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Kyle Mostoller- CADAM Graduate

I attended Triangle Tech because it had the CADAM program that was only 16 months. I wanted to earn my degree and be working as quickly as possible. I selected the CADAM program because it was something I enjoyed in high school and wanted to further my education in it and make it my career. I enjoyed my training. Each project went deeper in detail and it required me to be the best I could be and made me perform to the best of my ability. I really liked that the Triangle Tech faculty and staff treated me with respect; presented a professional image and took the time to get to know me more as the time went on and I developed a relationship with my fellow classmates and instructors. We worked like a team which is something you need to know how to do in the real world anyway. I enjoyed the smaller class sizes which gave me the ability to have a more one-on-one instruction and assistance from my teachers, who could help me if I had any questions about anything. What I wanted to achieve upon graduation and earning my degree was learning as much as I could while I was attending Triangle Tech and to apply it to my job after graduation. I will be starting at CME Engineering right after graduation and hope to apply my knowledge. My advice to current and future students would be to always do your best no matter how you feel. I guess you can say I hit the ground running because as soon as I finished school, I had a job waiting for me and I was ready for the challenge and start working in my field. Some of my future goals are to maintain a good, steady career and live life to the fullest.

Caitlin Karpinski- Carpentry Graduate

I'll start by saying that I just sort of fell into carpentry! Before I started tenth grade I actually had my classes lined-up to be a toxicologist. When I took a step back and realized how much desk work I'd be doing, I decided it wasn't for me and signed up to go to Beattie Tech

instead. I think my favorite thing about coming to Triangle Tech was the people here. I made some really great friends and the teachers and staff were all so helpful. Even now, as a graduate, I know that if I needed help or advice on how to do a job, I can send an email to the school and they would still be there to help.

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What challenged me the most was probably trying to juggle work and my classes. I was working between 25 and 35 hours a week and sometimes, when I got home, I was just exhausted. I would drink some coffee and sit down with my homework or my notes and just push through! My current position involves a little bit of everything. Last week, I was hanging drywall, this week I'm grinding paint off of a cement floor and digging footers. Whatever needs to be completed! I honestly can't decide what I like best about my job. Everyone I work with is great, I have some flexibility in my hours, I love the area we're working in, and I really enjoy getting so much experience doing so many different parts of a project. I'm not sure what the future holds just yet. For now, I love every part of my job and I'd like to stay with this company for a while. As far as advice goes, I'd say the most important thing is to take notes; especially if the teacher says it twice, or writes it on the board. Even if the information is in your book, take notes. No one wants to dig through twenty chapters of a text book to find all the stuff for their final.

Charles Butler- Electrical Graduate

I decided to pursue training as a Maintenance Electrician because my Father was a trades-

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man. He helped me determine my path and I knew that I wanted to have a trade. I've always been interested in the electrical field. The electrical field is great because there are a million different paths to specialize in and there is a ton of money to be made. I chose Triangle Tech because it was a relatively quick program and the training gave me the basic knowledge to start a new beginning in the electrical field. Sixteen months later and you're on your way to a new career. I am now employed as a Distribution Operations Center Supervisor for Duquesne Light Company in Pittsburgh. My position involves a lot of knowledge of the workings of electricity distribution and delivery. It all comes down to controlling the power grid. From dispatching personnel to performing maintenance and repairs to rerouting the distribution of power via inline devices that are capable of opening, closing, and detecting faults within the circuit. Another task is implementing the clearances needed to safely work on equipment. I love my job and the compensation that I receive! I will continue to better myself in regards to my current position and work towards "moving up". Other plans include furthering my education for electrical engineering. A few words of advice for new students....pay great attention to the industrial and power distribution side of things. When you start applying for positions, don't be afraid to apply because there are a lot of requirements. During my own job search, I scoured the net and applied for almost any listings concerning "electrical".

Shawn Williams- RHVAC Graduate

I am a graduate of Triangle Tech's RHVAC program. It was a good fit for me because I wanted to move up in my career working with boilers. I had experience in the workforce before attending Triangle Tech. I installed and repaired industrial laundry equipment which required electrical and mechanical skills. It was challenging being in school, working part-time and juggling family responsibilities. After graduation, I accepted a position as a Lead

Maintenance Technician with Cintas. I work on everything from building air conditioning units to boilers. The best thing about my position is the company; they are very family oriented and treat you like you're more than just an employee.

Rudy Rhodes- Welding Graduate

I attended Triangle Tech to obtain a welding certification in order to gain decent employment because it is hard to find a job without the proper credentials and experience. I decided to pursue Welding and Fabrication because part of my duties while enlisted in the United States Navy involved welding. So I decided to continue in the welding field and Triangle Tech seemed the best option for me. Their location was very convenient for me and that made attending school much easier. Throughout school, I really enjoyed building my own projects. The instructors were very helpful with giving instructions and showing us how to improve. Mostly, I liked the camaraderie between the students, the 4th term students would help underclassman if they saw you struggling or if you needed assistance you could always ask. In the weld shop, everyone was always willing to help one another out. I really enjoyed the exploring the TIG process because of the skill, coordination and knowledge it involves and I think I am good at that process. After graduation I had hoped to gain employment with good pay where I could build things, repair and weld structures. I will be starting employment with Newport News Shipbuilding and will complete my goal of finding employment where I can weld and construct things. My advice for current students would be to try everything: methods, techniques and always ask questions. If someone gives you a hint or tip for improvement try it, maybe it will work. There is always more than one way to weld and you never know what could happen. In my future, I hope to continue working in the welding field and moving my way up so I can retire successfully.

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Brittany Mathers- CADAM Graduate

Brittany Mathers attended Triangle Tech in Erie, PA. She always had a passion for architecture and design. Brittany has great respect for her training and degree from Triangle Tech as she continues to grow and advance in her career. Whenever Brittany graduated she wanted to remain in the Erie area to start her career. She quickly landed positions that gave her experience in the area of kitchen & bath design, engineering support, and CAD drafting. Currently, Brittany is employed with Michael Grab's Architectural firm in Erie. Her responsibilities include CAD work, project management and field work. Brittany is the CAD Manager for the professional firm. She is happy to utilize her training, creativity, and attention to detail for all phases of project development. Brittany enjoys meeting with clients and starting new projects. Michael Grab Architect is a full service architecture, planning & interior design firm.

Zachary Albrecht- Electrical Graduate

Zachary planned to start a new career, that lead him to Triangle Tech because he knew that he wanted to pursue a skilled trade. Electrical was top on Zachary's list as wiring was something that always interested him. Zachary did his homework about career offerings and programs that would lead to a successful outcome, career growth and sustainable income. Zachary was a very good student who was dedicated to doing his best and keeping his goal of being an electrician as his top priority. Soon after graduating from Triangle Tech, Zachary began his employment with Acclaim Electric in Erie, PA. Zachary is part of Acclaim's apprenticeship program and is learning about the various operations within the commercial electricity field, electrical construction (installation and maintenance).

Jonathan Stone- Electrical Graduate

After graduating from high school, Jonathan started looking into his options for training. From a young age, Jonathan had an interest in electrical power and putting things together to make them work. He found Triangle Tech's Maintenance Electricity program a good fit for his interests and skills. Commuting from Ohio each day was sometimes challenging, but it was well worth it in the end whenever Jonathan achieved his goal of earning his Associate in Specialized Technology degree. Prior to graduation Jonathan secured employment with PCC Airfoils, LLC located in Painesville, OH. Jonathan was hired as an Electrical Maintenance Technician. PCC's location in Painesville manufactures industrial gas turbine products for land-based turbine applications for power generation.

Jeaniely Rodriguez- CADAM Graduate

Hard work and perseverance are two words that Jeaniely likes to use when describing her successful career. While at Triangle Tech, Jeaniely embraced every opportunity to learn and get involved at school. She displayed tremendous leadership skills serving on student council and she always enjoyed projects allowing her to work in a team setting. Her determination to learn and positive outlook was sure to lead to success. After earning her Associate in Specialized Technology degree, she was hired as an Estimator with RGS Products, Inc. located in Waterford, PA. RGS is a full-service, architectural metals and glass fabrication company. The company provides custom product design, engineering, fabrication, and installation services. Jeaniely encourages all students to put in the hard work and never give up on your dreams and goals!

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Michael Mikolic- Electrical Graduate

My name is Michael Mikolic, I worked in the underground coal mining industry for twenty years as a mechanic/electrician. I noticed a change in the mining industry, and decided that it was time to change occupations. I spent a year submitting resumes and applications to jobs for which I knew I was qualified, because of my past experience. I heard nothing in response to all the jobs I had applied for. I realized that I would have to pursue a formal education to compete for the jobs to which I was applying. In October of 2015, I decided to leave my job at the coal mine and attend Triangle Tech in the Maintenance Electricity and Construction Technology program. Attending Triangle Tech was a very rewarding experience. I found the instructors to be very knowledgeable in electric theory, and application. I found four of the instructor's courses particularly enjoyable and informative. The instructors at the school are committed to placing qualified, safe electricians in the field. I graduated in February of 2017, and started my new position with FirstEnergy Corporation in April of 2017. I now have an excellent position with a fantastic employer. I am sure that the door at FirstEnergy would have never been opened to me without my degree from Triangle Tech. I have a lot to learn regarding my new position with FirstEnergy, but I have a very solid foundation to build upon, and that foundation was built on the material I learned while attending Triangle Tech. I would recommend the Maintenance Electricity program at Triangle Tech to any person, male or female, who is interested in ensuring themselves a stable, rewarding future. The electric industry is always evolving, and Triangle Tech attempts to keep current on their curriculum. Good electricians ALWAYS have work, and Triangle Tech is a great start for anyone who wishes to pursue a job in any aspect of the electrical field.

Cody Beck- CADAM Graduate

I took 4 years of CAD in high school along with 3 years of architectural drafting and was very interested in pursuing drafting as a career. I chose Triangle Tech because the degree program was focused on what I wanted to do and I didn't have to take extra general classes. I was able to focus on the classwork that was related to my field and I liked that. I really enjoyed the focus on things that were going to apply to my actual career. All day in our classes we learned things and were given information that could be applied to what we would be doing in the future. My favorite part of my schooling was working with the 3-D modeling and with Inventor, because it was something that I was familiar with and used to and I was able to refine my skills.

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When I graduated I had hoped for a well-paying job and I started working about 3 weeks after I graduated. I am working with Morris Knowles & Associates in Delmont as a CADD Technician creating base maps and technical drawings for oil and gas industry and doing some work with municipal sewage companies. In the future, I hope to continue my education and get some certifications. My advice to current students would be to keep learning. You will use what you learned while in school, but you won't use just that, you need to keep learning over and above if you want to succeed.

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Dustin Wiltrout- RHVAC Graduate

I grew up around HVAC. My dad also graduated from Triangle Tech, and the school is close to home, so I decided to go to school there. I picked the RHVAC program because I grew up around the field and learned things from my father. I knew that this field had job opportunities and I would always be able to find work. My biggest challenge while going to school was the courses were more complex than I thought they would be, but I made it through, and slowly things began to come easier. I really liked the support of the teachers and the positive environment at the school. I liked the DDC courses the most because they dealt with computers and it was new stuff that I had never been exposed to before. When I graduated, I wanted to find a job and at first, I started working unrelated in the oil/gas industry and made good money, but it wasn't what I wanted to do. Now, I am working as an Installer for Mullen Refrigeration Company and I am hoping to work my way up to being a Service Technician once I gain more experience.

Miranda R. Stafieji- Electrical Graduate

I started my schooling in Nursing because I wanted to help people and work with my hands. Well, nursing wasn't for me, so I started pursuing other options and while researching schools I saw a lot of things about Triangle Tech's Maintenance Electricity and Construction Technology program that seemed really interesting. I also liked the hard hats and thought it would be fun to wear one. I had worked with my grandfather on a few things when I was younger just "tinkering" in his garage and enjoyed doing so. So I thought the Electrical program would be a good one for me because I would definitely be working with my hands and everyone needs electricity so I would still be helping people. I had a few challenges while attending school mainly with focusing on the balance between my hectic home life, part time work, outside influences

and staying on task and maintaining my focus on my future goals instead of getting caught up and dragged down was difficult. I often doubted myself and questioned if I would even be able to finish and even be successful. However, with the support of the teachers, staff, and administration of the school I did complete my degree. The teachers always supported me and encouraged me to push forward when I had moments of doubt and frustration. They helped me to believe that I did have what it takes. They NEVER stopped believing in me, even when I stopped believing in myself. I am currently working with CED Mosebach Electrical Supply as a Technical Resource Trainee. I am working with Rockwell/Allen Bradley equipment and I am training to be a Project Manager. I have to learn all of the equipment in order to provide assistance to our sales team and customers that utilize our products. I am currently developing a training program for new hires on the various equipment and products as well. I set out to prove to myself and my two younger sisters that anything is possible if you try even as a woman in a typically male dominated field. In the future I hope to continue to learn. I never want to stop learning. I want to develop more and more as an employee and continue to grow in my career. It would be nice to travel too.

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Teighlor Rice- CADAM Graduate

After graduation, my main focus was to find a job. I was hired as a contracted employee using both the architectural and mechanical side of my degree. About seven months into that position, I found my current job as a full-time employee for Mine Safety Appliances (MSA). I was hired in May 2017 to work as a mechanical drafter in their gas detection group. I help design portable gas detectors that help save lives in potentially dangerous work environments. Throughout school, I enjoyed the concepts and classes for mechanical drafting, but found them challenging since my background was in architectural work. I wasn't sure I had a good chance to get the job I have today, but I tried anyway. It turns out, I was much more prepared than I thought and I can only thank Triangle Tech and their staff for their patience in helping me grasp the mechanical components to my degree. It was a running joke in my class that Mrs. Mohney would make a mechanical drafter out of me, and she ultimately succeeded. My future plans are to get my mechanical engineering degree. Since MSA is a Pittsburgh based company, I will be able to take advantage of the credit transfer programs offered at some of the local colleges. As silly as this may sound, one of my most memorable achievements after graduating was sitting down in my cubicle on my first day at a real job. I wasn't stuck in a corner or working at someone else's desk. I had my own space as a real, certified and qualified professional. My advice for any new students is to ask questions, work hard, remember to have fun, and be proud of the trade you are pursuing a career in. One of the best things about Triangle Tech is that the instructors are always ready and willing to answer your questions. Because this is an accelerated program, work can get stressful. But after pushing through the stress to meet your project's deadline, there is a very real sense of pride you feel in getting something done. My advice to you to have fun, ties directly in to what I remember most at school. I didn't go to school on my first day expecting to make friends. However, over those sixteen months I shared a lot of laughs with my classmates and instructors.

Samuel Williams- Welding Graduate

I was looking for a program where I could earn my degree & learn new skills fairly quickly. Triangle Tech offered a degree in 16 months. I selected the welding program because welding and working with metal really interested me, and I enjoy working with my hands. Although I always struggled with math, I must say the instructors are there for you if you need extra help. I really enjoyed being in the shop environment, doing hands-on projects and preparing for the welding certifications. I wanted to get my certifications, graduate and land a good job and that's what happened.

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A few weeks after graduating, I started working as an ASME Pipe Welder for ETC (Environmental Tank & Container) in Johnstown, PA. Someday, I hope to have my own business with my own rig truck in order to do field work.

Jeffrey Patno- Electrical Graduate

I attended Triangle Tech for the electrical program. I really enjoyed the motor control and PLC classes. I found the conduit bending class to be challenging for me, and now I'm working with it all of the time! I was always interested in the electrical trade and wanted to make my career in this particular field. My training from Triangle Tech prepared me for my position as a Commercial/Industrial Electrician for Rogers Electric, Inc. in Orbisonia, PA. I'm working with a well-known electrical contractor. We mainly do commercial/industrial electrical construction; everything from retail buildings, hotels, and churches to name a few. My position involves a lot of conduit work, running metal clad cable, installing rough-in boxes and upgrading older electrical systems. I install device and splice

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boxes and land panels. If I can offer some advice to current students it would be to pay attention in every step of the program. Also, neatness and craftsmanship, nine times out of ten, will separate you from the next guy.

Morgan Selepack- Electrical Graduate

I attended Triangle Tech because I wanted to learn a trade and have hands-on training. I was always interested in anything related to electricity. One thing that was different at Triangle Tech from high school is that I really enjoyed learning at Triangle Tech. My instructors did a fantastic job to build my foundation full of electrical knowledge. I enjoy challenges, and the faculty was there to challenge me every day. I look back on how much I enjoyed the motor control & PLC classes and learning how to bend conduit. My goal was to graduate and make every day after that a day to learn something new and become a better technician. After graduation, I was hired as an Industrial Maintenance Electrician & Instrumentation Technician with American Eagle Paper Mill located in Tyrone, PA. At American Eagle, you will never have two days that are the same. One day, you will be doing preventative maintenance all day and most days, actual repairs. For example, the day could consist of hooking-up to all different types of PLC's to trouble shoot and modify, changing AC/DC motors, working on different instruments (valves, I/P's, E/P's, DP cells), the instrumentation could be 4-20mA, 0-10VDC, 3-15PSI. We also install new machines and bend conduit. I felt confident starting my new career. I learned what I was taught, at school. I have learned a tremendous amount being on the job. It's challenging to be on your own fixing problems.

Maxwell Crowe- Electrical Graduate

I chose Triangle Tech as my school because my father had mentioned that many of his co-workers had gone there and found great suc-

cess. I chose the electrical program because I was always curious about how electricity worked and it was the trade I was mainly interested. It was the best choice I could have made, because my interest in electricity allowed me to work through some challenges. I might have handled them differently had I not been interested in the subject. During my time at Triangle Tech, I found myself loving the PLC programming course that takes place during the third and fourth semesters. I liked that it gave me the chance to analyze, trouble shoot, and think through the solution to a problem in almost real-time. When I started at Triangle Tech, I didn't have much of an idea of what I wanted to achieve, besides finding a career in a relevant field. By the end of my training I had become invested in finding a job within the motor controls field or PLC programming field because of how much fun I was having with PLC's. It's important to find what area in the field that you're interested in. My advice to current Triangle Tech students would be to give the self-guided projects every ounce of effort you can; it makes you look very good to potential employers that you are able to think of solutions and implement them as an individual or as a team. This is also good to explain during interviews. Currently, I work at Georgia Pacific located in Mt. Jewett as an Engineering Assistant. I have been tasked with creating a simulator for the process of the plant so that we can train new machine operators in a safer environment with a more structured curriculum, as well as to reduce safety and monetary risk by putting the new operators on the live process and having them operate actual machines without knowing what their actions may do to the rest of the process. My training from Triangle Tech will absolutely help me create this solution because I need to interpret PLC programs that are in use in order to build my simulation. My experience programming will also make it much easier for me to learn human-machine-interface programming. My future goals include owning a home and making enough money to raise a family.

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Sean Herb- Electrical Graduate

I decided to attend Triangle Tech because the only job I could find was in a grocery store. I always liked the electrical trade more so than other trades. Before I enrolled at Triangle Tech, I was employed with a local grocery store stocking shelves. Those days are over! I am now employed as a Maintenance Electrician with Woolrich, Inc., a company that people are sure to recognize! Some of my key duties include troubleshooting, lighting, single and three phase motor maintenance rebuilds. I am learning new things constantly about the electrical field to potentially further my career. My job search process was easy with the help of Debbie Showers, Career Advisor, at Triangle Tech. In the future, I see myself growing with the company and becoming the experienced employee who helps new employees learn the ropes. I hope all of the students at the school stick with their program because it's worth the time and effort. Triangle Tech and my training changed my life a lot by helping me see a brighter future for myself and my family.

Richard Kibbe- Welding Graduate

I came to Triangle Tech because I wanted hands-on education in a specialized field. I liked the condensed program; 16 months for a 2 year degree. I was always interested in welding and wished I would have started at Triangle Tech right out of high school. I did welding at home and had a love for welding. Before enrolling at Triangle Tech, I was working for my dad in the family business. Whenever I started at Triangle Tech, it was time to just concentrate on that. After I graduated, I was hired at Kidron, and my current job title is Welder A. I am moving to second shift with a pay raise as a floater. My key duty is aluminum MIG welding. I enjoy doing the aluminum MIG welding since it is a new experience for me. Kidron is a sister company of VT Hackney. Hackney specializes in designing and building custom truck bodies. I am

employed at Kidron's manufacturing facility in Montgomery, PA. Searching for jobs was a new experience for me, but with my training, degree and a field that was in demand, I felt prepared. The Career Advisor, Debbie Showers, assisted our class in finding job opportunities. My future plans are to continue to advance in my field and gain knowledge with years of experience.

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Frank Molinaro- Carpentry Graduate

I always wanted to advance my knowledge in the Construction field. I was involved with carpentry and construction in high school. After high school, I decided to attend Triangle Tech. As a result of my training, I now have strong knowledge regarding the construction industry, and I learned things that I'll use throughout my career. Whenever it was time to start my job search, I worked with Mrs. Showers in the Career Services Department. During my profile interview, Mrs. Showers asked me about what career direction I wanted to pursue. In a matter of two weeks, she found me a position and I was hired. I am employed as an Estimator with Solar Innovations, a company that specializes in custom glass structures, skylights, windows and doors. My primary duties include creating quotes for folding glass walls, sliding walls, and windows. I really like my position and my career overall. I'm in a fun work environment each day that is unlike any other.

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Dakota Sprenkle- Electrical Graduate

I decided to go to Triangle Tech because of the condensed schedule and the school is close to my home. I chose the electrical program because it is a transferable skill and I believe

that it will always be in demand. Prior to going to school at Triangle Tech, I was working part-time as a mechanic at Michael Foods doing small repairs and PM's. Currently, my job title is 3rd shift Maintenance Mechanic with Michael Foods. My key duties are to perform preventative maintenance on a number of machines within the plant, as well as making repairs to the machines as needed, whether this is changing bearings, running new wires, replacing drives, moving equipment, and various other miscellaneous tasks involved with the upkeep of the plant machinery. The things I like best about my position is the distance to work, the pace of the work, and learning from the more experienced mechanics on how to repair things at the plant and outside of work. In the future, I see myself staying with this company for as long as possible and advancing my knowledge in the field of maintenance. It is a field that I enjoy and I like the satisfaction of making proper repairs. My future plans are to learn as much as I can and get further training in various areas. The advice that I would give to current students would be to stay focused and apply yourself to what you're learning now and commit it to memory. Also, you are definitely not going to know everything coming right out of school, so listen to the guys that have been doing this their whole life. This changed my life by increasing my understanding of electrical systems, and it also gave me a degree to get a good playing job.

Kole Billman- Welding Graduate

I decided to enroll at Triangle Tech because I heard the instructors were some of the best;

high quality, very knowledgeable, and very experienced in their trade. Based on my research, Welding has a high job outlook and I like skilled trades. Before I enrolled at Triangle Tech, I worked at Tractor Supply. Attending school was a life changer for me. I learned a trade, how to weld, and just move forward in my life. My home life was improved. Looking back, I'm glad I made the commitment and earned my degree. I will offer some advice to new students by saying that attendance and grades are everything. Start from day one keeping these two things a top priority. You want to be able to show employers that attendance is key. My job search was rather simple. The Career Advisor assisted me with searching for positions in my field that were suitable to my needs and abilities, and sent my resume to High Steel at my request. I am employed as a Fabricator A with High Steel Structures in Williamsport. I get involved with a lot including submerged arc, stick welding, MIG and flux-cored. I like the fact that my position is diversified. I've got my sight set-on being a Utility Operator and a Lead Supervisor down the road.

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Brian Michels- Welding Graduate

Brian spent two years attending a local business school before deciding to take his training in another direction based on his interests. Brian decided that his training for business wasn't the best match for him. Brian decided to look into other training opportunities where he could use his creativity more. Brian toured Triangle Tech's Bethlehem campus and felt welding could help him do exactly what he was looking for! "I knew it was a profession that gives you a chance to always learn something new. I love that there is always a new technique or a way to add your own flare". Brian had a lot of adjusting to do when he enrolled in the Welding & Fabrication program at Triangle Tech. "Most of the guys in my particular group were ex-military and have been in the real world for some time. I was the 20 year old that knew nothing about the real world, or welding and I had to pick it up fast. The great thing about Triangle Tech was everyone made me feel welcome. In fact, I still talk to some of my former classmates and can truly say I met some of the greatest friends in my life that share the same passion for our trade". During his training, Brian became really confident in his weld processes. As graduation approached, he knew he had the ability, the confidence, and the passion to make it in this field. Brian took a leap and relocated to Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin to weld at Fincantieri Bay Shipyard. "I'm currently a field welder and in two days, I will make over 800 welds. It has been a real eye opener getting out into this field. I have been harnessed hanging approximately 35 feet from the ground making welds on uprights and in the engine room. I work with a team of about 50 fitters and 50 welders and we make things happen quickly. Now that I have a full-time position in the field, I know just how important having a passion is! I went from knowing absolutely nothing about welding to knowing enough to get me my first position in the field. I have a lot to learn, but my

instructors had the confidence in me to help make me a better welder. I look forward to learning new things on the job and continuing to advance in my field".

Sergio Ramirez- Electrical Graduate

Sergio Ramirez decided to take some advice from a friend and look for a local technical school to change his career path. Sergio received a call from Triangle Tech to tour the school and wanted to enroll soon after. He was very impressed how comfortable the admissions representative made him feel. He even stated "I had other schools call me, but none of them took the time to get to know me or ask about my true interests like my rep at Triangle Tech did". Sergio decided to enroll in the Maintenance Electricity program because the PLC work really caught his eye. The next 16 months proved to be quite a challenge between balancing school work, a child, and a job; time was tight. "The load that I was carrying for the past 16 months was all worth it in the end. I can now provide for my daughter more than I could before". Graduating from Triangle Tech was a major accomplishment for Sergio. "To see how happy and proud my parents were meant everything to me". Sergio landed a job a few days prior to graduation at TRIJAY Systems, Inc. in Line Lexington, PA. He builds and controls wire panels for municipalities water sewage and water dispensaries along the east coast. TRIJAY specializes in the design and supply of instrumentation & control systems. Sergio mentioned he is in the best spot of his life right now. This is the first job that he doesn't dread waking up and going to. "I came a long way, with all the experiences I went through in my life, working dead-end jobs, becoming a father at the age of 20, quitting college after my first semester, these were all stepping stones to get me to here. None of this would have been possible without the education I received from Triangle Tech". What is next for Sergio? He hopes to become a

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home owner in the near future. He also wants to continue to advance within his company and one day, become a PLC Programmer.

Brandon Martin- Carpentry Graduate

Growing up, Brandon was always into building things, and as he got older he realized just how much work carpenters put into their trade. This was something that he admired. Brandon decided on Triangle Tech because of the small class sizes and was extremely impressed with the instructors. “The best part was the lab time. Sure, there is classwork, but the majority of the time you get to spend in the shop working and learning at the same time”. Brandon’s goal after graduation was to secure a position in the field to build a career. Currently, he is employed with Remodeling Concepts in Langhorne, PA. He is really expanding his skill set and gaining more responsibility on the jobs every day. “If I could give any advice to current Triangle Tech students, it would be to do their homework, and most importantly, keep their attendance up because employers really want someone who is going to show up daily and on time”. Eventually Brandon would like to move up the ranks and become a lead carpenter or a project manager. “None of this would have been possible without my education at Triangle Tech”.

Nick Sherrick- Electrical Graduate

Nick decided to enroll at Triangle Tech because he wanted to establish a career. The primary reason he chose the electrical trade was because of Mike Rowe. He was intrigued by the high-demand and shortage of workers in these fields. Nick really enjoyed his 16 months at Triangle Tech, “I really enjoyed going to class and being with the other guys. We had a really good group; we all got along well and had a lot in common”. After graduation Nick wasn’t sure exactly where he wanted to live to start his career. He decided on an apprentice electrician position with Winter’s Electric in Colorado! He

is assisting a licensed journeyman for commercial and residential jobs. “I took a risk and went somewhere completely different. I went somewhere unknown, some place with no safety nets, such as parents and my childhood home. I’m excited to see where this takes me!”

Frank Gnassi- Welding Graduate

Frank entered the Welding and Fabrication Technology program after years of working various odd jobs trying to support his family. After successfully completing the 16 month program at Triangle Tech, he began his career in the field as a welder/fabricator at Richmond Machine Company in Bethlehem, PA. “The best thing about working in the field is knowing that I possess a skill that puts me in a rapidly growing field”.

Brentt Hockin- Electrical Graduate

Brentt was unsure of exactly what he wanted to do for his career. After looking at Triangle Tech, he quickly decided that the Maintenance Electricity program was perfect for him. “I was looking for a degree that I could actually use. I knew that this field would provide me with different options of where I could work and what area I would work in”. During his training, Brentt really took a liking to the motor control and the PLC courses. He quickly realized that this was the path he wanted to take in the electrical field. Graduation was approaching and Brentt already had three job offers! He ultimately decided to take the position as an Electronic Technician with Clemens Food Group. This job allowed him to use his skills that he learned in the motor control and PLC classes. As the Electronics Technician, Brentt works to ensure all machines are up and running. He troubleshoots and repairs any machine that is down! “The best part about my job is I get to do something different every day”.