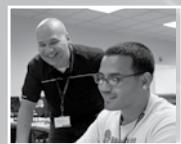




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Your Support Will Make Dream Become Reality

Thank you to all of you who have contributed to the Investing in Excellence Capital Campaign to build a new Instrumentation building.

In the last Perry News, we gave you the first peek at the new building that is being planned for the Perry campus. From now until we move into Plath Hall, expect to see regular project updates in the Perry News. In addition to providing a new home for the Instrumentation Program, the building will allow us to expand the Electrical, Machine, and Welding Programs and make room the addition of new programs.

The architect, Brockway, Opfer and Raab, spent the last year meeting with the Instrumentation Program instructors to ensure that the building is designed in a way that is effective for Perry's unique style of teaching. The design has been finalized as a two-story, 38,000 square foot facility. The exterior finishes of brick and stucco were selected to tie the new facility into the existing campus and be a lasting structure that students, alumni, and the community can be proud of.

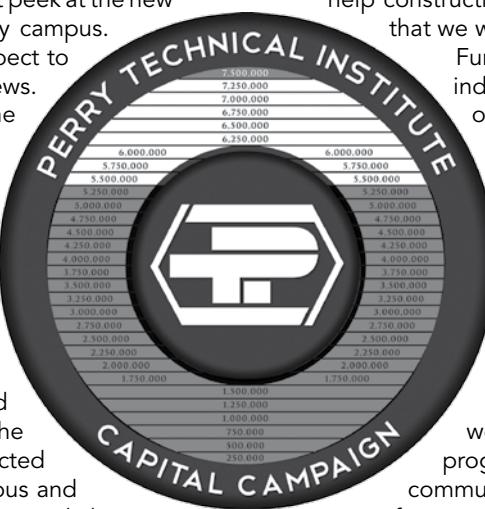
In the last months of 2013, we went through the process of selecting a general contractor and are proud to announce that Tri-Ply Construction will be heading the project. Tri-Ply has a

long history of serving the commercial building needs of Central Washington. The early selection will ensure that Tri-Ply will be involved in the creation of final construction documents and will help construction proceed more efficiently. It is anticipated that we will break ground in early fall.

Fundraising has continued with companies and individuals coming forward to show their support of the project and Perry Technical Institute.

Each of these donations is important in helping us reach our goal. Thank you!

To date, the campaign has raised \$5.2 million. We are excited about this progress, but know we still have a long way to go to reach our goal. We ask that each of you consider ways that you can support this project. Are you able to make a donation? Do you work for or own a company that would like to make a donation? Do you work for a company that has a matching gift program? Does your company support the community through grants? Do you have friends or former classmates who you know would like to be represented? This project will take a team of people to make it happen. We would like you to be part of that team and look forward to seeing your name represented in the new building. •



Matching Gift Programs Help Extend Your Gift

A matching gift program is a charitable giving program set up by a corporation in which the company matches donations made by employees to eligible nonprofit organizations. Sixty-five percent of Fortune 500 companies offer matching gifts programs. To find out if your company participates:

- Ask the Human Resource Department if there is a charitable matching gift program.
- Find out if Perry Technical Institute is on your company's list of approved charities.
- If yes, ask for a Matching Gift Form and complete your portion.

• If no, ask what would need to be done to add Perry Technical Institute to the list.

• Once you have completed the Matching Gift Form, include it with your next gift to Perry Technical Institute. We will complete the form and return it to the company to have the matching gift paid. Perry Technical Institute is an accredited, 501(c)(3) organization. Tax ID number: 91-0570848.

For more information, contact Erin Fishburn, foundation director, at 509.453.0374 x5728 or erin.fishburn@perrytech.edu.

Improvements Spruce Up Campus

If you haven't visited the Perry campus in some time, there's plenty that's new for you to see. From the new electronic reader board in front of the school to the remodeled main corridor, the school is sporting several improvements.

Thanks to help from Pepsi-Cola Bottling, the names of Students of the Month and announcements of school events are up in lights for passersby to see. The old reader board was often not working and repairs had become costly. A donation from Pepsi made replacing the old reader board possible.

Pepsi also donated new banners which hang from light posts in all of the school's parking lots. Artwork for the banners was designed by Nicole Trammell Woolpert, Perry's director of marketing and recruitment.

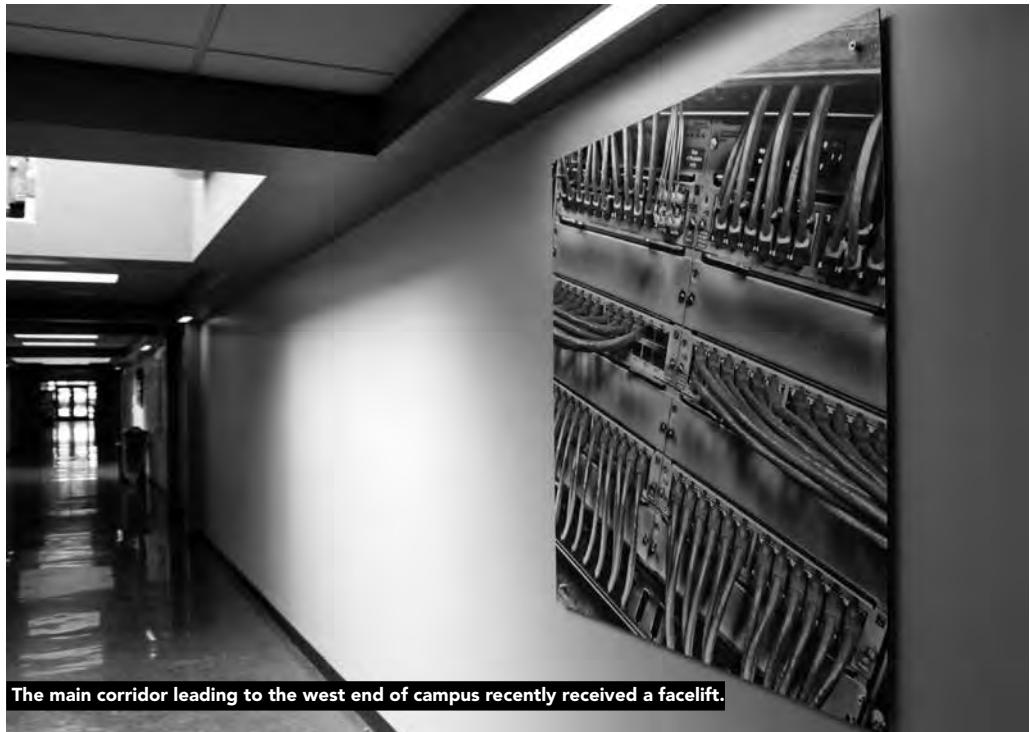
One of the only areas on campus that had not been renovated, the main corridor leading to the west end of campus, received a facelift. The walls were furred out with gypsum board to cover the painted brick walls which are part of the school's original construction. Two new skylights and LED lights were installed and the concrete floor was ground, stained, and polished.

Decorating the hallway walls are seven colorful pieces of industrial artwork which were created by Nicole Trammell Woolpert and student recruiter Raul Luna. New signage was also installed.

Another eyesore on campus, the staff parking lot behind the main building, was repaved, landscaped, and new lighting was added. A reconfiguration of the lot added eight spaces to accommodate the growing number of staff members.

"All of these improvements were made in our ongoing effort to maintain our historic facility while making changes which make the campus more functional and attractive," said Kaila Lockbeam, facilities and safety manager.

We love to show off our school. Next time you are in the neighborhood, stop in and pay us a visit! •



The main corridor leading to the west end of campus recently received a facelift.

IN BRIEF

Grants Awarded to PTI

Several companies have recently granted funds and donated equipment to support Perry's training programs, scholarships, and the Summer Robotics Camp.

- The Gene Haas Foundation awarded \$5,000 for scholarships.
- BestBuy donated \$3,000 and Walmart contributed \$1,000 to underwrite the cost of offering the Robotics Camp for free to 25 middle school students.
- Pacific Power Foundation supported the Electrical Program by donating \$2,000 to purchase equipment.
- Fluke continued its longtime support of Perry by donating equipment to the Electrical, HVAC, and Automotive Programs.
- PEXCO supported the Machine Program with equipment donations and also donated three robots to the Instrumentation Program.

- RBC Wealth Management supported the expansion of the Electrical Program with a \$2,500 donation.

Students, Alums Attend Employer Expo

Thirty-five employers turned out for the second annual Employer's Expo, held in April.

Students were dismissed from their classes to visit employer booths set up in Matson Hall and the auditorium. Alumni were also invited to attend.

Next year's Employer Expo is scheduled for April 22nd. If your company is interested in participating, please contact Jennifer Arnett, career services and employer relations manager at 509.453.0374, x5750.

Associate Deans Appointed



Jason Lamiquiz



Jennifer McMurtrey

Perry has named two new associate deans.

Jennifer McMurtrey is in charge of Business Technology & Accounting, Medical Office Administration & Accounting, Medical Assistant, and Information Technology & Communication Systems. Jason Lamiquiz oversees Automotive Technology, Welding Technology, and Machine Technology. Nathan oversees Electrical Technology, Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Technology, and Instrumentation & Industrial Automation Technology.

Jennifer joined the Perry faculty in 2008 as an instructor in the Computer Applications & Office Administration Program. A Kennewick native, she previously worked in the office at Prosser High School. She holds an associate of applied science degree from Columbia Basin College, a bachelor of science degree from the University of Phoenix, and a master's of education degree from Concordia University. In 2012, she was promoted to the position of associate dean of student affairs. Jennifer and her husband, Dan, have three children: Phoebe, Caleb, and Abby.

Jason started teaching in the Automotive Technology Program in 2010. He is a native of Boise, Idaho, who has lived in Yakima for the last 26 years. Jason holds an associate of applied science degree from Yakima Valley Community College. He came to Perry from Valley Ford where he served as the service manager. Jason and his wife, April, have two daughters, Hailey and Alexis. •

Grads Return for Women in Technology

"Technology is a Girl's Best Friend" was the theme for Perry Technical Institute's Women in Technology Day, held in January.

Four alumni returned to campus as guest speakers for the eighth annual event. The featured speakers included Marney Spurgin, Erin Thomas, Kylie Thacker, and Amanda Wesselius.

A 2002 Telecommunications graduate, Marney also holds a bachelor of applied science degree from Central Washington University. She has a decade of project management experience for the Department of Energy, Lockheed Martin, and higher education. She is now a project manager for AtHoc, which produces emergency mass notification and crisis communication systems.



The speakers for this year's Women in Technology Day included, front, left to right, Kylie Thacker and Erin Thomas and back, left to right, Marney Spurgin and Amanda Wesselius.

Erin graduated from Perry's Legal Assistant/Paralegal Program in 2012. She is employed as a legal assistant for local attorney Wes Gano.

Kylie, a 2013 Instrumentation graduate, is an instrument technician for Genetech, a biotechnology company in Hillsboro, Oregon.

A 2012 Business Technology & Accounting graduate, Amanda also holds an associate of arts degree from Yakima Valley Community College. Amanda works for Perry, helping students and prospective students as a financial aid specialist.

Perry Tech held the event to draw attention to the excellent career opportunities available to women who pursue careers in technical fields. •

Perry hosted 25 middle school students in June for the fourth annual Summer Robotics Camp. Led by Toppenish teacher Moises Gonzalez, the camp integrated science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education in a fun learning environment. Over the course of the eight-day camp, the students built a robotic arm which they were allowed to keep at the conclusion of the camp. The camp was offered free of charge to students through underwriting from Best Buy and Walmart.

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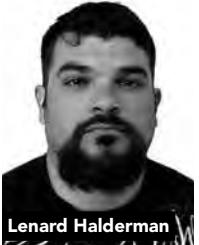
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Perry's Faculty Growing Along with the School

Seven new instructors have joined the Perry Tech faculty.

Michael Powell is the new instructor for one of Perry's two Automotive night classes. He comes to Perry with more than two decades of experience as an automotive technician. A Selah native, he graduated from the Automotive Program in 1991 and worked as a technician at Valley Ford for 22 years. A West Valley resident, Michael enjoys fishing, camping, boating, and tubing.

Justin McRitchie has joined the HVAC/R faculty. Justin was raised in Yakima and graduated from Perry's HVAC/R Program in 2004. He worked at ConAgra Foods/Lamb Weston for nine years as the utilities manager. Justin is teaching the fourth section of HVAC. Justin and his wife, Vanessa, live in Yakima with their 7-year-old daughter, Marissa, and four foster children. In his free time, Justin enjoys outdoor activities such as hiking and mountaineering.

Selah native Carlos Sanchez is teaching the sixth quarter of the Instrumentation Program. After graduating from Instrumentation in 2010, Carlos went to

work at Searles Valley Minerals in Trona, California. Before accepting the position at Perry, he worked at Boise Paper Wallula. In his free time, Carlos helps his brother coach middle and high school wrestling.

Joining the Business Technology & Accounting faculty is Michael Kovis. Michael comes to Perry from Walla Walla Community College where he was an adjunct professor in the Accounting/Bookkeeping Certificate Program teaching inmates from the Coyote Ridge Correctional Facility. Raised in the Tri-Cities, Michael earned a bachelor of arts degree in history from Gonzaga University and a master's degree in business administration from Regis University. He also completed post-graduate work in accounting and global trade at the University of Washington. Michael worked for FedEx for nearly 10 years and also ran a small business shipping service in the Tri-Cities. He has three children: a 21-year-old son, Robin; a 5-year-old daughter, Amelia; and a 2-year-old son, Levi.

Angela Fiscus is teaching the first three quarters of the Medical Assistant Program. Raised in East Valley, Angela graduated from the Medical Office Administration &

Coding Program in 2011 and has earned her certification from the American Academy of Professional Coders. After graduating from Perry, she worked in the billing departments at Memorial Physicians and Orthopedics Northwest. In her free time, Angela enjoys spending time with family.

Jerome Cobane is the new field instructor in the Electrical Program. A Yakima native, Jerome graduated from Perry's Electrical Program in 1999 and has worked for Westside Electric in Yakima for 15 years. He and his wife, Julie, have three grown children and four grandchildren. In his free time, Jerome enjoys fishing and sports of all kinds.

Joining the Welding faculty is Lenard Halderman. Lenard started welding while a student at Toppenish High School. He received additional training during his six years in the Navy. Before joining the Perry faculty, he worked as a welder in the ironworker's union. Lenard and his girlfriend, Sandra, live in Moxee with their two children: Gabriel, 8, and Julie, 6. Lenard enjoys outdoor activities such as camping, fishing, and hunting. •

New Student Recruiter Loves the Thrill of Roller Derby



Perry's new recruiter, Jessica Buckner, skates for Yakima's Wine Country Crushers.

It's a strenuous workout, a competitive team sport and, on top of that, it's good therapy.

A runner in search of a team sport to add to her fitness regimen, Jessica Buckner joined the Wine Country Crushers, a local women's roller derby team, a little over a year ago. It wasn't long before she was sold on the sport.

If you ask Jessica, Perry's newest student recruiter, she'll tell you she loves everything about it.

"It's fast-paced and exciting." I love the thrill of escaping the pack and outskating the other team," she says.

The team was formed two years ago and now has 30 members, with 16 of the members on the roster. Members come from all walks of life – from kindergarten teacher and stay-at-home mom to policewoman and crime scene investigator.

There's a strong bond among the teammates. "We call ourselves derby wives," she says, laughing. "If we're not practicing, we're hanging out together."

The Crushers have been holding games at the SunDome, but recently rented their own facility in Yakima on Ranch Rite Road. Team members are working on upgrades and hope to begin hosting matches there next season.

The team practices three times a week and hosts "fresh meat" practices for newcomers on Sunday. "We have to tenderize them," Jessica jokes.

Roller derby is gaining popularity as well as credibility as a "real sport" as opposed to entertainment. Jessica says roller derby can also be a great way to release the stresses of the day. "It's exciting and fast-paced," she says, adding that some of the lessons learned in derby carry over to everyday life. "It teaches you to have gumption, to not be a sissy." •

FACULTY PROFILE

Students' Kudos Earn ITCS Instructor Honors



Francisco Magana works with ITCS student Fernando Madrigal.

Perry to study graphics, but felt he could earn a better living with a career in IT. Francisco graduated from the Telecommunications Program in 1995 and began his career in the IT department of Yakima's daily newspaper. He first joined Perry in 1999 as an instructor teaching Computer Technology at the Yakima Valley Technical Skills Center. In 2008, he moved to Perry as an instructor in the Information Technology & Communication Systems Program.

Over the course of the two-year program, Francisco witnesses amazing growth in his students. "You see them mature while they polish their skills and learn a trade," he says.

Francisco currently teaches the program's third section, the Cisco Networking Academy. Learning to install and work on Cisco products is essential for students because Cisco is the world's leading manufacturer of networking equipment.

The instructor enjoys this portion of the program because the technology is always changing. "It's a career that always changes. That keeps it interesting. But it's also a career that is not going anywhere," he says.

Francisco and his wife, Veronica, have two children, 16-year-old Joslyn and 12-year-old Christian. Family activities fill his free time, especially following his son's AAU basketball team, the Jr. Devils. Francisco serves as the team's videographer and he recently combined his artistic nature and computer skills to produce an end-of-the-season video.

There are many things that Francisco likes about his job, but the best part comes after students graduate. "I enjoy having them come back and let me know what they're doing. I like to see them succeed." •

Automotive Instructor Honored



Dusty Morrill

Automotive instructor Dusty Morrill was named an Outstanding Faculty Member for 2013.

In the annual student survey, students praised Dusty for knowing his subject well, for having a positive attitude, and for making learning fun. "Dusty is a kind instructor, even when he is busy he will always make time to help a student and he is fair with all of the students," said one student.

Dusty, who has 20 years of experience in the automotive field, moved to Yakima from Boise, Idaho, 29 years ago. Before joining the Perry faculty in 2010, he worked at Auto Haus in Yakima.

Dusty and his wife, Tiffany, live in the Gleed area with their three children: Avery, Riley, and Mattie. •

IN MEMORY

A 1961 HVAC graduate and former instructor, **Benjamin Brown**, died on March 29, 2014, in Yakima. Over the course of his career, he owned a business, worked for Bemis Refrigeration/Appliance, and retired from Pepsi-Cola Bottling in 2000.

Brad Desgroseillier, a 1979 HVAC/R graduate, died on March 10, 2014, in Selah. After graduating from Perry, Brad went to Hanford for his apprenticeship where he worked for 33 years.

Laurence Dekker died on February 22, 2014, in Olympia at the age of 95. He graduated from Welding in the early 1940s. He worked as a welder at the Kaiser Shipyards in Portland, Oregon, and in the U.S. Navy Construction Battalion in the Pacific Theater during World War II.

A 2006 Electrical graduate, **Bradford "Brad" Kane Dever** died January 22, 2014, in Yakima. Brad worked as an electrical apprentice in Yakima, Seattle, and Spokane.

Lowell Hatten, a 1959 Instrumentation graduate, died on April 27, 2014, at the age of 80. He worked for many years as an instrument and controls foreman at Energy Northwest.

HVAC graduate **Terry Mullinax** died on December 23, 2013, in Selah. He worked in the family business, Wade Electric, for nearly 30 years and was a district manager for Mattress Outlet for eight years. Terry formerly served on the HVAC Program Advisory Committee.

Herb Reif died on March 18, 2014, at the age of 86. Herb graduated from the Electrical Program in 1950 and worked for Seattle City Light for 38 years.

1986 HVAC graduate **Herb Rowland** died on May 20, 2013, at the age of 47. Herb was a specialty mechanic who worked on vintage cars.

Stephen E. Smith died on February 19, 2014. He graduated from the Machine Program and worked as a machinist in Seattle before operating an orchard in Parker Heights.

A 1958 graduate of the Electrical Program, **Hubert "Hubie" Watson**, died on March 18, 2014, at the age of 93. He owned and operated Watson Electric in Ellensburg for 30 years.

If you know of a Perry graduate who has recently passed away, please notify us by emailing perrynews@perrytech.edu.

Bill Hall Enjoys Sharing His Skills in the Classroom

Bill Hall's bumper sticker says it all.

Perry Tech, not the university where he earned his bachelor's degree, is proudly displayed on Bill's pick-up truck.

"I value Perry tremendously," says the 1990 Instrumentation graduate. "The Instrumentation Program is the paramount instrumentation program in the U.S. No one holds a candle to it."

Bill enrolled at Perry two years after graduating from high school. "I've always been mechanical," he says, adding that he learned about Perry from two grads who went to his church.

When he enrolled, Bill says he didn't know much about the field. While attending Perry, he worked for Ernie Earhart, a Perry alumnus and member of the Program Advisory Committee, during school breaks. After graduating, Bill worked for several companies before going to work for his current employer Swagelok Northwest, in 2007. Swagelok is a global developer and producer of fluid system components used in nearly every industry.

While at Swagelok, Bill has been involved with sales throughout the company's territories in Washington, Oregon, Northern Idaho, and Alaska. "The fact that I was a Perry grad immediately put the customer at ease. They knew we brought the best education

and experience to the table to partner with them on complex applications," he says.

Now, Bill works out of the Portland office as the director of services, where the majority of the custom solutions assemblies are manufactured, but he also works closely with all of the branches and account managers throughout the Northwest.

For the past 10 years, he has served as a member of the Instrumentation Program's Advisory Committee and for the past six years he has chaired the committee. He also gives back to his alma mater by returning to campus to teach classes on tube fitting installation and safety as well as tube bending.

"I enjoy teaching. My employer is very supportive of me doing it. I enjoy it so much that if they weren't supportive, I'd take vacation so I could continue to teach," he says.

While in the classroom, he encourages students to make positive connections throughout their careers. "You never know where the connections you make today will lead to in the future," he says.

Bill not only values what Perry has done for his career; he also values what the school continues to do for students. "Perry is in the business of changing lives," he says. "Students come here in their early 20s and leave with a solid foundation that will be beneficial for a lifetime." •



Bill Hall supports Perry by serving on the Instrumentation Program Advisory Committee.

CLASS NOTES

A 2011 ITCS graduate, **Michael Alexander**, now works for America's Phone Guys. He lives in Kelso.

Brian Barajas recently earned his OSA CCST Level 1 certification. A 2011 Instrumentation graduate, Brian is an I&E maintenance mechanic at the Chevron Refinery in Richmond, California.

Dave Dey has been promoted to production superintendent at Agrium's Kennewick Fertilizer Operations Plant. He is a 2006 Instrumentation graduate.

David Fuwell, a 2012 ITCS graduate, is working as an electrician technician for Computer Science Corporation in Yakima.

1990 Telecom graduate **Jack Leeper** currently works for Microsoft. Since graduating from Perry, he has worked for T-Mobile, GST

Telecom, Comtech International, Fox Communications, and Siemens Stromberg-Carlson.

A 2010 Office Administration graduate, **Armando Montes de Oca** is a personal banker for Wells Fargo in Seattle.

Bruce Pritchard serves as an instructor and program chairman of the HVAC Program at Charter College in Pasco. Since 2009, he has operated a training business called Fresh Air.

Piper Richmond, a 2013 LAP graduate, is working as a foreclosure mediation case manager at the Dispute Resolution Center of Yakima and Kittitas Counties.

Your Perry family wants to know what you have been up to. Please email any recent news about yourself which you would like to share with fellow alumni to perrynews@perrytech.edu.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



November 2013

Jamila West

Medical Office Administration

Jamila West's interest in helping others drew her to the medical field and to her decision to enroll in Perry's Medical Office Administration & Coding Program. The two were a good fit – Jamila was named Perry's Student of the Month for November 2013.

"Jamila is outstanding. She maintains an excellent attitude, high grades, and professionalism while volunteering and keeping a job," says Lashel Church, head of Medical Technology at Perry.

A 2007 graduate of East Valley High School, Jamila worked part time while a student and consistently made the President's List.

Jamila, who graduated in March 2014, accepted a job with the University of Washington Physicians. "Coders are affecting patients' lives by working behind the scenes, assigning codes so that medical bills are paid," she says.

March 2014

Timothy Sommers

HVAC/R Technology

Timothy Sommers wants to be a role model. This desire led him to enroll in Perry's Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Technology Program.

Since he enrolled, Timothy has proven to be a role model for his classmates and he was selected as March Student of the Month.

"Timothy has become a strong leader within the HVAC/R Department and has helped many others to see the big picture of what all Perry Tech can offer in terms of education and training," says instructor Justin McRitchie.

Timothy lived in Alaska and Portland before moving back to his hometown of Yakima in 2006. "I want to have a family and when I have kids, I want to be a role model for them," he says. "I know in order to do this I need to get an education."

Timothy graduated in June and went to work for Cole Industrial.



January 2014

Lacie Furnish

I.T. & Comm. Systems

Lacie Furnish's standout performance in the Information Technology & Communication Systems Program earned her Student of the Month honors for January.

Lacie combines strong academics with an easygoing personality and a willingness to help her classmates. "Lacie is always right on top of everything," says Andy Fischer, Lacie's instructor in the final section of the ITCS Program.

Raised in Spokane, Lacie moved to Yakima in 2011. She was looking for a career path when her grandmother suggested that she check out Perry Tech. "I've always been very technical, but I have an artistic side, too," she says. "This program is the perfect fit for me."

Lacie is intrigued by all aspects of the field, but especially enjoys networking and configuring routers. She graduated in June and took a position with the East Valley School District.



February 2014

Brian Bennett

Instrumentation & Indus. Automation

Brian Bennett was looking for a career instead of a job when he enrolled in the Instrumentation & Industrial Automation Technology Program.

He has now achieved that goal – the February Student of the Month graduated in June and accepted a position with Sierra Pacific.

Instructors describe Brian as a highly motivated self-starter and a natural-born leader. "Brian is easy to work with. If I were an employer, I would hire him," says Instrumentation instructor Larry Dagdagian.

A Sunnyside native, Brian commuted to Perry from Zillah. He served as president of Perry's student chapter of the International Society of Automation.

After graduating from Sunnyside High School in 2010, Brian worked on a Lower Valley farm for two years. "I started looking ahead. I wanted a future," he says.

Brian says he enjoyed the work-like atmosphere at Perry. "I don't see it as coming to school. I take it as a workday."



April 2014

Jafet Aguilar

Automotive Technology

Jafet Aguilar had five years of experience working in a local garage when he enrolled in Perry Technical Institute's Automotive Technology Program.

His experience, combined with a strong work ethic, gave him a head start on success. Jafet was recently singled out as Perry's Student of the Month for April.

Aguilar works days at the Old Town Garage and attends night class at Perry. "This student works real hard while helping other students, has a great attitude and is a pleasure to have in class," says instructor Sam Perez.

Aguilar was familiar with the program because he had attended automotive trainings at Perry. He was attracted to the field because of the hands-on nature of the work. "I like this type of work because it is not repetitive. Each vehicle brings a new challenge," he says.

A Yakima resident for the last 18 years, Jafet will graduate in December.



May 2014

Ron Hawkins

Machine Technology

Perry Technical Institute's May Student of the Month Ron Hawkins had 28 years of experience as an automotive technician when he decided he needed a change.

Ron always liked machining, so he decided to enroll in the Machine Technology Program.

Hawkins' instructors describe him as a driven student who sets high standards for himself. "When Ron is working on a task, he always goes full speed ahead," says instructor Jason Wellner.

Born and raised in Yakima, Ron was working in his father's automotive shop when he began considering a career change. He tried out the trade by working in a Spokane machine shop for two months before deciding to enroll at Perry.

"I like the automotive trade, but I like this a lot more," he says, with a laugh.

When he graduates in December, Ron hopes to find a job in the area, but says he's willing to relocate if necessary.



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