



THE PTI INSIGHT

Sundome Event Highlights Construction Program Skills

The new Construction program is off to a great start, being featured in the Central Washington Home and Garden show. The students' work took center stage alongside industry experts, February 10th-12th at the Yakima Sundome. The Construction program created a "He Shed" and a "She Shed" to be raffled off, raising money for the new Perry Tech program.

When the Central Washington Home Builders Association asked Perry Tech if the construction program could put a fresh spin the event, the students didn't hesitate to roll up their sleeves. "I have to say, with the short amount of time to plan and detail involved in this project, it has been so refreshing," explained Chascidi White, Marketing and Events Director for the CWHBA.

Helliesen Lumber & Supply donated the majority of the materials used for both sheds. Great Floors donated the She Shed flooring, and Inland Lighting donated hundreds of dollars in fixtures. Sherwin Williams donated all the paint & stain, while Bruner Painting donated services to have both sheds painted and stained at their facility.

Garrett Stevenson of American Builders worked alongside the Construction students for the project. They built the themed sheds in panels in their classroom at Perry Tech, and then assembled them once inside the Sundome.

"CWHBA would love to sit down and collaborate with Perry on future projects," said CWHBA Director Chascidi White. "How together we can grow a skilled labor force for industry. I am looking forward to many more opportunities to work with Perry and their fabulous crew."

When the sheds were raffled off at the end of the show, the event raised \$3,410 for the Perry Tech Construction program. ■

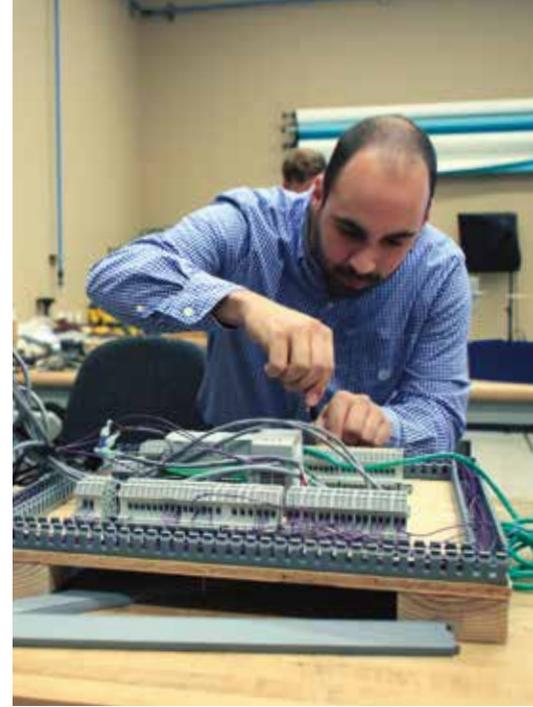
The student-built sheds on display at the Sundome.

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Pictured above: the Perry Tech Construction program teamed up with American Builders to put together the themed sheds.

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Pictured left to right: Caleb Clark, Eddie Rodriguez, and Nick O'Dell - Perry Tech Instrumentation graduates and Kwik Lok employees.

Yakima Company Honors Local Roots by Supporting Perry Students

Industry leader Kwik Lok is a proud supporter of students at Perry Technical Institute. Founder Floyd Paxton invented the plastic bag closure in 1952, and since then the company has grown to six production plants worldwide. In the midst of international success, Kwik Lok continues to donate time, energy, and finances into seeing Perry Tech students succeed.

"Perry Technical Institute is a valuable asset to our local community," says Don Carrell, Vice President of Manufacturing and Customer Service at Kwik Lok, as well as a Foundation Board Member at Perry Tech. "Kwik Lok has employed several graduates. They have demonstrated competency, reliability and a strong work ethic."

Some of those Perry Tech graduates include Eddie Rodriguez, an assembly technician at Kwik Lok and 2016 Instrumentation graduate. Caleb Clark and Nick O'Dell also graduated from Instrumentation last year, and now work in Kwik Lok's Engineering building. Clark is an engineer in training, and O'Dell an instrument technician.

Kwik Lok not only supports Perry Tech through donations and hiring grads, but in supporting their continued growth. Earlier this year, the company sent instrument technician Nick O'Dell to Japan for a production machine upgrade project. Don Carrell sums up the relationship perfectly, "Students from Perry Technical Institute have proven to be valuable employees at Kwik Lok Corporation." ■



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The KL 893 Ultra closing bags of bagels.



Perry Technical graduates celebrating their accomplishment.



Study Featured in the New York Times Highlights Institute's Success

Perry Technical Institute has achieved top national honors for student success. In a study featured in The New York Times of nearly seven hundred two-year colleges, researchers determined which schools were most effective at helping students climb the income ladder. They named Perry Tech the top two-year college in the nation for income mobility, specifically the highest chance a student would make more money than their parents.

The study, titled "Mobility Report Cards: The Role of Colleges in Intergenerational Mobility", said PTI graduates were the most likely to climb to the top 20% of wealthy adults after growing up in the lowest income bracket. They also ranked Perry Tech the top two-year college in the nation for median income at age 34.



"Everybody here is focused on making that student successful and getting to know that student," said Dean of Education Nathan Hull.

"We work with them not only on the technical skills that will make them employable, but the soft skills that will help them to keep jobs," explained Perry Tech President Christine Cote. "Also to continue to move up by promotions and move up in the income level."

In addition to the latest recognition, all current Perry Tech programs have exceeded Gainful Employment standards. Enforced by the Department of Education, these regulations aim to ensure each student needing school loans can obtain employment after graduation with wages sufficient to payback their loans. If a school fails to meet Gainful Employment standards, it can lose the ability distribute financial aid. The rules are rooted in the concept that a school should be held accountable for the success of its alumni.

Current students like Valentino Hicks say they feel the support surround them at the school. "I didn't realize how much they cultivated the learning environment here at Perry Tech until I started attending." Hicks is a second year student in the Electrical program, which currently has a one-year waiting list.

These recognitions reinforce the Perry model as an effective approach to education. For over 75 years, Perry has been teaching concrete technical skills and complimentary soft skills that result in successful careers. As the organization moves into the future, it will continue to use those same principles to help individuals develop the skills to move up the income ladder.

Read more about Perry Technical Institute's top national ranking on our website under "PTI News". ■



Angela Fiscus, Medical Technology

Faculty Member of the Year

"This award has taught me that you won't always know when you're making a difference in a student's life, so you must always continue to teach, be encouraging, and make a positive impact whenever possible!" - Angela Fiscus

Outstanding Faculty Members:

Matthew Shipley – Electrical

Valerie Ryan – Business Technology & Accounting

Jason Wellner – Precision Machining & Manufacturing



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Check Presentation to the Construction Program



The student-built sheds were raffled off, raising thousands of dollars for the Construction program. (Full story on the front page.)

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