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The industries for which Ranken Technical College trains its students are constantly changing, demanding new skill sets from their employees. Ranken's top-notch staff and faculty members are always ready to change their curriculums to address the evolving educational needs of our students. They are also always on the lookout for ways to improve business relationships to ensure that they are kept in the loop about industry trends and to make sure our students have powerful connections that may lead to jobs in the future. Over the last year, we have been paying special attention to the rapidly changing automotive sector and have therefore made some impressive improvements at the College.

In the coming year, Ranken Wentzville will start to look quite different as we break ground on a new building designed to house our new diesel program and create enough room for our booming enrollment rate at the location. The new, two-story building will include 35,000 sq. feet of garage space, plenty of multipurpose educational centers and a lounge for students looking for a well-deserved break from their classes.

In 2013, we completed renovations on the Automotive Import Technology side of the Rodenheiser building on our main campus and many other major renovations to the structure, which houses the majority of our Automotive programs. After finishing these renovations, the Automotive Import Technology program began the first installment of the revised program in August 2013. This program prepares students to work in an import dealership and requires them to procure an internship at a sponsoring Honda, Toyota or Lexus dealership prior to beginning the Automotive Import Technology curriculum. Automotive Import Technology students alternate between spending eight weeks at their internship and eight weeks at Ranken, learning on brand-specific equipment. This model currently includes training in the Honda Professional Automotive Career Training (PACT) program and the Toyota/Lexus Technicians Education Network (T-TEN) program, but General Motors' Automotive Service Educational Program (ASEP) will be offered in this model beginning in August. Plans to include Ford Motor Company's Automotive Student Service Educational Training (ASSET) program are also in development.

We've also increased our outreach to a younger generation, offering an expanded variety of new Summer Adventure Academies to rising middle and high school students at our St. Louis location and an academy that focuses on robot design at our Wentzville location. Our future depends on the ability of our youth to perform in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) related jobs and it is up to our generation to spark their interest in these fields. Summer Adventure Academies are a fun way for students to learn about technology through hands-on activities that offer courses like building go-karts, creating robots or designing websites. This year, we are even offering Academies in aviation technology and an academy created just for girls to help them explore STEM careers. Ranken has also teamed up with UrbanFUTURE, the St. Louis Science Center and St. Louis Public Schools to sponsor a high school coalition team that will participate in next year's Missouri Supermileage Vehicle Challenge. These students will learn the principals of aerodynamics, friction and drag that go into racing at our new Ten80 Summer Racing Challenge program. They will then use these skills to create a full-size vehicle that will compete in the challenge, gaining practical experience in design, fabrication, and testing.

As always, thank you for your sustained support. It's because of you that we are able to strengthen our industry connections, and expand our offerings to fit the growing needs of our talented students and of the workforce. I hope that you will follow along with us in supporting our goal to provide the comprehensive education and training necessary to prepare students for employment and advancement in these changing technical fields.

Congratulations to Ranken's 2014 Graduates!

On May 12, Ranken held its 2014 commencement ceremony at Chaifetz Arena on the Saint Louis University campus. This year, 960 students were eligible to graduate, and more than 500 students participated in the ceremony.

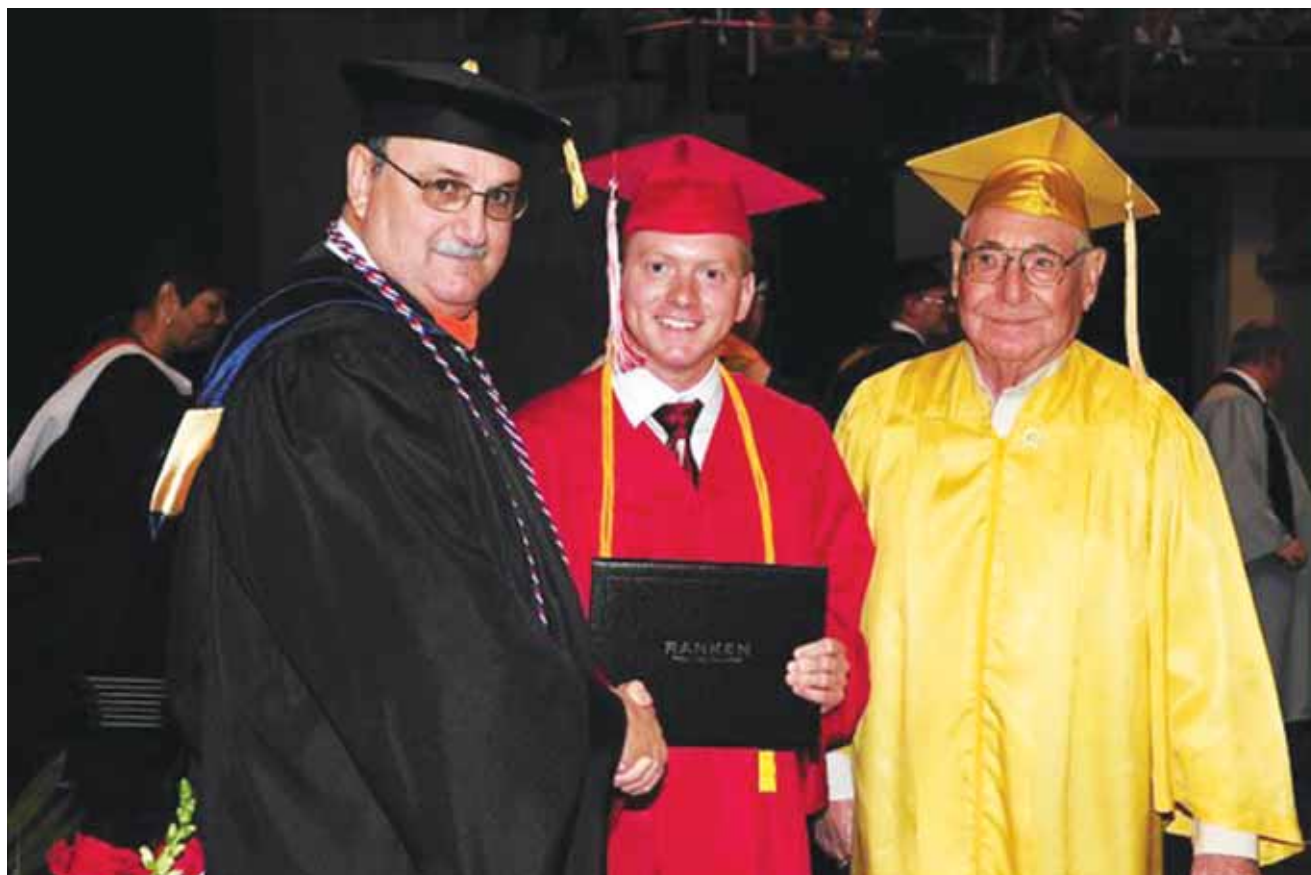
The keynote speaker for the event was Michael S. Adorjan, President of Bates Holding Company and a member of Ranken's board of trustees. Adorjan has decades of experience managing technical firms, joining Bates in 2001 after holding various management and leadership positions at Emerson for eight years. Under Adorjan's leadership, Bates has grown from \$10 to \$67 million. The Bates family of companies have locations across the country, providing mining equipment and other resources for various types of material mining. During his commencement speech, Adorjan shared three important lessons that he has learned throughout his years in the industry, telling degree recipients to have confidence in themselves, to be honest and to have a good attitude.

Following Adorjan's address, Vice President for Student Success John Wood presented Golden and Diamond Graduate anniversary recognitions and the David Ranken, Jr. Award, which was given to Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and

Refrigeration Technology and Major Appliance Technology student Jamie M. Schneider. This award goes to a Ranken graduate who epitomizes the concepts that David Ranken, Jr. believed in related to academic achievement, work ethic and leadership. Schneider graduated Summa Cum Laude, holding a 4.0 GPA, a nearly perfect attendance record and exceptional work ethic scores during all five semesters of her college career. She was also named Phi Theta Kappa Student of the Month, gained employment in her field before graduating and is the very first woman to be inducted into the St. Louis Sheet Metal Workers Union 36 in residential service.

After presenting these awards, Vice President for Education Don Pohl presented the candidates for degrees and President Stan Shoun presented closing remarks, asking each graduate to thank those that helped them to earn their degree and to pay it forward by helping others.

"It is such a joy to hear some of the remarks from students and their parents. One Automotive parent said that this was their first college graduation, and the whole graduation was a happy occasion for the entire family that will go on with them forever," said Career Services Director and organizer of the commencement ceremony Janie Summers. "Thanks again to all who worked together as a team to make the graduation a success!"



Ranken President Stan Shoun poses with 2014 Automotive graduate James Chesser and his grandfather Melvin Dudley, a 1964 HVAC Golden Graduate

Ranken Technical College and STL Nerdy Girls Work Together to Empower St. Louis Women

On February 19, female students from Ranken Technical College, members of the Meetup.com group The Nerdy Girls Society, representatives from the Association of Women in Science, the Arch Rival Roller Girls and women from the St. Louis community came together to network and to take part in a free Livestream of the Take The Lead Challenge Launch Event. This webinar was designed to inspire and propel women to step into their own power to close pay and leadership gaps, and included advice and ideas from some of the world's top business leaders.

Today, women make up half the workforce but still earn just 77 cents to every men's dollar. Women also hold just 18 percent of top leadership positions. The reasons behind this leadership inequality have been researched in depth but resolutions are rarely offered. Take The Lead shifts the focus from problems to solutions, calling women, men and organizations to action and giving women the tools they need to succeed in work, civic leadership and personal life.

From trailblazing businesswomen to a discussion by top journalists about women in the media, the evening featured some of today's most dynamic and inspiring speakers, including Facebook COO and *Lean In* author Sheryl Sandberg, Take The Lead Cofounder and President Gloria Feldt and Vice Chairman and Managing Director at Morgan Stanley Carla Harris. MSNBC's Karen Finney also moderated a powerhouse women's media panel, co-hosted with the Women's Media Center.

About Take The Lead

Take The Lead is an exciting new organization that prepares, develops, inspires and propels women to take their fair and equal share of leadership positions across all sectors by 2025. It's today's women's movement – a unique catalyst for women to embrace power and reach leadership parity. www.taketheleadwomen.com

About The Nerdy Girls Society

The purpose of The Nerdy Girls Society is to foster continuous learning for women of all ages interested in things typically described as "nerdy." We're unironically enthusiastic about stuff - ranging from science to history, comic cons to lectures, and everything in between. www.meetup.com/STL-Nerdy-Girls

TAKE THE LEAD



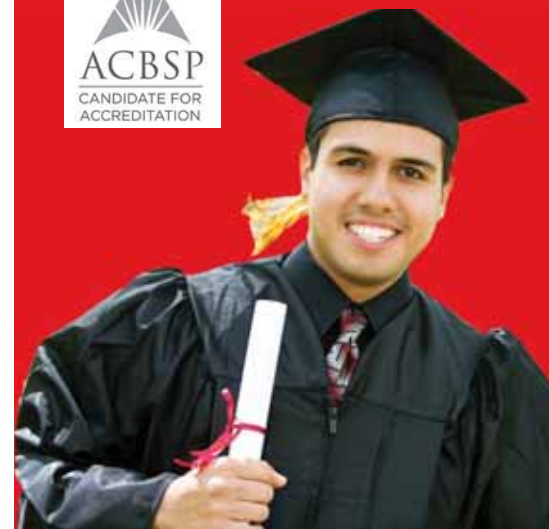
Did You Know We Offer an Accelerated Bachelor's Degree Program?

Get Your Bachelor's Degree In Only THREE Years!

Ranken's Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Applied Management degree is geared toward technical students who wish to advance rapidly in their careers.

This program offers a unique educational blend, designed to transform highly-skilled technicians into successful managers. Students begin their two year technical program and as they complete their general education classes, they can start taking management courses immediately. This enables students to complete both their associate and bachelor's degrees in three short years. Students can also receive credits for prior work experience by transferring approved credits and/or testing out of certain courses.

For more information about this program, contact the Admissions office at (314) 371-0236 or email BSAM@ranken.edu.



Ranken Breaks Attendance Record at Spring Job Fair

Ranken's Career Services office hosted the annual spring Job Fair on March 6. This was the largest job fair to date with 295 representatives from 181 companies visiting campus to speak with Ranken students about potential job openings. The job fair is a great opportunity for the students to not only speak with a wide variety of employers but to expose them to companies they may not be aware of. In turn employers are able to assess an applicant's professionalism and sometimes hire on the spot or pursue the applicant further.

"Not only did we have many long time partnerships that attended, but there were many companies that attended for the first time," said Career Services Director Janie Summers. "One of the companies said this job fair was absolutely amazing and they could not believe the number of companies that were in attendance looking to hire Ranken students. Another company said they went to a community college job fair the day before and there were only 16 companies that attended."

Representatives from Phillips 66: Pipeline Area Supervisor Gordon Stands, Associate HRBP Sophia Sissamis and Technical Recruiter Natalie Marxsen, were so excited to meet Ranken students that they visited campus the day before the event to host an informational session. They also stayed for the job fair the following day. The representatives spoke with many Electrical Automation Technology, Control Systems Technology and Industrial Technology students.

"It's always a pleasure to get a chance to speak with students," said Marxsen. "We recently hired five Ranken students and would like to increase our relationship with Ranken."



A Phillips 66 representative meets with a prospective employee at Ranken's Spring Job Fair



President and Chief Executive Officer of the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis Michael P. McMillan

Ranken Welcomes New Board Member

Ranken has officially announced that President and Chief Executive Officer of the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis Michael P. McMillan will be joining Ranken's Board of Trustees.

Newly appointed to this position, McMillan is responsible for overseeing the management and strategic growth of the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis throughout the St. Louis City, St. Louis County and St. Clair County areas. He has been a member of the Urban League since the age of 16 and a Lifetime member for more than 14 years. Previously, he served as a member of the Urban League's Board of Directors and on its Executive Committee. The Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis is the number one ranked affiliate in the country with almost 200 employees, ten locations and 25 programs.

Previously, McMillan served as the License Collector of the City of St. Louis for almost seven years. During this time, he represented more than 20,000 businesses and collected approximately \$60 million dollars in business tax revenues annually, which were redistributed to city agencies. He was the youngest person elected as an alderman and license collector in the history of the City of St. Louis and is credited for building collaborations to generate \$1.25 billion dollars in economic development initiatives in housing, schools and businesses for one of St. Louis' most depressed urban communities. McMillan is a passionate advocate of education; and a strong supporter of senior citizens. On all levels of our society, McMillan works to create self-sufficiency and economic empowerment for others.



Automotive Collision Repair Technology Department Chair John Helterbrand shows high school students how to use welding equipment

Ranken Trains Local High Schools

Weeks before the district SkillsUSA competition that took place on February 7, Automotive Collision Repair Department Head John Helterbrand and Automotive Collision Repair Instructor Larry Schmidt taught students from South and North County Tech and Lewis & Clark the skills they would need for the district SkillsUSA competition.

Helterbrand worked with these students on the welding portion of the competition, while Schmidt worked with them on the refinishing portion.

"This gives them the chance to use the equipment they will use at the competition, most of which they don't have at their schools," said Helterbrand. "This relationship is beneficial for both parties because the students perform a lot better and they come to Ranken later."

An instructor from each school was also present, and expressed their gratitude for Helterbrand and Schmidt's help: "We really appreciate John and Larry taking the time to help our students. The time they get to spend with the equipment and the exposure to these skills relieves some of the stress related to being in the SkillsUSA Competition," said Lewis & Clark Automotive Collision

Repair Instructor Mike Kuechler. "This partnership also gives our students the opportunity to get to know Ranken. I usually bring the whole class down on the day of the competition for a campus tour because a lot of them have never been to Ranken and will hopefully consider a secondary education here. I always recommend Ranken because Ranken goes well above and beyond what most Technical schools teach and offer more real-world experiences."



Ranken Wentzville Earns Progress Award

On May 17, the Partners for Progress of Greater St. Charles named Ranken as the recipient of the 2014 Education Progress Award for successfully opening the Wentzville campus in St. Charles County, breaking all expectations for the first year of operation, and announcing recent expansion plans in Wentzville, Mo.

The Progress Awards honor businesses and organizations fostering measurable progress in St. Charles County.

Founded in 2001, the Partners for Progress of Greater St. Charles acts as a catalyst for change and economic growth in St. Charles County. Partners for Progress members include some of the area's largest employers and influential civic leaders who are committed to meeting these objectives. Ranken Wentzville and Ranken Wentzville Site Director Jeremy Sutton recently joined the organization.

"We are honored that Ranken Wentzville will receive the 2014 Education Progress Award," said Sutton. "President Shoun and Ranken's administration should be commended for making Ranken Wentzville a reality and the faculty and staff have done an incredible job of getting the location off to a great start."

Ranken's Virginia Bachelor of Science in Applied Management Program a Success

Ranken, in partnership with Central Virginia Community College and The Babcock & Wilcox Company (B&W), currently offers a Bachelor of Science program for Region 2000 (an interwoven network of organizations within 2,000 square miles that surround Lynchburg, Va.). The Bachelor of Science in Applied Management program's curriculum, which was developed with input from B&W, includes project management, global business strategy, risk management, marketing, employment law and small business management. Under this program, students can build on their technical aptitude and existing college and/or work experience by pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Applied Management degree through Ranken in a local setting.

In May, four students graduated from this program. Ryan Bresach, Jason Moser, Gerald Cox and Mark Kaiser were invited to a graduation dinner on April 18 in Lynchburg, Va. to receive their degrees.

Bresach, who works for B&W, recently received a promotion from a maintenance technician to a technologist position.

"This is a major transition for me because I am converting from a blue collar position to a white collar position," said Bresach. "Ranken has been instrumental in this transition, providing me with the skills and confidence to make this career change. I appreciate all of the feedback and encouragement that I have received from my instructors and fellow classmates."

Moser was recently promoted to a quality assurance engineer for B&W and is the key organization lead in two critical functional areas of the facility. Prior to joining the Bachelor of Science in Applied Management program and B&W, he was struggling after being laid off due to the economic downfall in 2008.

"I have come so far from that troubled period to becoming a quality assurance engineer at one of the most prestigious employers in Virginia," said Moser. "I am free from mortgage, debt, and commuting stresses now that I have relocated closer to work. This is a true Ranken success story."

Since graduating from the program, Moser is planning to earn a master's degree from Liberty University.

RCDC Earns ENERGY STAR Home Builders Partnership Certification

In January, the Ranken Community Development Corporation (RCDC) became a participating home builder in Ameren Missouri's ActOnEnergy ConstructionSavers program, which works with area home builders and Home Energy Raters to increase the number of energy efficient homes available to customers within the Ameren Missouri service area.

As part of the program, RCDC can earn an \$800 financial incentive for each ENERGY STAR certified home. The



Library area of the new Student Success Center

program also provides free sales and technical training, marketing materials and support from a program account manager.

ENERGY STAR certified new homes are designed and built to standards well above most other homes on the market today, delivering energy efficiency savings of up to 30 percent when compared to typical new homes. A new home that has earned the ENERGY STAR label has undergone a process of inspections, testing and verification to meet strict requirements set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), delivering better quality, better comfort, and better durability. Tried-and-true building practices, such as flashing, moisture barriers, and heavy-duty membranes are employed to effectively drain water from the roofs, walls and foundations of every ENERGY STAR certified home.

To ensure that RCDC homes meet these requirements, a Residential Energy Services Network (RESNET) accredited independent Home Energy Ratings System (HERS) Rater must verify each home's ENERGY STAR certification. Ranken has chosen to work with HERS Rater ASERusa, who will identify the

energy efficiency measures needed to meet these specifications.

Student Success Center Completes Renovations

On March 14, the Student Success Center (SSC) team moved back into their newly renovated space on the second floor of the Finney building. All operations are now active, and students, staff and faculty are welcome to check out paper resources, enjoy open computer access, relax by the fire or study in the sunny bridge between Finney and Gray buildings.

All testers should be sent to F207 again and those seeking tutoring resources should be directed to enter through the main doors.

"Even if you don't need anything or aren't sure what the SSC can do for you, we encourage you to come up to look around and get a tour so that you know what students will experience, what they can expect to see and how we can help you," said Director of Student Success Erica Ellard.

Ranken Renews Partnership with bioMerieux

On May 15, Ranken invited bioMerieux Site Director Richard Proehl, other bioMerieux representatives and bioMerieux microenterprise students to a signing ceremony to highlight the continuing, positive business relationship that has developed between bioMerieux and Ranken and to celebrate the renewal of the Strategic Supply Agreement between the two parties.

In the summer of 2010, Ranken entered into an education and manufacturing partnership with bioMerieux, a multinational biotechnology company headquartered in France that produces a wide range of electronic medical devices. The partnership came about when bioMerieux considered outsourcing the manufacturing of their Smart Carrier Station overseas. President Stan Shoun asked the company to consider an alternative approach and proposed that Ranken student workers manufacture the product.

"We began working in 2010 with a two-year Strategic Supply Agreement and worked on only one sub-component called the Smart Carrier Station," said Faculty Project Manager Vince Holtmann. "This agreement ran out almost two years ago and



Ranken President Stan Shoun (left) and bioMerieux Site Director Richard Proehl sign documents to renew their partnership

we added the manufacturing of nine more power supply and mechanical sub-components since then, so it seemed like a good time to extend this partnership."

Ranken Cleans Up at SkillsUSA

Ranken hosted the 2014 SkillsUSA East District Championship on February 7.

In the largest tournament to date, more than 157 participants competed in 14 contests for a chance to advance to the Linn State Technical College state championship in April, 38 of them being Ranken students who competed in 12 of these competitions. Six Ranken students also participated in IT contests held at St. Louis Community College, Forest Park and six more students moved to the state competition in Major Appliance and Refrigeration and TeamWorks. Overall, 42 of the 50 Ranken students who participated were eligible to compete at the State Championships.

At the state competition, Ranken students took home more gold medals than ever with four individuals, one two-person team and two three-person teams qualifying for the SkillsUSA National Competition. Many other Ranken students also earned second and third place titles at the state competition. Ranken administration held a luncheon to honor these students on April 22. Each winner was given their gold, silver or bronze medal, a certificate and various prizes. All gold medal winners won a steak dinner at Outback Steak House from President Stan Shoun.

"These are our finest results to date," said STEM Pathways Development Coordinator Barbara Bragg. "Congratulations to our students, their advisors, and the instructors who helped them prepare for this season!"

The 40th Annual SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference will be held on June 22-27 and the SkillsUSA Championships will be held on June 25-26 in Kansas City, Mo. The event will bring in more than 15,000 people, including students, teachers and business partners, and more than 5,800 outstanding career and technical education students will compete hands-on in more than 100 different trade, technical and leadership fields.



Ranken President Stan Shoun (middle) poses with the 2014 Ranken SkillsUSA State Championship gold medalists

Ranken Teams Up with Community Leaders to Get St. Louis on the Road to Work

Frequently, people in Ranken's surrounding communities have the capacity and skills to work, but cannot get to a job regularly because they do not own cars.

St. Louis Community Credit Union, in conjunction with the City of St. Louis, Ranken and other partners is launching a unique lending partnership called the Sure Rides™ Auto Loan program. To be eligible, an individual must be currently employed or starting a new job within 30 days with one of St. Louis' designated workforce partners, including the St. Louis Agency on Training and Employment (SLATE), Family and Workforce Centers of America (FWCA), Employment Connection or the Urban League. These programs aim to bridge economic gaps in the bi-state area by creating pathways out of poverty through stable employment.

The Sure Rides initiative is designed to help qualified clients in these workforce development agencies get to work by giving them access to affordable car loans. Ranken will provide car inspections that will help Sure Rides participants become better informed consumers through a new campus-based microenterprise. Paid student interns will perform these inspections and will provide maintenance and repair services for the program in the future. The Sure Rides program has also partnered with Enterprise and the Dean Team to provide affordable automobile options; insurance brokerage firm Richard K. Gaines, Inc.; and CU Excel Center; which will provide financial education classes.

Emerson Supports Ranken's Electrical Division

On March 18, Emerson donated seven Magnetic Flowmeters, three Vortex Flowmeters, three Pressure Transmitters, seven Guided Wave Radar Level Transmitters and six Hart 475 Communicators to Ranken's Electrical division.

"Todd Stumpf, a 2008 Ranken Control Systems Technology graduate and a service technician for Rosemount (part of Emerson Process Management) was instrumental in attaining this donation and also in resolving some problems with existing equipment," said Electrical Division Head Tony Wilkinson. "Having top of the line equipment is essential in training our students and Emerson has really come through for us, now and in the past."

Ranken's FIRST Tech Challenge Tests Robot at First Competition

For the first time, Ranken sponsored a FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) robotics team this year. On December 7, the rookie team attended their first FTC competition, held at St. Louis Community College-Florissant Valley.

FTC is designed for students in grades 7-12 to compete head-to-head, using a sports model. Teams are responsible for designing, building and programming their robots to compete in an alliance format against other teams.

In partnership with SLPS Gateway STEM High School, Ranken worked to train these team members, honing programming and robot building skills. Ranken's team, 7674 or "Ranken Gateway STEM Olympians," consisted of several SLPS Gateway STEM High School students along with Johnny Summers, son of Career Services Director Janie Summers. The team's name was inspired by the twelve Olympians of Greek mythology, naming their super-strong, super-charged robot Typhon, father of all monsters. Each team member also expressed their personality with a Greek God's name on their t-shirt. The judges were impressed with their team spirit, taking several photos and inquiring about the choice of their names.

The Olympians had been preparing since mid-September

for this year's FTC competition, called "Block Party."

In this competition, most points are earned by placing two-inch square plastic blocks into a balanced pendulum. There are a number of extra tasks that score an additional bonus.

At the end of the day, the Olympians ranked 13th out of 35 places, which is impressive for a rookie team! The team's partner, Gateway High School Team, 288: Spare Parts, automatically advanced to the state finals competition for their performance, which took place on March 1 at Missouri University of Science & Technology. The Olympian's second qualifier took place at Rockwood Selvidge Middle School on January 18. A rookie team, the Ranken Gateway STEM Olympians were not able to win a match at this game, but they did receive the Motivate Award from the judges for exemplifying gracious professionalism and team spirit.

"Impressed with our enthusiasm, team unity and effort, the judges awarded our team with the Motivate Award," said Pathway Specialist Brian Sieve. "Our robot was very sophisticated for a rookie team, and we are proud to have the FIRST Robotics core values."



Ranken's FIRST Tech Challenge Robot

General Motors Automotive Service Educational Program to Expand

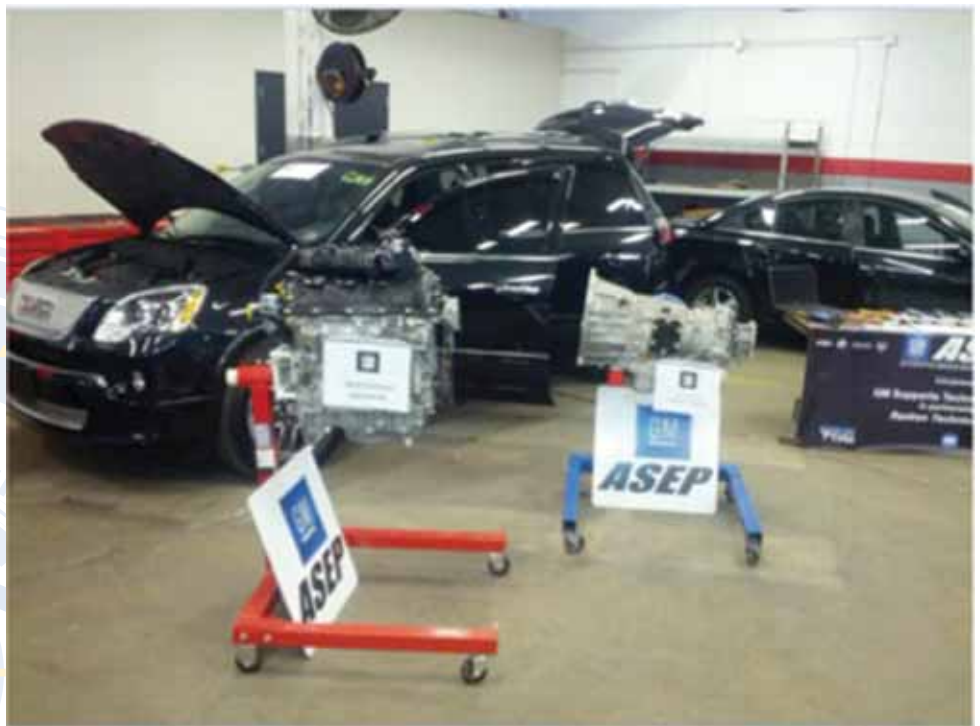
General Motors (GM) has reached an agreement with Ranken to expand the company's Automotive Service Educational Program (ASEP) to service a larger group of dealers in the Midwest. The new territory will include approximately 300 GM dealers across Missouri, and parts of Kansas, Illinois, Arkansas, and Tennessee.

To accommodate for this larger area, a new program format will begin in August, utilizing a schedule designed to allow students to alternate between training for eight weeks, and then returning to a dealership to gain real-world work experience for eight weeks.

"This format is beneficial to the dealership because they have the chance to train these students on their brand and to help them become familiar with the culture at that particular dealership," said Automotive Division Chair Dan Kania. "This results in graduates with certifications that the dealers are looking for."

ASEP provides GM-specific training initiatives to assist GM dealers in educating their next generation of technicians. Courses in this program offer more brand-specific instruction and equipment than are offered in general automotive classes. The program is designed to better prepare students who intend to pursue careers in servicing and maintaining GM vehicles at area Buick, Cadillac, Chevrolet, GMC or AC Delco Total Service Satisfaction (TSS) service centers.

To help prepare for the launch of the new program format, GM has donated three new cars and a truck to update the vehicle training fleet for ASEP.



GM ASEP vehicles



ASEP

AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM



Ranken Wentzville Set to Expand to House New Diesel Technology Program

Set to break ground in June, Ranken Wentzville will soon begin construction of a two-story building meant to house a new Diesel Technology program and to accommodate for increased enrollment. The new building will boast 35,000 sq. feet of garage space, a modern student lounge and multipurpose educational centers.

Originally, the Diesel Technology program was set to begin at Ranken Wentzville when it opened in the spring of 2013. However, an overwhelming interest in the Automotive Maintenance Technology program and the need for a large amount of space for state-of-the-art Advance Manufacturing equipment left little room for the Diesel Technology program. Along with booming enrollment in all of Ranken Wentzville's programs and the addition of evening programs for the Information Technology and Automotive Maintenance Technology programs, the need to expand became apparent.

"We want to expand our offerings to make sure that our students have the skills and knowledge to meet the needs

of industries in Wentzville and surrounding areas," said Vice President for Education Don Pohl.

Ranken's Diesel Technology program was created to meet the growing need for heavy-duty service professionals in the transportation industry. Diesel technicians today must be prepared to work on a variety of systems from air brakes, to hydraulics, to air conditioning as well as the high-end multiplexed network of computers and electronics. The program is modeled to meet Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) and National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF) standards, and it will prepare graduates to be career-ready diesel service technicians.

"There is a huge demand on the student and employer side for a Diesel Technology program," said Automotive Division Head Dan Kania. "We have a large pool of prospective students who want to enroll in the program and many that say they will come back for the diesel program even after they have finished another Automotive program."



Architectural rendering of planned new facility

review



February 7

Ranken hosted the largest East District SkillsUSA Championship yet, bringing in 157 participants. Forty-two Ranken competitors gained eligibility to move on to the state competition.

February 13

Women in Technology held an Alumni Panel to answer questions about work and life after Ranken for current female students.

NATIONAL TRiO *Day*

February 22

Ranken's Student Success Services (TRiO) department hosted the St. Louis version of the National TRiO Day celebration in coalition with other area colleges and high schools on St. Louis University's campus.



March 6

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TAKE THE LEAD



February 19

Ranken invited female students and women from the St. Louis community to campus for a free Livestream of the Take The Lead Challenge Launch Event, meant to inspire and propel women to step into their own power to close pay and leadership gaps.



January 6

The start of the spring semester saw a total of 1,970 day and evening students, and 125 new and returning students moved into Walker Hall dorms.



March 14

The newly remodeled Student Success Center reopened to Ranken staff, faculty and students, complete with open computer access.



April 2-4

Four individual Ranken students, one two-student team and two three-student teams qualified for the SkillsUSA National Competition during the state championships. The National Competition will be held on June 22-27 in Kansas City, Mo.

April 18

In partnership with Central Virginia Community College and the Babcock & Wilcox Company, Ranken congratulated four students during an awards dinner as they graduated from the Bachelor of Science in Applied Management Virginia program.



May 12

960 students graduated from Ranken, armed with their Ranken education and ready to work.



April 2

Ranken's Spring Open House brings in a record number of registrations, with 76 new students starting their Ranken Experience in the summer and fall.



April 11

The Information Technology division hosted its second Spring LAN Party, drawing in 163 participants, growing from just 20 area gamers who attended the first event a year and a half ago.

Automotive Industry Revved Up for Success

The automotive industry is constantly changing and evolving to meet the demands of its consumers. Today, every new automobile uses a high-tech material or is developed and manufactured through a high-tech process, driving innovation and global technology leadership. After four semesters in one of Ranken's Automotive programs, students enter the workforce with the skills they need to manage the demands of this fast-moving field and a fine reputation as a knowledgeable and well-trained Ranken graduate, helping them to quickly gain employment.

According to the 2013 Jobs Report by the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, the leading advocacy group for the automotive industry, the field hasn't seen so much growth since the early 1970's. Between 2009 and 2012 the industry saw year-to-year sales increasing by at least 10% every year, and increasing automotive sales means more jobs. The United States Department of Labor Statistics projects a 9% increase in demand for automotive and diesel service mechanics and technicians from 2012 to 2022, and a 13% increase in demand for automotive body and glass repairers.

Missouri's automotive sector has also grown over the last few years. In 2011, Ford Motor Company announced that it would begin producing the F-150 pickup truck and the full-sized Transit van, adding 1,600 new local manufacturing jobs at the plant. Additionally, General Motors announced that it would begin production of the Chevrolet Colorado mid-sized pickup at its Wentzville, Mo. plant, adding another 1,660 jobs between 2011 and 2016. The Missouri Department of Labor's 2013 report for Missouri occupational employment statistics sites an average wage of \$42,540 for automotive body repairers, \$37,830 for automotive service technicians and mechanics, and \$40,070 for diesel engine specialists. According to a report compiled by the Missouri Economic Research and Information Center (MERIC), automotive repair and maintenance jobs are set to increase by 9.7% in Missouri and by 13.6% in St. Louis before 2020.

"As automotive technology progresses, such as the growing popularity of electric cars and lightweight aluminum frames, we are positioning ourselves in the marketplace by training our students to be aware of these changes and to manage new and unique repair techniques. You must pay attention to every aspect of the car to make sure that you do not injure yourself or damage high-tech components," said Automotive Division Head Dan Kania. "Today's cars also last for a long time without breaking down, but require more maintenance to keep them running as they age. In our general curriculum, we've addressed this issue by making sure our students know how to perform the maintenance level activities that keep cars showroom new."

At Ranken, opportunities for employment come from many different sources. In March, 30 employers that were looking for automotive workers attended the Spring Job Fair, which saw a total of 181 different companies. Jiffy Lube has also hired many Ranken students for part-time work this year. They attended a part-time job fair in Wentzville in October and set up a tent at the main campus in September to recruit students on their way to the classroom.

"We have valuable longstanding partnerships with many automotive companies such as Dobbs, Enterprise and many dealerships that call anytime they have openings," said Career Services Director Janie Summers. "We have also developed new relationships with companies such as Lambert St. Louis International Airport who is looking for a fleet maintenance technician."

Students graduating from Ranken's Automotive division enjoy career flexibility and opportunities for continual advancement in the industry. Their salaries are very competitive, and generally double with three to four years of experience. Within the next few years, Ranken will also provide a Diesel Technology program at the Wentzville location to meet the growing need for heavy-duty service professionals in the transportation industry.



Percentage of growth for demand of automotive maintenance technicians	9%
Current average wage for automotive body repairers in Missouri	\$42,540
Projected increase in number of automotive repair and maintenance job openings in St. Louis	2,301



Automotive Maintenance Technology and High Performance Racing Technology students currently enjoy a combined rate of 3.79 opportunities per graduate, while Automotive Collision Repair students can boast a rate of 6.36 opportunities per graduate. All but one of the 54 day school 2013 Automotive Division graduates are currently working in their field.

In May, 56 students graduated from the day school Automotive Maintenance Technology and Automotive Collision Repair programs, and 54 have already been placed into a variety of positions in their field.

For more information about Ranken's Automotive programs, contact our Admissions office.

Employer Spotlight Plaza Motors



Plaza Motors, as a division of the Asbury Automotive Group, is driven to be America's most admired retailer. Asbury Automotive Group is the 5th largest public automotive retailer in the United States, operating approximately 90 retail auto stores, encompassing more than 120 franchises for the sale and servicing of 35 different brands of American, European and Asian automobile makes. Plaza Motors is a Creve Coeur and St. Louis, Mo. dealership group offering new and used cars, including Audi, BMW, Mercedes-Benz, Jaguar, Infiniti, Smart, Land Rover, Lexus and Porsche. Plaza Motors is a factory authorized warranty repair facility for each of the respective manufacturers. In addition, Plaza Motors provides every level of vehicle repair, from competitively priced maintenance services like oil changes or tire replacement to complete vehicle diagnostics and engine overhaul.

"We believe, as we persistently invest to improve our operations by hiring and integrating employees with comprehensive training, like that from Ranken, and investing in technology and processes that we will provide a superior experience for our clients and that these clients will continue to choose Plaza as their service provider," said Plaza Lexus Service Manager Curt Yettke. "In turn we know competing facilities will follow our lead and this competition will ensure our customers continue to receive, from

Plaza Motors, the best possible service with the highest trained associates in the industry."

Plaza has been hiring Ranken graduates for many years. In 2013, Plaza Motors representatives visited Ranken to meet and network with hundreds of students in the newly opened Automotive Import Technology facilities in the Rodenheiser building. The following month, Ranken students spent the day at Plaza Motors to explore the company's service departments and to visit with the shop foremen.

"Our emphasis on hiring the best possible applicant has refocused our efforts to draw a larger percentage of applicants from Ranken as we have discovered their work ethic, training and vision for growth is typically very high," said Yettke. "This relationship is a great conduit to allow visibility and open communications with the college as the students look at employment options and we look to grow our operations with the best prospects available."

Students who work at Plaza Motors while enrolled in Automotive Import Technology, alternate eight weeks on the job and eight weeks on campus throughout the length of the program. Those that have gone on to work fulltime at Plaza work as service technicians, parts counterpersons, porters, valets and managers.

STUDENT news

Update From Walker Hall

Ranken students work hard and deserve to take a break every once in a while to have some fun and to bond with their peers.

Ranken's Residential Life office is constantly coming up with new ways to entertain dorm residents and to get them involved with the surrounding community.

The 2014 spring semester brought in 125 residents, the largest number yet for the spring semester.

"We are always excited about growth in numbers but we also work very hard to make sure that we continue to grow in how many events and services we provide to the residents," said Director of Residential Life LaTrina Rogers.

In January, Residential Life held a health fair for the entire St. Louis campus, complete with a CPR and cooking demo. In February, Walker Hall residents took advantage of the cool weather by visiting Hidden Valley Ski Resort in Wildwood, Mo. Back on campus, the Residential Life team invited staff, faculty and students to a Civil Rights to Human Rights Movie Week in honor of Black History Month. In April, the residents went out to a ballgame to root for the St. Louis Cardinals and visited the Sky Zone recreation center in Chesterfield, Mo. The Women of Walker also headed out for a craft night at Yucando Art Studio.

Residential Life also kept residents busy with several other events throughout the semester, including a karaoke night in the dorms, movie nights at the St. Louis Galleria and Moolah Theater, ping pong tournaments, an ice cream buffet, pizza parties, birthday celebrations and monthly bible study events.

Top: dorm residents visit a bowling alley

Middle: dorm residents Cedric Williams and Luke Christman learn how to practice CPR at the Residential Life Health Fair

Bottom: dorm residents go out to the ballgame



Women in Technology Hosts Alumnae Panel

On February 13, Women in Technology hosted an alumnae panel featuring Morgan Daenzer (Architectural Technology '06) who currently works for HOK, Brooke Henderson (Information Technology '10) who works for Datotel and Cecilia Washington (Architectural Technology '09) who currently works for BSA Lifestructures. The panel answered questions from the audience, giving real world advice on transitioning from college life to the workplace.

Women in Technology provides female students and employees with a forum to discuss issues, socialize and to get acquainted with other women on campus. The group conducts monthly meetings throughout the school year that include speakers from local businesses, successful women in the community and Ranken alumni.



L-R: Vice President for Student Success John Wood, Brooke Henderson, Cecilia Washington, Morgan Daenzer

Ranken Director of Residential Life to Head St. Louis Area College Housing Association

Director of Residential Life at Walker Hall LaTrina Rogers was elected President of the St. Louis Area College Housing Association (SLACHA) this year for a two-year term. SLACHA is an organization aimed at improving the quality of life for student housing professionals in the Greater St. Louis Area. They provide and encourage opportunities for professional development, growth, and networking and work to keep quality professionals in the area.

"My vision for SLACHA is to continue to bring in representatives from the surrounding colleges to participate. The goal of the organization is to share resources and ideas among each other and I would like to build upon this part of the mission," said Rogers. "By sharing our best practices and resources, we could help each program and every aspiring student affairs student working

in our colleges and universities to grow."

Residential Life also hosted the annual resident assistant (RA) Conference for SLACHA on April 26. The purpose of the RA conference is primarily to train and serve as a networking opportunity for new RAs. The conference also gives attendees the chance to meet staff from other institutions, giving them an opportunity to learn the challenges they share and to brainstorm on ways to assist each other. Past conferences have trained on restorative justice, self-care, time management, programming on a tight budget, managing your manager and building community.



Director of Residential Life LaTrina Rogers

New Members Inducted Into Phi Theta Kappa

On January 29, 33 new members from St. Louis, Wentzville and Virginia were inducted into the Alpha Tau Chi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Society.

Wentzville students were able to see the ceremony via FaceTime on an iPad. Prior to the induction ceremony, past Alpha Tau Chi member and Project Manager for Chiodini Associates Rebecca Kleba (Architectural Technology '95) gave society members tips on getting through school and being successful in the workforce.

For the past 17 years Kleba has worked with Chiodini Associates. She started as an entry level drafter, and worked her way up to project manager. Her projects include churches, financial institutions, collegiate work, and most currently, fire stations. Kleba's responsibilities include interviewing clients for the projects, working with designers to produce schematic documents, developing design documents, completing construction documents and performing construction administration.



student spotlight

Brandon Walls

Automotive Import Technology

Toyota/Lexus Technical Education Network (T-TEN)

WHY AUTOMOTIVE IMPORT TECHNOLOGY?

Growing up, Brandon attended many car shows, which sparked his interest in the automotive field. He also watched his father work on cars, making an energetic effort to help him when he could.

"I like taking things apart, putting them back together and seeing how they work," said Brandon. "I like the challenge that goes along with working on cars. If you're never challenged, you never learn anything."

He wanted to learn how to take his hobby to a professional level, loved working on imported

automobiles and eventually chose the Automotive Import Technology program because of its immediate job placement prerequisite. Ranken's Automotive Import Technology program provides its students with brand-specific instruction, and an integral aspect of the program involves students gaining real-world experience by working at a sponsoring dealership. Students have a schedule that alternates between eight weeks of instruction, followed by eight weeks of fieldwork over the five-semester program.

WHY RANKEN

Brandon heard about Ranken through a friend who graduated from Ranken's Precision Machining Technology department and praised the College for its reputation in the workforce.

"I chose Ranken because of the school's great reputation within the community and in the workforce," said Brandon. "I had a couple of other schools in mind but Ranken's Automotive programs really stood out to me."

AT RANKEN

Brandon began his Ranken Experience in October 2013, and plans to graduate in May 2015. Automotive Import Technology students are taught with the same tools, equipment and vehicles that the dealership has, and are prepared for the dealership service environment.

"We just wrapped up the electrical portion of the program and we were doing engine removal and rebuilding before that. We usually have four weeks per subject. It's a lot of material to stuff into four weeks but it's definitely worth it," said Brandon. "Our instructors are always over our shoulders, helping us out and answering questions. They are very knowledgeable and always there for you."





student spotlight

REAL WORLD EXPERIENCE

Currently, Brandon works for Plaza Lexus as an intern technician and plans to earn a spot as a full-time technician after graduation. Upon admittance into the Automotive Import Technology program, students are given a list of dealerships that are looking for interns and must find a host employer to begin their studies. Brandon found his position after his instructors recommended he apply for the internship at Plaza Lexus.

Brandon is gaining real world experience at Plaza Lexus, changing tires, oil and performing any other minor changes like brakes and some recalls.

"Everything that I've learned at Plaza Lexus has been valuable because every day is something new and you're never going to know exactly how to fix a problem just one

way," said Brandon. "Ranken has given me the essentials of the trade and I've used almost all of what I've learned at Ranken in the shop."

FUTURE PLANS

After graduation, Brandon plans to be a technician, with the goal of working up to a service advisor position. After reaching this goal, Brandon plans to go back to school to earn a bachelor's degree so that he can become a service manager at a dealership.

"Becoming a manager is my ultimate goal because I want to learn every aspect of the trade. Why just stop with one thing when you can become more?" said Brandon. "I have a drive to succeed and I always try to do my best. I know that there is always room to learn and improve."

Ranken Visits Don Schumacher Racing Headquarters

On May 9, High Performance Racing Technology Instructors Jim Gray and Jason Gann took six students to the Don Schumacher Racing headquarters in Brownsburg, Indiana for a tour of the facility.

Don Schumacher Racing is about 15 miles from downtown Indianapolis and only a few miles from the home of the National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) U.S. Nationals. The company builds all of its race car chassis at the location and houses a CNC and machine shop, fabrication shop, clutch shop and enough room for 14 18-wheel racecar transporters. In addition, Don Schumacher Racing employs a talented graphics department with an artist and the equipment to

produce the colorful, vinyl decals seen on race cars and transporters. After leaving the headquarters, the group visited the Indianapolis Raceway Park to watch the IndyCar Series road course qualifications and races from the USF 2000 and Pro

Mazda series.

"The students were able to get an in-depth look at Top Fuel Racing and what it entails to have nine professional Top Fuel teams running out of one facility," said Gray. "It was a great learning experience and a fun time for everyone!"

Driver of the Don Schumacher Racing-owned Matco Tools dragster, 2012 NHRA Top Fuel Champion and winner of the AAA Midwest Nationals Antron Brown was also on hand to spend some up close and personal time with the students and give them some autographed memorabilia. Brown visited Ranken last September to speak to Automotive students about the importance of a good education and career choices and will visit again on September 25.



High Performance Racing Technology Instructors Jason Gann (far left) and Jim Gray (far right) pose with High Performance Racing Technology students at the Don Schumacher Racing Headquarters

Phi Theta Kappa Helps Rebuild Community

In May, ten Ranken Phi Theta Kappa students visited Florissant, Mo. to work with Habitat for Humanity in rehabbing a home, bettering the surrounding community and the lives of those that will live there.

Habitat for Humanity Saint Louis is dedicated to eliminating substandard housing locally and works toward that goal with a comprehensive program in which hard-working St. Louis families invest their time into actually building and owning a home. Habitat for Humanity Saint Louis partners with families that earn a low to moderate income, approximately 25-50% of the St. Louis median.

"As the faculty advisor for Phi Theta Kappa and for this trip, I am very proud of these students for getting out into the community and giving back," said Vice President for Student Success John Wood.

Architectural Technology Students Explore Chicago Architecture

From April 17 through 19, Architectural Technology Instructor Kelley Raftery took ten students on the Amtrak to Chicago, Ill. for a tour of the city's vast array of architectural feats. The group visited Willis Tower,

Millennium Park, the home and studio of Frank Lloyd Wright, the Robie House and enjoyed an architectural boat tour.

"It was an awesome experience seeing the birthplace of modern architecture with my classmates," said Architectural Technology Senior Dominick Johnson. "Chicago is filled with a lot of rich architecture, and it was cool to actually tour some of the buildings we have studied in our classes."



Architectural Technology Instructor Kelley Raftery (right) with Architectural Technology students at Millennium Park in Chicago

Phi Theta Kappa Student of the Month Awards

In April, Ranken's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa celebrated graduating members by handing out Phi Theta Kappa commencement regalia to eligible students. In the wake of graduating officers, Deanna Landreth has been elected as reserve officer and Lacey Mitchel has been elected vice president and secretary for the Wentzville location. The group also named Ranken Architectural Technology student Mike Anderson as Student of the Month for April, honoring him as an outstanding member of the group.

"Mike sets the bar for academics and work ethic in and outside of the classroom. He is always willing to help other students and faculty members, so much so he became

our department tutor," said one of Mike's instructors, who nominated him for the award. "He wants the most out of his education and actively networks within and outside of Ranken, encouraging students to push themselves to see all that they can achieve."

As part of an incentive to recognize outstanding members, Phi Theta Kappa honors one student from a designated program each month to acknowledge their accomplishments and to encourage other students to follow their examples.

The organization named Ranken Industrial Technology student Levi Lawson as Student of the Month for March.

"Levi is a perfect example of what a Ranken student should strive to be," said one of Levi's instructors, who nominated him for the award. "He is capable of working in a group or on his own with minimal instructions and is an excellent classmate. I'm glad to have him as a student in my class."

In February, Phi Theta Kappa named Precision Machining Technology student Matt Ballou Student of the Month.



"Matt is at the top of his class and is always prepared for class. His team also came in first in the SkillsUSA district competition in Automated Manufacturing," said one of Matt's instructors. "Matt has a great attitude, aptitude and will be a great asset to an employer."

Phi Theta Kappa named HVAC and Major Appliance Technology student Jamie Schneider Student of the Month for December.

"She has always helped out with tutoring, is part of our Emerson micro enterprise and has good grades and work ethic," said one of Jamie's instructors, who nominated her for the award.



Summer Snapshot

With 662 students enrolled in summer day and evening classes, the spirit of Ranken never takes a summer break. The campus stays busy all summer long with a number of events for current and prospective students and educators, and a variety of events for the St. Louis community.

SUMMER ADVENTURE ACADEMIES

Ranken is set to host two weeks of fun and learning at the annual Ranken Summer Adventure Academy, July 14-July 25. One camp, All A-Bot Robots, for middle school students will also be offered at the Wentzville location! In its fifth year, the Summer Adventure Academy Program is an exciting way for students to learn about technology and career options.

Each camp has incorporated activities for the students to design, create and work with hands-on projects. Most of the courses include unique projects that the students will be able to take home. The camps range from building go-karts to designing and manufacturing jewelry.

For more information, visit www.ranken.edu/adventureacademy.

SUMMER RACING ACADEMY

Ranken has formed a partnership with UrbanFUTURE, the St. Louis Science Center and St. Louis Public Schools to sponsor a high school student coalition team that will compete in next year's Missouri SuperMileage Challenge in Warrensburg, Mo. Ranken is currently recruiting rising junior and senior high school students. This is a not a speed race, but a race to use ingenuity and technology to achieve the highest gas mileage using a student-driven vehicle.

This team will start with a free two-week course in fundamentals of racing technology using the TEN80 Student Racing Challenge curriculum for Race Engineering Certification, beginning on July 28. The curriculum uses scale model radio controlled cars to instruct the students in the principles of friction, drag, and aerodynamics, etc. that apply to a vehicle. Once certified, the students will continue to meet approximately once per week to begin design and production of their full scale SuperMileage racing vehicle for next year's competition.

For more information, visit www.ranken.edu/ten80.

SUMMER SHADOW-A-TECH

In an effort to allow more prospective students to get a taste of the Ranken experience before they enroll, Ranken will offer a Summer Shadow-a-Tech for the first time. During a Shadow-a-Tech event, prospective students have the opportunity to spend the day on campus, attend class with a Ranken student, tour the campus, and learn about the admissions process.

The event will take place on June 25, and attendees may shadow the Automotive division, Carpentry & Building Construction department, Electrical division, HVAC/R department, Information Technology division, Industrial Technology/Welding & Fabrication department, or the Precision Machining Technology department.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY JOB FAIR

Also on June 25, Students and alumni from the Information Technology program will be looking for jobs. Employers are invited to attend to talk to participants about opportunities with their organizations.

If you are an employer and wish to sign up for this event, please visit the events page at Ranken.edu.

SUMMER STEM ACADEMIES FOR EDUCATORS

Summer STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Academies for Educators are high tech professional development workshops that promote awareness of STEM technical programs at Ranken as well as technical career opportunities in the St. Louis region. Topics for this summer's STEM Academies will include Advanced Technology, Engineering in Your Classroom, Green Homes and Renewable Fuels.

For more information, please visit the Events for Instructors page at www.ranken.edu.

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Ranken Honors Retirees

On Thursday, May 8, Ranken hosted its annual Employee Appreciation Day. The event is meant to celebrate faculty and staff and the end of another successful semester. Staff and faculty were welcome to dress down and unwind a bit with breakfast and lunch served by Ranken's administrators.

The festivities came to a close with an awards ceremony to honor employees for their outstanding service to the college, which included Ranken's Service Awards, recognition of education achievements, the Spirit of Excellence Award and the President's Award. During the ceremony, President Stan Shoun also thanked Public Security Officer Captain Jim Plummer and General Education Instructor Michael Godt for their years of service before they retire after this semester. After retiring, Mr. Godt plans on going on an African Safari, while Captain Plummer plans on traveling across the country.



General Education Instructor Michael Godt (left)
with President Stan Shoun



Public Security Officer Captain Jim Plummer (left)
with President Stan Shoun

Employee Degrees and Certifications

Abe Brummett - Admissions Counselor

Master of Arts in Philosophy, University of Missouri-St. Louis

Maureen Green - Academic Advisor

Master of Science in Academic Advising, Kansas State University

Evan Gudmestad - Assistant Information Technology Division Chair

Bachelor of Science in Information Systems, Webster University

John Helterbrand - Automotive Collision Repair Technology Department Chair

Bachelor of Science in Applied Management, Ranken Technical College

Caitlin Lockhart - Registrar's Administrative Assistant

Bachelor of Science in Psychology, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

Walt Rundell - Automotive Collision Repair Instructor

Bachelor of Science in Applied Management, Ranken Technical College

Ron Vaughn - Information Technology Instructor

Associate of Applied Science in Information Technology, Ranken Technical College

Chris Weaver - Information Services Network Technician

Associate of Technology in Information Technology, Ranken Technical College



employee spotlight



John Helterbrand **Department Chair, Automotive** **Collision Repair Technology**

EDUCATION

John spent the last two years of his high school education at South County Technical High School and began his career as a collision technician immediately after graduating.

"The automotive collision repair trade is very lucrative, today," said John. "There were less job opportunities when I worked in dealerships, but I loved working on cars. It's the closest thing to art, but you get paid to do it."

Over the last seven years, John has earned an Associate of Applied Science degree and graduated from Ranken in May with a Bachelor of Science in Applied Management degree.

WORK HISTORY

Before coming to Ranken, John spent 20 years in the industry as a collision technician. He began his career working at a variety of dealerships, including Oldsmobile, Buick and Ford. Then, he worked for ten years at Don Brown Chevrolet before spending three more years at Don Darr Chevrolet.

John came to Ranken at the age of 28 after hearing about an Automotive Collision night school instructor position from his brother, who was attending classes at the College. He then spent ten years in this position before joining Ranken as a full time Automotive Collision instructor in 2004. Three years ago, he became the Automotive Collision Repair department chair.

"Working on cars became a passion of mine. It was always nice to see a car put back on the road safely because of my repair work, but many of the other people I worked with did not have a ton of education in the field," said John. "I came to Ranken so that I could make sure that the skills I was using were up to date, and I wanted to teach students to make sure that they would be using better practices in the field."

AT RANKEN

As the Automotive Collision Repair department chair, John is involved in a wide range of projects. Some of these duties include researching industry trends to incorporate into the curriculum and managing the Automotive Collision Repair microenterprise, which allows students to gain real world work experience by restoring and repairing cars. He is also in charge of leading a variety of smaller projects, like the Recycled Rides program, in which vehicles are repaired and donated to deserving individuals and service organizations in the community.

On top of his duties as the Automotive Collision Repair department chair, John teaches a second semester structural course. This class includes steel and aluminum welding and straightening and measuring vehicles. He also teaches the Inter-Industry Conference on Auto Collision Repair (I-CAR) curriculum to journeyman and aspiring journeyman technicians. I-CAR's mission is to provide the education, knowledge, services and solutions to make sure that everyone in the collision repair industry has the skills required to perform complete, safe and quality repairs. In 2015, John will also teach a new Ford F150 program created by I-CAR.

"Teaching is the most rewarding thing that I have ever done," said John. "A student that graduates from this program will have the skills they need to succeed in the world, and they can do just about anything with their degree. It is so gratifying to see my students become successful at anything they do in the field, from becoming painters and welders, to managers."

Welcome to the Following New Full-time Employees

Jeff Ogle	Precision Machining Department Chair
Marie Thornton	Admissions Counselor
Michael Landreth	Public Safety Supervisor, 2nd Shift
Chris Weaver	Information Services Support Technician
Ron Hampton	Welding Instructor
Pat Glynn	Admissions Counselor, Wentzville
Chris Webb	Automotive Instructor
Jessica Duffield	Financial Aid Administrative Assistant
Chris McNealy	Automotive Instructor
Craig Poe	Automotive Instructor
Jay Strothman	Carpentry Instructor
Gary Candl	Electrical Instructor

Welcome to the Following New Part-time & Adjunct Employees

Greg Carr	General Education Adjunct - English
Ryan Duffy	General Education Adjunct - Digital Photography
Kelly Hewitt	General Education Adjunct - Math
Brianna Owens	General Education Adjunct - English
Andy Tirado	Automotive Instructor, Evening School
Todd Trimm	General Education Adjunct - Math
Dale Wrigley	General Education Adjunct - Sociology
Tim Pfeiffer	Automotive Collision Instructor, Evening School
Trevor Knapp	Automotive Instructor, Evening School

Missy Borchardt Becomes Ranken's First Female Technical Department Chair

In February, Ranken announced the promotion of Melissa Borchardt to Architectural Technology department chair. Borchardt is the first female department chair in the technical division of the College since its founding in 1907.

"We live in a dynamic time of technology and collaboration," said Borchardt. "I look forward to leading the Architectural Technology department in that capacity."

Borchardt joined Ranken in August 1996 as a teaching assistant, while working full-time in the industry. She was hired as a full-time Ranken faculty member in 1998 and was promoted to assistant Architectural Technology department chair in March 2012.

Before coming to Ranken, Borchardt worked at ArcTectonics, an architecture firm, and Suntide Homes, a home builder and developer, documenting construction and managing the companies' architectural sections. She currently works at Shei Homebuilding during the summer, when life at Ranken slows down a bit, which keeps her up-to-date on residential trends.

Borchardt graduated from Ranken Technical College with an Associate of Technology in Architectural Design in 1995. She also holds a Bachelor of Arts in Art History with an emphasis in Architectural History from the University of Missouri St. Louis. Borchardt is currently enrolled in Lindenwood University's master's degree program, beginning this fall.



"We live in a dynamic time of technology and collaboration," said Borchardt. "I look forward to leading the Architectural Technology department in that capacity."

Distinguished Alumnus

Eric E. Nelson, Carpentry 1957

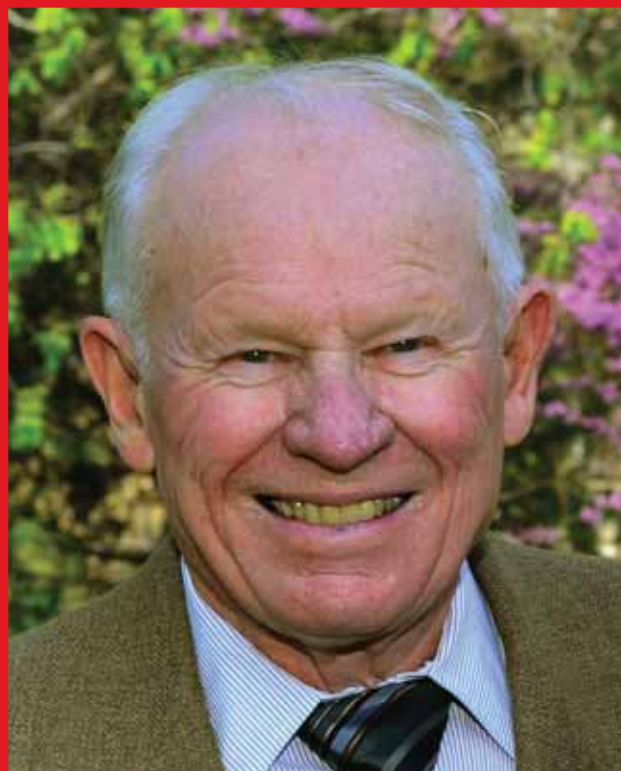
The fifth annual alumni award ceremony was held during the spring commencement exercise in May. The ceremony, sponsored by the Alumni Association, recognizes Ranken alumni who have shared successful careers with their community. The awards honor outstanding Ranken graduates who sustain the reputation of David Ranken Jr. through their character, leadership, service and financial support. Recipients are chosen by the Alumni Leadership Council.

This year, Eric E. Nelson (Carpentry 1957) received the Distinguished Alumni Award, and Kevin J. Haller (Automotive Collision Repair 1987) was presented with the Distinguished Young Alumnus Award. Eric and Kevin were recognized during the graduation celebration along with the Golden Graduates and received a plaque to commemorate their award. Their names will also be engraved on a perpetual plaque that will grow each year with honorees.

In 2007, Eric was honored as one of Ranken's Top 100 Outstanding Graduates along with Carpentry Instructor Bill Wagner and classmate and past Distinguished Alumni recipient Tom Wood. He graduated from Normandy High School in 1954 and enrolled at Missouri University. Leaving after one year, Eric enrolled in the Carpentry program at Ranken, graduating in 1957. Shortly after graduation, Eric joined the army and served in Japan for two years. He then returned to St. Louis and worked in different facets of construction, including commercial carpentry, residential carpentry, estimating, purchasing and accounting.

In 1973, Eric partnered with Bob Cassilly and formed Cassilly Nelson Construction Company. When Bob retired in the 1980s, Eric partnered with Bruce Harris to form Harris Nelson Construction Company. Bruce, a friend from Eric's Boy Scout days, was certified in electrical and HVAC work, and they worked together until Eric's retirement in 2003.

An Eagle Scout, Eric has volunteered as a leader with the Boy Scouts of America for more than 40 years, supervising trips to adventure camps in Mt. Fuji in Japan, the border lakes of Minnesota, Philmont Scout Camp in Cimarron, New Mexico, and the Florida



Keys. He was also a merit badge counselor and has helped many young men become Eagle Scouts. However, his contributions to the community don't end there. For more than ten years, he has volunteered at the American Parkinson Disease Association's charity luncheon, and when Hurricane Katrina struck New Orleans, Eric volunteered with a church group to repair dormitories for other volunteer workers.

In addition to volunteer activities, both Eric and his wife Barbara are regular contributors to their alma maters. Eric was one of the first Ranken graduates to purchase a Charitable Gift Annuity from the College. They also contribute annually to the Fund for Ranken campaign and are members of the David Ranken Jr. Legacy Society. The couple completed a 10-year pledge to Walker Hall for renovations in 2011, and have continued to make annual gifts since the completion of their pledge.

Eric's wife Barbara graduated from Washington University and worked for many years as a school librarian in West St. Louis County. Eric and Barbara will be married 50 years in June and they have two sons (both Eagle Scouts) and one grandson. Eric and Barbara live in a home he built in the early 1980s.

Eric's hobbies include gardening, playing golf, bowling, tennis, and traveling. He also has a family cabin in the Ozarks, which his Ranken carpentry class actually visited in the 1950s.

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Distinguished Young Alumnus

Kevin J. Haller, Automotive Collision Repair 1987

Kevin graduated from Ste. Genevieve High School in 1985. After graduating from Ranken's Automotive Collision Repair program in 1987, his career moved forward in the collision industry. Kevin has been the general manager over the Schaefer Autobody Centers' seven locations throughout St. Louis for 21 years and has not forgotten about where his career began. A familiar face on campus, Kevin has continually been involved with Ranken since his graduation. In 2007, Kevin was honored as one of Ranken's Top 100 Outstanding Graduates to commemorate the centennial of Ranken's founding.

Kevin continually supports Ranken through donations to the annual Fund for Ranken campaign and has made several donations to Ranken's Annual Car Show, including a 3M cabinet that he airbrushed. For the last two years, through Kevin and Schaefer Autobody Centers Owner Steve Schaefer's support, Schaefer Autobody has provided the lunch cost for each Ranken graduate who attends the car show.

In addition to the car show, Kevin supports the Automotive Collision Repair Technology program by serving on the department advisory board, which provides valuable input regarding the collision repair field and skills needed by technicians. He also assisted with National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF) evaluations to achieve accreditation for the department and assisted with department self-evaluations to maintain Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) and NATEF accreditation status. Additionally, Kevin is a SkillsUSA judge and has written letters on Ranken's behalf for the I-CAR grant application. He is an active member of the St. Louis I-Car Committee, an organization dedicated to improving the quality, safety and efficiency of auto collision repair for the ultimate benefit of the customer.



Kevin is also the acting president of Group 1 in the Coyote Vision Group (CVG), a 20-member peer management group consisting of collision repair owners across North America who meet on a quarterly basis. CVG members are considered leaders in the collision repair industry and are committed to each other by focusing on being the best in the industry. In addition

to leadership support, he teaches continuing education classes for technicians employed by Schaefer Autobody Centers. These classes consist of ethics in collision repair, fraud, collision repair basics and customer expectations. Always keeping alumni in mind, Kevin makes sure to come to Ranken when Schaefer is hiring technicians. Currently, there are more than 20 Automotive Collision Repair alumni working in the autobody stores. As part of the hiring process, Kevin makes sure his managers complete evaluations to provide feedback to Ranken on their training. Schaefer has also created an Apprenticeship Program for Ranken students.

Overall, Kevin is just a positive person who always helps when he can. Family is the most important

part of his life. He has been married to Denise for 20 years, and they have three children. He is an active parish member of Sacred Heart Parish in Eureka, Mo., and volunteers at church whenever there is a need. In his spare time he enjoys fishing, deer hunting and golfing.

Nominations for the Distinguished Alumni and Distinguished Young Alumni awards can be submitted any time prior to March 15, 2015, for the next award cycle announced in May. For more information on this award or to access the nomination form, go to www.ranken.edu.

Ranken Alumnus Discusses Successes and Life Lessons

In February, David Hunyar (Automotive Collision Repair 2005), corporate safety director for Arco/ Murray Services, spoke to students about his Ranken experience and gave tips on interviews, resume writing and maintaining a balanced lifestyle.

Using his collision repair and estimating skills to further his career in the construction field, Hunyar also discussed how he managed to move up the corporate ladder by “thinking out of the box” and following an unexpected and unplanned path to building a career in the corporate world from a Ranken education.

Still unsure about a career in the automotive industry, Hunyar began his career by working with his father in construction. During this time, he was able to convince the hiring manager for Walton Construction that he was able to estimate the cost for construction supplies since he was already able to estimate the cost for auto repairs. Hunyar then worked for Walton Construction in a variety of positions until he was hired on by Arco/Murray. Today, Hunyar builds websites, designs logos and travels nationally to provide OSHA training sessions to ARCO/Murray employees and to perform safety evaluations on company construction sites.

Hunyar recommended that students bring 110% to any position, to continue to learn and seek information inside and outside of their careers, and to never close the door on a new opportunity. He also cautioned students that they may have to work their way up from the bottom and learn from others, citing that his first job was to count all of the doors on a blueprint and order them.

The next Alumni Entrepreneur Workshop will take place in September, featuring

Dick Ferrando (Precision Machining Technology 1964). Ferrando is the owner of D & A Restorations, one of the largest and most respected Corvette restoration facilities. His reputation for restoring Corvettes to NCRS and Gold standards has been proven by many Top Flight and Bloomington Gold awards received by his customers. Learn more about Ferrando and his restoration business at <http://dacorvette.com>.



Alumni Entrepreneur David Hunyar

Alumni Leadership Council Update

During their last meeting, members of the Alumni Leadership Council met the recipient of the Alumni Association Scholarship and made plans for future scholarship awards. In 2014-2015 the Council increased scholarship offerings to four students. Preference will be given to returning Ranken graduates or students with a connection to a Ranken graduate. Ranken graduates are encouraged to refer family members and friends whenever they can. Information on the scholarship can be found in Ranken's Scholarship Information Guide.

Members of the Council also cast their votes to determine the next recipients of the Distinguished Alumni Awards and discussed plans for the alumni activities at this year's car show on September 28.

Graduates interested in learning more about volunteering for the Alumni Leadership Council may contact Kathy Fern at (314) 286-4895. Donations can be made to the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund throughout the year and all donations are tax-deductible.

Join our eScrip Program!

Shop at Schnucks and help increase the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund!

Thanks to more than 380 friends of Ranken who are helping to increase the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund by swiping their eScrip card at Schnucks. More users mean more dollars available in the scholarship fund in the future.

With the eScrip program developed by the Schnucks Corporation, shopping at Schnucks has a great impact on colleges and special interest groups all across the country.

Here's how it works:

1) Get your Schnucks eScrip Community Card from Kathy Fern in the Alumni Relations office (Walker Hall), call (314) 286-4895 or email kfern@ranken.edu with your request. Up to four cards can be issued per household.

2) At check out, present your eScrip Card to the cashier to be swiped. Schnucks will donate a percentage of your total store purchases to the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund.

With your help, future students can benefit from this easy way to increase the Scholarship Fund!

New Benefit for Ranken Alumni

Lou Fusz recently announced a new Corporate Partner Program (CPP) that includes Ranken graduates.

Ranken alumni can now purchase a new vehicle at 1% over net offering pre-owned vehicle discounts and discounts on golf carts. Registration is required to receive the discounted CPP price and the following steps must be taken in order to qualify for these discounts:

Step 1: Register online at <http://www.fusz.com/partner-program.htm>. Complete the online form and list the vehicle(s) in which you are interested. Click "submit."

Step 2: A CPP coordinator will reply via email or phone with contact information for the appropriate dealership representative(s). The representative will be happy to assist you with the remainder of your purchase.

Step 3: Contact the Ranken alumni office to request a verification letter to take with you to the dealership, confirming your Ranken alumni status (documentation of status is required).

Step 4: Visit the appropriate dealership with your verification letter and ask to speak to the representative the CPP coordinator assigned to you. Reaffirm that you have registered online for the CPP.

These additional discounts are also available (no registration required):

- Service and Parts Discounts: receive 10% off at all 14 Lou Fusz locations. Tell any service advisor that your employer is part of the CPP.

Note: This offer is not to be combined with other specials and/or coupons, is not to exceed \$100.00 off, and body shop services are excluded. Present a copy of your verification letter to receive discounts.

- VIP (Vehicle Improvement Products) Discounts: receive 15% off installed automotive accessories, such as alarms/remote starters, mobile video, back-up cameras and sensors, cellular Bluetooth, in-dash navigation, and cruise control. Visit www.vipdist.com, call (314) 428-3900, or visit 1424 Ashby, Saint Louis MO 63132 to redeem.

Note: This offer is not to be combined with other specials and/or coupons. Present a copy of your verification letter to receive discounts.

- Golf Carts New/Used: visit www.vipgolfcarts.com for details and specials. Present a copy of your verification letter to receive discounts.

If you have any questions about these discounts, please contact Kathy Fern in the alumni office at (314) 286-4895 or contact Lou Fusz CPP Coordinators Karen Macken-Goodman at (314) 595-2709, (314) 630-2900 or karenmacken@fusz.com, or Catherine Peacock at (314) 595-2993 or cpeacock@fusz.com.

Other discounts offered to Ranken graduates include Drury Hotels, Dobbs Tire and Auto, Enterprise Car Rentals, AHI Travel, Walter Knoll Florist, dental insurance and online shopping through Working Advantage.

Alumnus to Display Mustang at Art of the Car Concours Show

Ranken graduate Robert (Bob) Bonn has once again been invited to display his 1965 Ford Mustang at the Seventh Annual Art of the Car Concours show scheduled for June 23 in Kansas City, Kan. Once used

for daily driving, this vehicle has had two owners, totaling more than 90,000 miles and has been upgraded with only a radio and side mirror attachment. This is an invitation only car show and it will be the fifth year that Bob, a 1965 Mechanical Drafting alumnus,



1965 Mustang owned by Bob and June Bonn

has been invited to display his near-original Mustang. Bob retired from AT&T after 35 years and lives in Prairie Village, Kan., but will travel to St. Louis with his wife June, along with the 1965 Mustang to attend the Ranken car show on September 28.

More than 200 vintage, classic and special interest vehicles from throughout the country will be rolling into Kansas City for the Art of the Car Concours event. Some of the cars date back to the

early 1900s and some are limited editions. The show is open to the public and admission is \$15 at the gate. Event proceeds go to support the Kansas City Art Institute. Information on all of the activities during the event can be found at www.artofthecarconcours.com.

50-year Graduates Attend Ceremony

A procession of alumni led the 2014 class of graduates dressed in red and black regalia on May 12 during the Ranken Technical College commencement ceremony. The fifty-year Golden Graduates were dressed in gold caps and gowns and received a pin and certificate commemorating their anniversary. Graduates from 1964 and earlier gathered to share in the honor and relive their Ranken experience from years earlier. Classmates were joined together, many for the first time, since leaving campus. Melvin Dudley, a 1964 HVAC graduate, celebrated his milestone along with his grandson James. D. Chesser, who graduated from the Automotive program. Melvin joined his grandson on stage when he was called for his diploma. Diamond graduate Warren Steinmann celebrated his 73rd year as an alumnus by wearing white to commemorate the milestone. Warren will turn 91 this year.

Pictured: Golden Graduates and Diamond Graduate, Warren F. Steinmann (pictured in white cap and gown)

Congratulations Golden Graduates!

Diamond Graduates (70 years or more)

Warren F. Steinmann Automotive Maintenance 1942

Golden Graduates (50 years or more)

Robert L. Bader	Precision Machining 1964
William M. Boedeker	Precision Machining 1964
Melvin J. Dudley	HVAC 1964
Doug D. Dunphy	Automotive Collision Repair 1964
Charles (Bob) Guess	Industrial Electricity/Electronics 1964
Marvin D. Henry	Precision Machining 1964
Larry L. Jones	Automotive Maintenance 1964
David E. Kite	Industrial Electricity/Electronics 1964
Francis F. Lenau	Industrial Electricity/Electronics 1964
Dale L. Loyet	Automotive Maintenance 1964
Joseph E. Obernuefemann	Industrial Electricity/ Electronics 1964
Larry D. Pieper	Precision Machining 1964
Dale L. Bauer	Mechanical Drafting 1964
David G. Roeder	Mechanical Drafting 1964
Alan J. Stuckmeyer	Precision Machining 1964
Konrad J. Scheffel	Precision Machining 1962
Willis E. Jones	Electrical 1961
John A. Heitz	Industrial Electricity/Electronics 1960
Joseph R. Lawley	Mechanical Drafting 1960
George J. Staub	Machine Shop 1960
Robert A. Wolf	Electrical 1959
Robert L. Harvey	Refrigeration, AC, Heating 1958
James H. Reynolds	Refrigeration, AC, Heating 1957
Carroll L. Fay	Machine Shop 1957
Ronald L. Berkel	Automotive Maintenance 1956



Show Ranken Pride on YOUR Ride!

Ranken license plates are available for Missouri residents! To get yours, simply contact Ranken's Development office at (314) 286-4865 to get a Ranken Emblem Use Authorization (cost is a minimum \$25 tax deductible donation*) and a Personalized and Specialty Plate Application Form 1716. Return the forms to your local Missouri license office. Process takes approximately ten weeks. *If you have already donated you are eligible



Graduates Assist at the St. Louis Auto Show

Ranken had a presence again this year at the America's Center for the St. Louis Auto Show. Many graduates and prospective students stopped by to gather information on Ranken's programs or just to share their Ranken memories and stories of career success. Many thanks to our Alumni Association members Dave Meinell, John Heitz, Larry Schmidt, Larry Kelso, Don Huster, Bill Rueckert, Dave Darr, Mike Schweiss, Courtney Travis, Chris May, Herb Williams, Dave Riley, Don Pohl, Joe Donato, Steve Lovegren and Dave Bott for volunteering their time during the four-day event.

electrical and construction. During his job interview, there were the usual questions about his AT&T career, but soon the questions focused on his education and training at Ranken in industrial electricity. A few days later the phone rang, and it was the principal stating that he was going to present John's name to the school board but wanted more information about the electrical courses he took at Ranken. Needless to say, John got the job.

After John contacted Ranken for his transcript, he requested admissions materials to help spread the word about Ranken's hands-on training, work ethic, and job placement. In the tri-state area of New York, New Jersey and Philadelphia there is a significant need for well-trained,

highly motivated technicians in all the career fields that Ranken offers. John was impressed to learn that housing is now available in the Myrtle and Earl Walker Residence Hall.

When John received the admissions materials in the mail, he took the materials to his local county technical high school Hunterdon County Polytech Technical and Career School, and to his neighboring county technical school Somerset County Vocational and Technical High School in the hopes of recruiting some students in the Northeast.

We appreciate John's eagerness to support Ranken in this way, and all graduates can be advocates for Ranken. If you would like to spread the word about Ranken, contact Ranken's Admissions office for material, or if you are interested in telling your success story to students on campus, contact Kathy Fern at (314) 286-4895 or ktfern@ranken.edu to participate in the Alumni Entrepreneur Workshop series.

Ranken Students Connect with Alumni During Annual Phone-a-Thon

Seven Ranken students recently participated in the annual alumni Phone-a-Thon as callers, contacting Ranken graduates. The students were pleased with all the graduates who held conversations, provided words of encouragement, and offered friendly advice. More than 5,000 calls were made over the eight-day period. Thank you to all Ranken donors who give every year and to those who are giving for their first time. Our campus and programs wouldn't be such a success without you!

Salute to Graduates

In April, Ranken and Jostens partnered for a Salute to Graduates celebration meant to send Ranken's graduates off in style. During the event, students received their caps and gowns and were treated to food, drinks and prizes. Information about class rings, Ranken's continuing education and Bachelor of Science in Applied Management program, and the Alumni Association was available. They were also welcomed as soon to be alumni and had a great time getting class pictures taken and talking about the final few weeks of their Ranken Experience.

"At Jostens we want to be your trusted partner in celebrating moments that matter. I think the students truly appreciate what Ranken does and has done for them during their whole time on campus," said Jostens Sales Representative Lisa Nafzinger.

Seeking Class Pictures

The Alumni office is seeking class pictures from the years 1931-1933, 1947-1949, 1951 and 1969 to complete the historical collection. If you are a graduate of these years and are willing to lend your pictures to the project, please contact Director of Alumni Relations Kathy Fern at (314) 286-4895 or ktfern@ranken.edu. All pictures will be digitally scanned and returned.



Kathy Fern, Don Huster, Bill Rueckert and Jackie Barnes

Ranken Graduate Recruits in New Jersey

John Sappington (Industrial Electricity/Electronics Technology 1968) had a great career with AT&T/Lucent Technologies and retired from the company, but his retirement did not last long. He saw a job opening at a local technical high school in New Jersey for a teaching assistant position with a background in

Graduates Come Back

Campus tours are available through the alumni office for all Ranken graduates. Join us on campus for a personal tour of your department or the entire campus. If interested, please contact Kathy Fern in the alumni office at (314) 286-4895 or ktfern@ranken.edu. Here are a few graduates who have recently visited:

- Don Meier (Industrial Electricity/Electronics Technology 1968) with wife Chris
- Lawrence Whitley (CNC Programming 1995) and son Anthony
- Dave Roper (Instrumentation Process Control 1982) and prospective student Bill Licklider
- Bill Hester (Instrumentation Process Control 1997)
- Gerald Herweck (Automotive Collision Repair 1969)
- Don Guenther (Architecture Drafting, Design 1957)
- Melvin Dudley (HVAC 1964) with grandson James Chesser (Automotive Maintenance Technology 2014)

- Dave Roeder (Mechanical Drafting 1964), Jerry Podgourney (Precision Machining Technology 1965), John Garvels (Refrigeration 1960)



Ranken graduate Dave Roeder points to his name on a brick displayed in the Walk of Honor Courtyard outside of the Gray Building

In Memoriam

Ranken faculty and staff extend their sympathy to the families and friends of the following alumni and faculty who have recently passed away:

Merrill Hinzpeter (Automotive Maintenance Technology 1951) - March 2014

Stephen "Bruce" Markwardt (Machine Shop 1963) - February 2014

Paul Capelle (Electricity 1950) - January 2014

Robert Foree (Electricity 1953) - January 2014

Edward F. Simek (Precision Machining Technology 1980) - January 2014

Millard "Joe" Vastine (HVAC 1949) - January 2014

Lawrence G. Wulf (Machine Shop 1947) - January 2014

Ron Haller (Architectural Technology 1962) - December 2013

William Svejkosky (HVAC 1956) - December 2013

Jerry Yarnik (Mechanical Drafting 1958) - December 2013

Alfred J. Mazzocchio (Machine Shop 1938) - November 2013

David J. Ward (Refrigeration 1976) - November 2013

Dennis Drozda (Communication Electronics 1966) - October 2013

Terry Rettle (Diesel 1970) - October 2013

George Bridgewater (Mechanical Drafting 1958) - September 2013

Edward F. Steger (Architectural Technology 1977) - September 2013

Lee L. McMillan (Communication Electronics 1961) - August 2013

Richard Sminchak (Communication Electronics 1966) - August 2013

Edward Buechler (Machine Shop 1956) - March 2012

Harold "Tiny" Bush (Lithography 1957) - February 2012

Francis M. Todd (HVAC 1939) - January 2012

Eugene "Gene" Skurat (Automotive Maintenance Technology 1948) - September 2011

If you know of other Ranken alumni or friends who have passed away, please contact Kathy Fern in Alumni Relations at (314) 286-4895 or email ktfern@ranken.edu.

class notes

Curious as to what your classmates are doing these days or want to let them know where you are? Visit our website to keep us informed. You can also contact the director of Alumni Relations, by phone (314) 286-4895 or email alumni@ranken.edu. Here is news from some who have kept in touch.

1940s

Elmer Luckett (Power Plant 1947) served in the navy as a machinist during Pearl Harbor and enrolled at David Ranken School of Mechanical Trades after his discharge to study power plant and stationary engineering. He was later licensed and served his entire career as a stationary engineer. "I am proud of what I learned at Ranken, and I enjoy learning of how it is growing," said Elmer.

George Kuhn (Industrial Electricity & Electronics 1944) had a career as an electrician, worked for various companies in local cities and served as an independent contractor. "I climbed every pole in the city of Kirkwood," said George. "I was never without work." He retired in 1997 at the age of 70.

1950s

James McMahon (Radio/TV Communications 1959) worked at Carter Carburetor for 21 years after a short time at Ferguson TV and has been retired for 10 years.

John Kellett (Electricity 1959) worked as a pipefitter out of Local #562 his entire career until he retired in 2000.

Otto Boning (Electricity 1959) has worked for 45 years in a lab in a furniture and air conditioning shop. He has been married 52 years and has a grandson who entered Ranken this year.

Robert Wolf (Electricity 1959) spent 32 years at Caterpillar as an electrician and has been retired for 22 years. He continues to work part-time in a recycling yard.

David Crilley (Machine Shop 1959) spends part of his year on Mark Twain

Lake in Stoutsville, Mo., and calls Scottsdale, Ariz., home during the winter.

Ted Lee (Lithography 1959) worked in a printing department after graduation until he moved to Iowa, where he started Midwest Graphic Art Supply. In his business of 40 years, he sold publishing and printing supplies throughout the United States. Now retired and living in Des Moines, Iowa, he enjoys collecting and brokering 19th century oil paintings.

Glenn Basler (Mechanical Drafting 1957) retired in 1997 from ACF Industries, LLC where he worked as a designer/draftsman engineer for new railcars, railcar components and pressure vessels.

Larry Listenberger (Mechanical Drafting 1957) graduated from Washington University with a degree in mechanical engineering, worked for Monsanto and retired in 1999.

Paul Czeschin (Automotive Maintenance Technology 1957) retired from Boeing in 1997 after 40 years of service in tool engineering.

Ed Friedrich Jr. (Machine Shop 1957) retired from Watlow Electric in 2000.

Carroll Fay (Machine Shop 1957) retired from Caterpillar as a tool design engineer in 2002.

Gayle Schmisser (Carpentry 1956) worked 42 years as an electrician and retired from McDonnell Douglas' aircraft machinist union.

Bill Momeno (Electricity 1956) received a bachelor's and master's degree in electrical engineering and went to work for McDonnell Douglas from which he retired in 1991 after 30 years. He then taught math and science at Francis Howell High School in St. Louis until fully retiring in 2007.

1960s

Greg Grass (Automotive Maintenance

Technology 1967) retired from Anheuser-Busch in 2004.

Elvis Bollinger Jr. (Refrigeration 1967) spent his entire career in HVAC and retired in 2010. He is a veteran volunteer for the American Legion.

William Kendall (Machine Shop 1967) went to work for Shell Oil Co. in Wood River, Ill., as a machinist and retired in 1998. He lives in Pocahontas, Ill.

Dan McPherson (Air Conditioning 1967) worked for three years at the Nooter Corporation then moved to the Chrysler assembly plant as a maintenance electrician and worked in the calibration lab. He retired after 22 years.

Leonard Weiss (Architectural Drafting 1967) is the owner of LW Chemicals, Inc. in Mount Olive, Ill. After graduating and serving in the Army, Leonard farmed and opened a chain of car washes, storage units and started LW Chemicals, which provides products and services to the food processing industry.

Larry Wibbenmeyer (Industrial Electricity & Electronics 1967) entered the Air Force after graduation and upon returning, went to work at Westinghouse before moving to building maintenance at Southwestern Bell from which he retired after 34 years.

Ed Ponce (Industrial Electricity & Electronics 1966) worked at A.O. Smith Electric and Boeing before retiring from IBEW Local #1 after 44 years.

Charles Hartbauer (Automotive Repair 1966) owned a replacement parts store until 1990 when he went to work in management for an automotive supplier. He retired in 2011 and now runs the Lydia Johnson Inn, a bed and breakfast in Hermann, Mo.

Ken Spies (Automotive Collision Repair 1966) worked in maintenance for the Mo. Department of Education before becoming self-employed in HVAC. In his

retirement, he continues to manage 250 apartment units.

James Darrah (Industrial Electricity & Electronics 1966) worked at Southwestern Bell/AT&T until he retired in 2001 after 35 years of service. Ready to retire the second time from FedEx as a route owner/driver, he plans to tinker around the house and play as much golf as he can. Jim lives in Lee's Summit, Mo.

David Sivers (Industrial Electricity & Electronics 1966) worked for General Telephone/Verizon for more than 41 years before retiring in 2008. "I graduated in June of 1966 and went to work in July of 1966," said David. "Ranken gave me that. They even held my job for me for two years when I was drafted."

Doug Wohlgenuth (Precision Machining Technology 1966) retired in October 2012 after 44 years working in tool and mold shops and spending 25 of those years as a mold maker. "Because of Ranken, I was never out of work, privileged to have a good job and valued as an employee," said Doug.

Jim Pehle (Automotive Maintenance Technology 1966) lives in Mexico, Mo., and retired from Wiese Forklift Service in 2007.

Guy Ramseur (Air Conditioning 1966) worked at Nooter in maintenance and then became a hometown bar and convenience store owner and invested in rental properties in West Plains, Mo.

Ken Davidson (Machine Shop 1966) went on to the University of Missouri and majored in forestry and conservation. He retired in 2007 from the Army Corps of Engineers.

Darrell Reinwald (Architectural Drafting 1965) retired in 2008 as an estimator for residential construction and now travels with a cargo trailer showing his collection of six different sizes of trains. Darrell has welcomed more than 20,000 people through his trailer to view his trains, which started as a hobby more than 50 years ago. He

lives in St. Peters, Mo., where he plans to open a museum.

Gary Healey (Plumbing Technology 1965) joined Plumbing and Pipefitting local 35 and worked 40 years as a plumbing technician. He retired in 2007.

Tom Zimmerman (Electricity/Industrial Electronics 1965) went to work for Procter & Gamble as an electrician and then moved into management, retiring after 37 years. Tom's son Joe is also an electrician and a 1999 Ranken graduate.

Tim Murray (Electricity/Industrial Electronics 1965) started his career as a signalman for the Alton & Southern Railroad then as an electrician before moving into a maintenance position for a building downtown. Tim was an electrician for Local #1 until he retired eight years ago.

Robert Gehner (Automotive Collision Repair 1964) served as a parts manager for Sievers Equipment Company for 35 years until he retired. He now works part-time as a courier for local businesses in Worden, Ill.

Ken Dalaviras (Automotive Maintenance Technology 1963) worked at Laclede Gas as a mechanic, moved to foreman and then was promoted to supervisor before retiring in 1993. Ken lives in Bonne Terre, Mo., and keeps busy playing golf and volunteering at the local food pantry.

1970s

Paul Gross (Automotive Maintenance Technology 1970) visited Ranken Wentzville during the Fall Open House. He retired in 2013 from the City of Florissant as a heavy equipment operator.

1980s

William Castiaux (Truck, Heavy Equipment Repair 1989) attended Ranken's fall Open House with his son Andrew (IT 2013). Bill has worked for Metro as a mechanic for 23 years.

Colin Smith (Industrial Electricity & Electronics 1988) is an electrician/

instrumentation technician at Metropolitan Sewer District. "My classmates became my family even beyond our years together at Ranken," said Colin. "My brother graduated in 1989, and my son goes there now."

Joe Morrissey (Computer Networking Technology 1982) is employed at Missouri Baptist Medical Center in clinical engineering.

Jon Joyce (Communications Electronics 1982) is a senior network specialist at Health Care Service Corporation located in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

David Roper (Industrial Electricity & Electronics 1982) retired from Anheuser-Busch after 33 years and recently visited Ranken's modern campus.

1990s

Frank McDonnell (Computer Networking Technology 1999) recently joined the Federal Reserve Bank as their lead systems consultant.

James Santa Cruze (Computer Networking Technology 1997) works for the State of Missouri OA-ITSD in St. Louis as an IT Technologist.

Andy Nowell (Industrial Electricity & Electronics 1996) is the director of facilities at Lumiere Place Casino and Hotels.

2000s

Zachary Heischmidt (Precision Machining Technology 2009) married Caty Beth Rose in October 2013. He is employed at the Olin Corporation in Alton, Ill.

Chad Henningfeld (Internet and Web-based Technology 2009) recently became a consultant for Oakwood Systems Group.

Cecelia Washington (Architectural Technology 2009) recently celebrated her one-year anniversary as a REVIT technician at BSA LifeStructures.

Megan Rawson (Architectural Technology 2009) is the construction project coordinator for Neumayer Equipment Company, Inc.

Joshua Ilch (Instrumentation and Process Control 1993, Electrical Automation Technology 2008) is a central maintenance mechanic for Henkel, which manufactures brands and technologies in three business areas: laundry and home care, beauty care and adhesive technologies.

Jacob West (Electrical Systems Design Technology 2008) is employed by Schneider Electric as a quotation specialist and visited campus for an employer breakfast with Schneider's Business Development Specialist Jared Davis.

Brian Barrington (Automotive Collision Repair 2008) welcomed a baby girl named Olivia to his family in November 2013. He has one boy and one girl.

Megan Rawson (Architectural Technology 2001) is a project coordinator for Neumayer Equipment Company.

Daniel Toenjes (Information Technology 2007) married Ashley Kliefoth in May 2014.

Douglas Funfsinn (Precision Machining Technology 2007) was married to Ericka Gallano in June and is employed as a machinist and tool grinder for Fraisa USA located in St. Paul, Minn.

Richard Brown (Electrical Systems Design Technology 2007) changed careers and has been a St. Louis City police officer since 2010.

Chris Beinke (Automotive Collision Repair 2006, Bachelor of Science in Applied Management 2008) and wife Katie had a little boy named Henry Christopher Beinke, on December 10, 2013.

Kevin Karney (Precision Machining Technology 2004, Industrial Technology 1993) works as a CNC machinist for Young Dental Manufacturing. His daughter will enroll

in the Architectural Technology program in 2014.

Michael Spratt (Computer Networking Technology 2002) is married with two children, ages two and four. He works at Mastercard Worldwide, helping to manage new ATMs brought onto MasterCard's network all over the United States.

Matthew Maddox (Computer Networking Technology 2002) is the director of information technology at Retail Technology Group in Fenton, Mo.

Rich Vaughan (Precision Machining Technology 2001) is the assistant plant manager for Tech Manufacturing in Wright City, Mo.

2010s

Greg Muehlfield (Plumbing Technology 2014) is engaged to Renee Schaefer and is planning a wedding in November 2014.

Lucas Hale (Electrical Systems Design Technology 2014) married Randi Bader in Chicago, Ill., on May 24, 2014. Lucas returned to Chicago to work for Sargent & Lundy.

Alexus Simmons (Internet and Web-based Technology 2012) is engaged to Columbus Partee (Electrical Automation Technology/Control Systems Technology 2012). The couple met as students living in Walker Hall. They are planning a wedding in 2015.

Zach Wittenauer (Control Systems Technology 2013) is employed by Maverick Technologies in Columbia, Ill.

Andrew Castiaux (Internet and Web-based Technology 2013) is a systems engineer with Daugherty Business Solutions.

Shawn Grazier (Control Systems Technology 2013) is a material handler for Young Dental Manufacturing Associates.

Lucas Wise (Precision Machining Technology 2013) is a CNC operator for Young Dental Manufacturing Associates.

Ryan Clark (Industrial Technology 2013) is a maintenance technician for Young Dental Manufacturing Associates.

Rodney Howard (Industrial Technology 2012) is an injection molding technician for Young Dental Manufacturing Associates.

David Munoz (HVAC 2012) recently became a member of the Refrigeration Service Engineers Society.

Aaron Becker (Architectural Technology 2012) has recently joined TXR Architects and Constructors as an intern architect.

Andrew Hustedde (Architectural Technology 2012) recently joined Treanor Architects as a Designer.

Kevin Sieges (Control Systems Technology 2011, Electrical Automation Technology 2011) works for Schneider Electric and added a baby boy to his family in 2013.

Nick Wiltse (Industrial Technology 2011) started his own home improvement company Wiltse Home Solutions, LLC.

Anthony Patti (Information Technology 2011) recently started at Dynalabs, LLC in St. Louis after working as a consultant for two and a half years at Acumen Consulting in Brentwood.

Brian Adams (Automotive Maintenance Technology 2011) is in management for NAPA Auto Parts and is planning a June 2014 wedding to Courtney Staggemeier.

Steven Sherrillo (Precision Machining Technology 2010) is a machinist at Weir Minerals.

Brett King (Architectural Technology 2010) is a draftsman for the McCann Systems Midwest office located in St. Louis.

Andrew Varble (Welding 2010) married Christy Arnold in October 2013. He is employed at Alton Steel.



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Fall Orientation

All students beginning the fall semester should plan to attend the new student orientation. You should receive information in the mail indicating which day to attend. For questions, contact the Admissions office at (314) 286-4809.

* Wentzville location

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Fall Family Orientation

This orientation is intended for family members of students beginning in the fall semester. For questions, contact the Admissions office at (314) 286-4809.

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Fall Semester Begins

It's not too late to register for classes! For more information contact the Admissions office at (314) 286-4809.

9.5.14, 10.3.14 or 12.5.14

Employer Breakfast

Businesses are invited to join us for breakfast from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. to learn more about Ranken and how to connect with our recent graduates. Please register online at www.ranken.edu or call the Career Services office at (314) 286-4821.

9.26.14

Educator/Advisor Workshop

All educators are invited to attend this half-day workshop to tour campus, learn about the benefits of a technical education and how Ranken can benefit your students.

10.8.14, 11.18.14*, 11.20.14 or 12.3.14**

Shadow-a-Tech

Potential students are invited to spend part of their day on campus shadowing Ranken students to see what a technical education is all about! Please register online at www.ranken.edu.

* Wentzville Location

** Automotive Only

10.18.14

Fall Open House

Join us at our fall open house from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Take the opportunity to tour our programs, speak with an admissions counselor and learn about our many scholarship opportunities.

10.29.14*, 11.6.14

Placement Testing Day

Choose from three different sessions to take the placement test and enjoy a free continental breakfast or afternoon snack. Please register online at www.ranken.edu or call (314) 286-4849. Space is limited.

* Wentzville location

11.5.14

Fall Job Fair

All companies are invited to attend our job fair to meet Ranken students and accept resumes for open positions. For more information contact Janie Summers, director of Career Services at (314) 286-4821 or register your attendance online at www.ranken.edu.

11.12.14

Fall Open House (Wentzville)

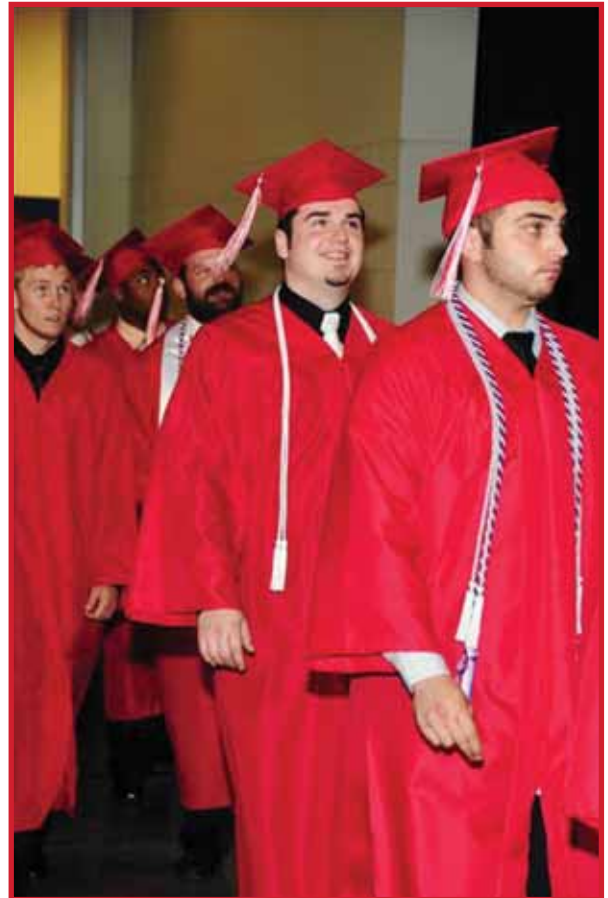
Join us at our fall open house from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Take the opportunity to tour our programs, speak with an admissions counselor and learn about our many scholarship opportunities.

Congratulations Class of 2014!

Ranken held its 2014 commencement ceremony at Chaifetz Arena on the Saint Louis University campus on May 12. This year, 960 students were eligible to graduate, and more than 500 students participated in the ceremony. The following photos were taken during the event:



Golden Graduates



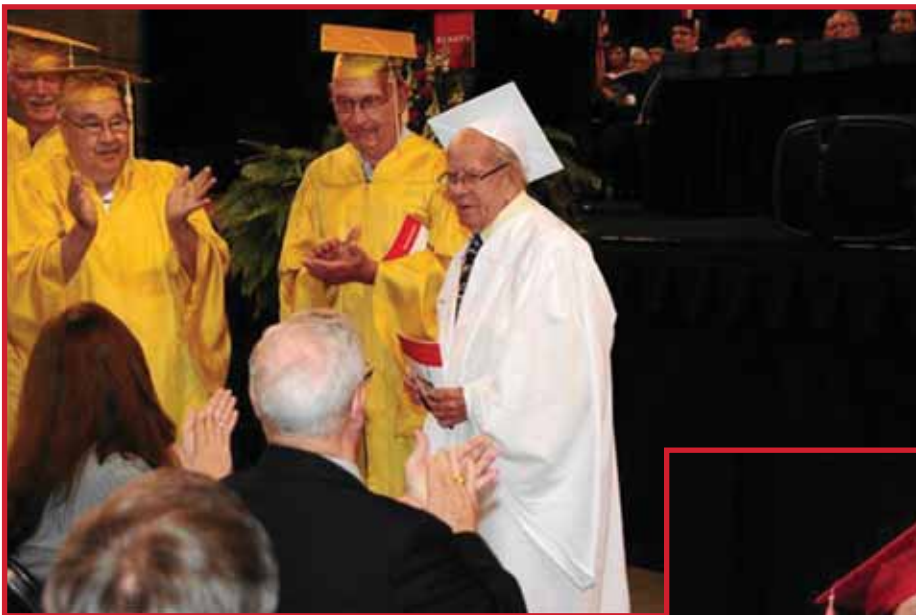
2014 Ranken graduates



Architectural Technology student Keisha Killiebrew performing the National Anthem



Commencement speaker Michael Adorjan



Diamond Graduate Warren Steinmann



L-R: David Ranken, Jr. Award winner Jamie Schneider and Ranken President Stan Shoun



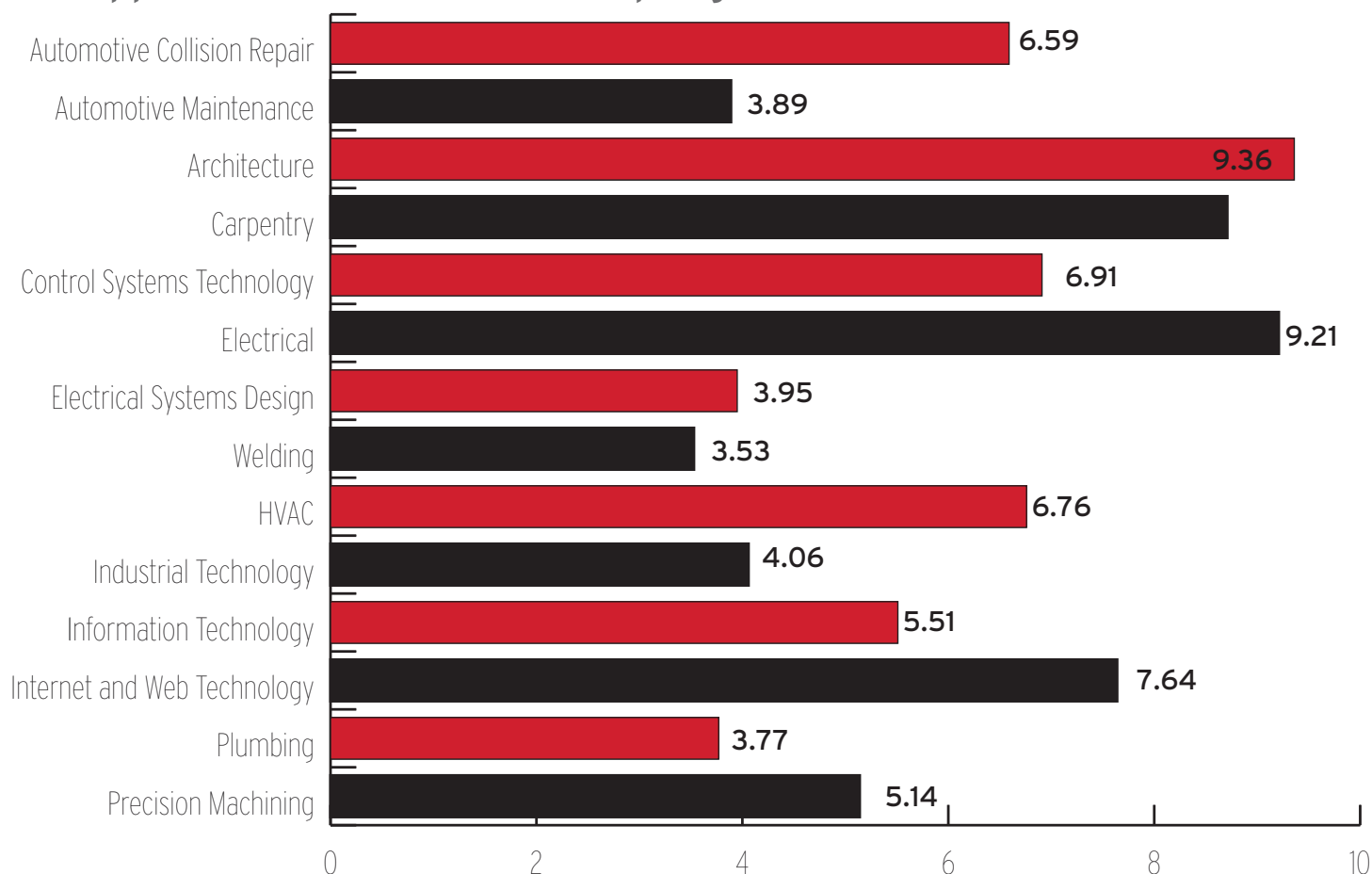
Ranken bachelor's degree graduates



HVAC student Cedric Williams giving the invocation

RANKEN employment report

Job Opportunities Per Graduate - Spring 2014



Average Starting Salary Per Program - Spring 2014

Department	High	Low	Avg	Avg with 3-4 years exp.
Architecture (AS)	\$42,000	\$24,000	\$33,000	\$39,000 - \$50,000
Architecture (BS)	\$45,000	\$30,000	\$38,000	\$45,000 - \$55,000
Auto Collision Repair	\$37,000	\$22,000	\$30,000	\$45,000 - \$55,000
Automotive Maintenance	\$44,000	\$18,000	\$31,000	\$45,000 - \$55,000
Carpentry	\$40,000	\$22,000	\$31,000	\$57,000 - \$67,000
Control Systems	\$60,000	\$38,000	\$49,000	\$45,000 - \$50,000
Electrical Automation	\$52,000	\$20,000	\$36,000	\$40,000 - \$50,000
Electrical Systems Design	\$47,000	\$33,000	\$40,000	\$55,000 - \$80,000
Heating/Ventilation/AC	\$40,000	\$22,000	\$31,000	\$45,000 - \$55,000
High Performance Racing	\$35,000	\$25,000	\$30,000	N/A
Industrial Technology	\$48,000	\$30,000	\$39,000	\$55,000 - \$60,000
Information Technology	\$49,000	\$30,000	\$39,500	\$40,000 - \$55,000
Internet/Web Based	\$50,000	\$27,000	\$38,000	\$45,000 - \$55,000
Plumbing	\$47,000	\$21,000	\$34,000	\$45,000 - \$50,000
Precision Machining	\$53,000	\$26,000	\$40,000	\$45,000 - \$50,000
Welding	\$46,000	\$24,000	\$34,000	\$30,000 - \$48,000

as of spring 2014

scholarships

Jones Scholars

\$150,000 Scholarship Grant

Established with a generous \$150,000 scholarship grant from the Dennis M. Jones Family Foundation, 10 to 15 deserving Ranken students will receive a scholarship for the balance of their uncovered educational costs, beginning this fall. Preference will be given to full-time students from the St. Louis metropolitan area who demonstrate financial need, academic ability and good work ethic.

The Dennis M. Jones Family Foundation was formed after the sale of the St. Louis-based pharmaceuticals manufacturer and marketer Jones Pharma in 2000. The Foundation primarily promotes the education of underprivileged youth via scholarships, with a focus on funding organizations that are somewhat under the radar but are doing great things for their community.

Dennis E. & Marilyn M. Kircher Scholarships

\$5,000 Annual Award for Monroe County Students

On behalf of Columbia, Ill. residents Dennis and Marilyn Kircher Ranken Technical College recently announced the first donation of \$15,000 in scholarship funds for three recipients of their newly-established Dennis E. & Marilyn M. Kircher Scholarships. As active and supportive members of their community, Dennis and Marilyn Kircher formed the Dennis E. & Marilyn M. Kircher Scholarships in 2014 to assist students in Monroe County, Ill. The scholarship will be awarded annually to Monroe County area public high school students who have been accepted for full-time enrollment into St. Louis-based Ranken Technical College in the Automotive, Construction, Electrical, Information Technology or Manufacturing programs.

Lanny Lamont Endowed Scholarship

Manufacturing Division Scholarship

Mary Walker, the daughter of Earl Walker, has established the Lanny Lamont Endowed Scholarship in honor of Mr. Lamont, who was her father's friend. This scholarship seeks to recognize Mr. Lamont's generous support of the St. Louis region, his efforts to foster growth in the local manufacturing sector, and the many years of business advice and loyal friendship he gave to her father.

Mr. Walker was a 1940 Ranken Technical College graduate and a member of the Ranken Technical College Board of Trustees. Mr. Lamont and Mr. Walker became business associates and friends, establishing Carr Lane Manufacturing, Quality Screw Machine Products and Carr Lane Castings together. Today, these businesses still employ hundreds, including many Ranken graduates.

donations

Missouri American Water

Grant for Water World Explorers Adventure Academy

In their efforts to help protect the environment in the communities they serve and other local organizations who share their vision, Missouri American Water has awarded Ranken Technical College a grant of \$1,325 in support of the 2014 Water World Explorers Summer Adventure Academy program. This program focuses on aquatic ecosystems and the career paths associated with water conservation. Students explore the wonders of water and marine life through projects, online activities and educational field trips.

Established in 2005, Missouri American Water's annual Environmental Grant Program offers funds for innovative, community-based environmental projects that improve, restore, or protect the watersheds, surface water and/or groundwater supplies in local communities through action and education.

John Allan Love Foundation

\$25,000 Grant in Support of Automotive Division Construction and Renovation

The John Allan Love Foundation has committed to a \$25,000 grant over the next two years in support of Ranken's Automotive Division Construction and Renovation project. A longtime supporter of the College, the Foundation has given more than \$200,000 to various Ranken Technical College programs since 1991, including Walker Hall Dormitory, the Student Success Center, and its endowed scholarship fund.

Through its giving, the John Allan Love Foundation seeks to support local institutions that are staffed by local people who are administering directly to some of the most urgent needs of the community. The Foundation supports St. Louis higher educational institutions which contribute to the region and the country.

Collision Repair Education Foundation & Pro-Spot International, Inc.

\$27,500 Equipment Donation

The collision repair industry continues to step up in support of training programs across the country. This spring, Pro Spot International, Inc. and the Collision Repair Education Foundation donated a Pro Spot PR-2000 Inverter Resistance Spot Welder, valued at \$27,500, to Ranken's Automotive Collision Repair Technology department. Ranken was eligible to receive this donation by applying for the Collision Repair Education Foundation's 2013 Ultimate Collision Education Makeover grant. Eight technical schools nationwide received the donated welders.

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