used in the food industry. My training prepared me to work with little to no supervision. Triangle Tech provided me with an affordable education that puts me ahead of the rest.

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## **Jordan Strausse- 2014 Graduate Carpentry & Construction**

Jordan enrolled at Triangle Tech after five years as a grounds keeper. He was at a standstill in his career and needed to pursue his passion. “I looked at my family and realized being in the trades is what we were all about.” Jordan’s passion for construction and sense of pride led him to enroll at Triangle Tech. After graduation Jordan began working in the field immediately. He began his career as a laborer and soon left for another position as a Maintenance Manger at the Lehigh Valley Zoo. Jordan is currently working for MJM Certified Contracting Inc. MJM controls all aspects of restoration jobs from removal of damages, Drywall/spackle, Trim work, painting, finish woodworking and Kitchens. He has been there for over a year and just received a promotion. “Without Triangle Tech I would never have received a strong foundation to build my career.”

## **Jonathan Parra- 2014 Graduate Maintenance Electricity**

Jonathan came to Triangle Tech looking for a career. He spent time working as a machine operator and working retail at an auto store but wasn’t getting anywhere. During Jonathan’s 16 months he unfortunately was in a severe car accident, which caused him to miss school and return on crutches. This didn’t stop Jon from pursuing his dreams. He finished the program and secured a job immediately after graduation. Three months later he was hired at Dorney Park and Wildwater Kingdom in Allentown, PA., as an Electrician. His main duties include preventative maintenance of all the rides, installing new wire runs to meet NEC compliance and reading industrial schematics to identify and fix ride issues. Jonathan stated “I could not do all of this efficiently if I had not taken advantage of all that Triangle Tech had to offer.”

## **Jared DeSousa- 2014 Graduate Welding & Fabrication**

When Jared found out he was starting a family, he knew he wanted to find a career path that would allow him to support them. Several years of working at a dead end job with no promotions led him to pursue furthering education. Jared graduated and quickly began working at L and M Fabrication in Bath, PA. He is currently welding on I-Beams of all different sizes for several bridges in New York. He contributes his success to the strong education he received at Triangle Tech. He stated that 90 percent of what he learned during his 16 months has already been applied to his position.

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## **Devin Garcia- 2014 Graduate Maintenance Electricity**

Devin graduated from high school with dreams of one day becoming a chef. He worked at a local restaurant and soon decided this was not the career path he wanted to pursue. After enrolling at Triangle Tech, Devin’s passion for the electrical field grew. Devin currently works for Clemens Food Group in Hatfield, PA and feels Triangle Tech provided him with the building blocks that he needed to have a career in the field. His favorite part about the job is that “I get to do something different every day.”

## **Kathie McClinton, April 2015 Joy Global- Human Resources**

Joy Global has hired many graduates from Triangle Tech and we have found them to be well prepared in their particular trade. We are grateful to have Triangle Tech as a resource to choose qualified candidates.