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TECHNICAL COLLEGE

SIGN UP FOR OUR NEW SUMMER ACADEMY!

program key

ACR | Automotive Collision Repair Technology

AMT | Automotive Maintenance Technology

ART | Architectural Technology

BSAM | Bachelor of Science in Applied Management

BSAT | Bachelor of Science in Architectural Technology

CRP | Carpentry and Building Construction

CST | Control Systems Technology

EAT | Electrical Automation Technology

ECDM | Electrical Construction Design and Management

ESDT | Electrical Systems Design Technology

HPRT | High Performance Racing Technology

HVACR | Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Technology

INT | Industrial Technology

IT | Information Technology

IWT | Internet and Web-based Technology

PLT | Plumbing Technology

PMT | Precision Machining Technology

STE | Stationary Engineering

FWT | Fabrication and Welding Technology

WWK | Woodworking





Stan Shoun, president

note from the president

This has been an amazing year for Ranken Technical College. The stories you will read in this edition of our newsletter focus on our growth as an institution, and the changes we've made to allow that growth to happen. Changes including the addition of new programs, like Fabrication and Welding Technology and Fleet Management, as well as the introduction of distance learning options and green technology coursework.

We've established new partnerships with community groups and high schools, and we're bringing Shearwater Charter High School onto the Ranken campus. We've acquired new property nearby to help us prepare for future growth, and we've adjusted our scheduling to accommodate the twenty percent increase in enrollment that we've experienced over the last year. Summer courses are now in full-swing, and we're looking forward to another busy fall, with more plans for expanded classes and new partnerships on the way.

The College has also been able to double our scholarship fund from \$700,000 to \$1.4 million, enabling many more deserving students to afford a Ranken education. In addition, we've just completed the first year of our National Science Foundation S-STEM scholarship program, and already have many exciting ideas lined up for next year's scholarship recipients.

This year has been one of many changes, and much growth. We thank you for your support, and I look forward to the changes the next year will bring our way.

Ranken Announces Partnership with New Charter High School

On March 26, Ranken announced an exciting new partnership with Shearwater Education Foundation and the opening of Shearwater High School on its campus. The new charter high school, which is sponsored by Saint Louis University, will serve at-risk youth, striving to prepare them for college, work and life. The school will open with 75 students in August of 2010.

"This will be a great fit for Ranken, and a chance for us to provide needed support to students from our local high schools who may be struggling. We want to take any opportunity to help prepare students

for work in high-growth industries and for careers in the vital technical fields that are the backbone of our economy," said Ranken President, Stan Shoun.

Addressing the dropout crisis is a high priority for leaders at all levels of government. According to America's Promise, a national alliance founded by General Colin Powell, "more than one in three students fail to graduate from high school and



Pictured L-R: NEED NAME, NEED NAME, Missouri Lieutenant Governor Peter Kinder, Ranken President Stan Shoun, Shearwater President and CEO, Stephanie Krauss, Missouri State Senator Joseph Keaveny, Missouri State Representative Jamilah Nasheed

young people who drop out are twice as likely to be unemployed." Finding solutions to reengage students and increase the number prepared to succeed in today's global economy is at the top of the agenda for President Barack Obama and Missouri's political leaders.

"As President Obama has stressed, students who have dropped out or are at risk of dropping out need schools that make sure they don't just graduate, but truly get them ready for college, careers, and success in life," Greg Darnieder, Special Assistant to the U.S. Secretary of Education, said. "Shearwater is taking a smart approach in building on successful alternative education programs around the country that work, and as a



Photo: President and CEO of the new Shearwater school, Staphanie Krauss, addresses the media.

former St. Louisan, I know St. Louis has a real need for the kind of hands-on training Shearwater seeks to provide."

"Today is a new, exciting chapter in the history of Shearwater High School, Ranken Technical College and the City of St. Louis," Missouri Lieutenant Governor Peter Kinder said. "Shearwater and Ranken both have stellar reputations as innovative leaders in education.

This new partnership will help better prepare Missouri students for the high-tech jobs of tomorrow."

Missouri State Senator Joseph Keaveny recognizes St. Louis's needs as well, and sees Shearwater as a model that will successfully redress aspects of the city's educational issues. "Shearwater's dropout recovery program will improve the current graduation rate of only 45 percent in the St. Louis Public School District, so that more young adults will be prepared to work," he said. "This program targets young adults who have been misplaced and may have otherwise dropped out of school. I am excited to be a part of this unique charter school model."

The partnership between Ranken Technical College and Shearwater High School provides an innovative program that will both reengage at-risk students and give them the support they need to successfully enter the workforce. Shearwater has received funding from both federal and private sources interested in bringing programs focused on helping students to the city of St. Louis.

"At Shearwater, we believe that every youth should receive a high quality education and achieve success in life," Stephanie Krauss, President and CEO of Shearwater Education Foundation, said. "Our model will not only reengage and graduate those youth who were unable to succeed in a traditional high school, but we will get them ready for college, work, and life. Ranken has been doing this at the college level for over 100 years. By co-locating our high school campus on Ranken, our students will be exposed to a rigorous general and technical education environment,

New Partnership (continued)

and our staff will be privy to the best practices in the field. This type of relationship will increase our chances for success, and our opportunity to truly meet the needs of the students that we will serve.”

The boards of both Shearwater Education Foundation and Ranken Technical College approved the partnership at the beginning of March. The agreement is for the term of the charter. Both schools have a focus on preparing youth to succeed in today's workforce. The new high school will be housed in Ranken's Alumni Hall, and will employ 8-10 staff and faculty. Students interested in attending the school should contact Shearwater Education Foundation at (314) 539-4180 or online at www.shearwatereducation.org.



Photo: Local media and Ranken staff, faculty and friends gathered in the new welding lab for the announcement.

Shearwater High School is a Missouri-approved, sponsored public charter school. The school will provide a high quality education option to St. Louis youth, ages 17-21, who have dropped out or whose level of disconnection from high school makes an on-time graduation improbable.

Shearwater's RISE Model for Success provides students with an accelerated high school education that combines paid internships with instruction on

a college campus. Students will also receive needed social and economic support services from local non-profits to ensure continuous engagement and success in both school and life.

School will be held year-round from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., to reflect the hours of regular employment. The first half of the day will be spent in the classroom with personalized instruction. The second half of the day will be at a paid internship, where the students will be able to generate an income and receive academic credit.

The Shearwater High School proposal was developed in consultation with several nonprofit groups that are serving as collaborative agencies, including: Youth In Need, Covenant House, Employment Connection, Epworth, Project ARK, Provident Counseling, Teach for America (St. Louis chapter), St. Patrick Center, and the United Way of Greater St. Louis. While Shearwater was in its planning stages, Youth In Need served as the organization's fiscal agent.

New Fabrication and Welding Lab is Officially Dedicated



Photo: Carolyn Kindle cuts the ceremonial ribbon along with other major supporters of the lab.

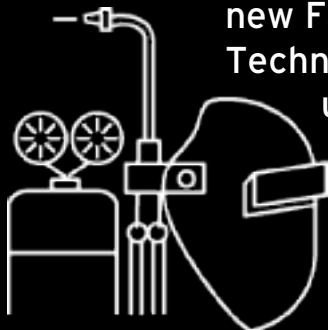
On Friday, March 26, the new Fabrication and Welding lab located in the Mary Ann Lee Technology Center was officially opened and dedicated. At a ceremony and press conference held at 11:00 a.m. in the new space, Stan Shoun, Ranken's president, addressed the crowd and thanked the many donors who helped to make the

high-tech lab a possibility. Once such major donor, the Taylor family, was represented by Carolyn Kindle who also serves as assistant vice president of the rental division at Enterprise Rent- A-Car.

John Wood, vice president of student success at Ranken also spoke and relayed that the idea of the new lab started as just a sketch on a piece of paper drawn by John Baima, a faculty member in the Industrial Technology program. His original idea was brought to life with help from architects, engineers and many supporters such as ESAB, AirGas, Mitler Brothers and TRANE.

Many donors, board members and other Ranken supporters attended the event which was followed by a luncheon in the atrium of the Mary Ann Lee Technology Center.

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To learn more about our
new Fabrication and Welding
Technology program, contact
us at (866) 4-RANKEN
or
admissions@ranken.edu

Ranken Names New Board President

At a meeting held on Thursday, February 25, Ranken's board elected a new chairman and vice president due to the retirement of Bob Staley, former chairman of the board and Lou Fusz, Jr., former vice president.

Edward Monser replaces Robert Staley as the chairman of the board and Jeff Pitts replaces Lou Fusz, Jr. as vice president. Dennis Donnelly remains on as secretary/treasurer.

Staley and Fusz have both agreed to stay on as active board members.



Pictured L-R: Dennis Donnelly, secretary/treasurer; Jeff Pitts, new vice president and Edward Monser, new board president.

Adventure Academies Filling Fast!

Ranken's new summer academies for local middle school students are a fun and exciting way for young students to learn about technology and technical career paths. The academies will be held every day during the week of August 2-6. Students can choose a program from Ranken's five core divisions, and two additional camps have been established for female students as an introduction to technology. Most of the courses include unique projects that the students will be able to take home as their very own, individual creation.

The cost for the week is only \$75 per student and includes lunches, snacks, tools, equipment, projects and fun activities with Ranken's experienced instructors. Visit www.ranken.edu/adventureacademy for more information.



Ranken Announces Partnership with NAFA, New Certificate Programs

On April 24th, the Fleet Management Association (NAFA) held a press conference at its annual "Institute & Expo" announcing a new partnership with Ranken. The College is the second educational institution to offer college credit for the Certified Automotive Fleet Manager program.

"It was always our belief that offering CAFM training in colleges would dramatically change the future of the industry," said NAFA President Christopher Amos, CAPM "For decades, the majority of Fleet managers entered the profession through vehicle maintenance career paths or via careers in asset or financial management. Very few new college graduates were even aware of this rewarding profession, and, thus, very few became fleet managers early in their careers."

"We have partnered with other industries to produce the next generation of skilled technical workers, and we are confident that this new partnership will benefit not only the college and NAFA, but also the students who will go on to promising careers in the fleet management field," said John Wood, Ranken's Vice President of Student Success. "In this partnership, the college will provide the skill set training from business professionals while students will apply this training in the workforce."

Two training paths will be available, including a set of four eight-week college credit courses preparing students to manage fleets, and college credit for CAPM certification.

"With these two course offerings, we are excited to open up the field of fleet management to our students, and give them yet another option for fulfilling careers in the automotive field," Wood said. "We look forward to a long-standing partnership with NAFA."



Left to right: Lt. Col Katharine Vigneau, CAFM, NAFA Vice President for Canada; Christopher Amos, CAFM, NAFA President, John Wood, Vice President for Student Success, Ranken; Robert Ellingsworth, CAFM, Chair of NAFA's Certification Board; and Dan Kania, Automotive Division Chair, Ranken.

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7th Annual Car Show is Big Success

On Sunday, April 18 Ranken hosted its seventh annual car show and alumni reunion with much success. It was a very busy day with 325 vehicles on display and many spectators visiting campus just to enjoy the weather and check out all the trendy cars. Along with the car show entrants, CARSTAR, Don Brown Chevrolet, Big Foot and the Burgundy Baron were a few of the well known participants.

Kids had the opportunity to have their faces painted by Moolah Shrine

Clowns, the River City Rascal mascot entertained while KLOU 103.3 provided music. Many attendees walked away with raffle prizes, including the popular mailboxes that are provided by MVTAP and made and donated by

students from South Tech, North Tech and Lewis and Clark. Each year the car show is an outlet for students to come together and enjoy their passion for cars, as well as a way to invite the community onto campus for a day of fun activities. Since the weather was so nice and Ranken had a wonderful group of volunteers, the event turned out to be a show to remember.

Congratulations to all of the car class winners! For more photos, visit Ranken's Facebook page.



Photo (above): Moolah clowns provided kids with face painting and balloon animals.

Photo (below): Firestone brought in "Bigfoot" for the car show.



E V E N T S

College Holds 2010 Commencement Ceremony

On Saturday, May 15 Ranken held its 2010 Commencement Ceremony at the Chaifitz Arena in St. Louis. This year's graduating class was the largest in the College's history, with 915 students eligible to graduate and over 500 students participating in the ceremony.

The keynote speaker for the event was Ranken Board of Trustees member Pam Jackson, who is Vice President of Technology at Emerson Corporate in St. Louis. She encouraged the College's graduates to stay current in their training, and continue to embrace technology throughout their careers.

The David Ranken, Jr. award was presented to graduating INT student Michael Wolf, who was commended for his high academic standards and exemplary work ethic.

Eleven "Golden Grads" were also honored at the event. Golden Grads are Ranken alumni who graduated 50 years or more prior to the current graduation year. Graduates from 1940-1960 were represented at the ceremony.



New graduates celebrate as the ceremony ends



INT student Michael Wolf was presented with the David Ranken, Jr. award.



Golden Grads were honored at the event.

Students and Employees Participate in "Rebuilding Together"

Team Ranken, made up of 27 volunteers including current students, new students, alumni, staff and families, joined Rebuilding Together in their national effort to clean up and repair homes in St. Louis. Team Ranken's home, located on St. Louis Avenue in north St. Louis, needed some TLC inside and out.

For eight hours on May 1, Ranken volunteers worked together to make an elderly man's home safe, clean, and rain-proof. Tasks included cleaning windows inside and out, laying tile, hanging drywall, and painting walls and fences as well as installing soffit and fascia.

Thanks to our Alumni Leadership Council members, Mike Schweiss and Brett Randall, house co-captains, for purchasing the materials and overseeing job duties.

Over 2,500 volunteers repaired 100 homes in the St. Louis area through Rebuilding Together, a not for profit organization located in Webster Groves. This project is held the first Saturday in May annually. We hope to be together again next year and hope to complete two houses.

Left to Right Back Row
 Jeff Scott, Alumnus
 Bryan Sohn, Student
 Nathan Cheshire, Student
 Brittany friend
 Tim Willard, Staff
 Jean Fancote, Student
 Dana Freebersyser, Family
 Larry Schmidt, Alumnus
 Judy Huster, Family
 Don Huster, Alumnus

Left to Right Front Row
 Chris Schweiss, Student
 (holding Half Pint)
 Dan Dugo, Friend
 Brian Freebersyser,
 Student
 Nick Wiltse, Student
 Theresa Jansen, Student
 Tim Lenger, Student
 Carmen Willard, Family
 Brian Kirkpatrick, Student
 Scott Martin, Fall Student
 Megan Krato, Student



Volunteers Help Complete Two More RCDC Homes

On Saturday, March 27, the Ranken Community Development Corporation (RCDC) held a work day at the two new homes that were recently completed on Evans Avenue. Ranken faculty, staff and students were invited to attend to help put the finishing touches on the homes to get them ready to sell. Volunteers cleaned the inside of the homes, painted, put up fencing, cut up brush, planted shrubs and sowed grass seed.

Thank you to the 47 volunteers who worked very hard to make these homes market ready!



Vice President for Education Don Pohl lends a hand with cleaning.



HVACR Department Chair Chris Bruggeman and student clear trees.



Students work on a landscaping project at RCDC home.

Local Employers Recruit Ranken Students

The spring job fair was held on Thursday, March 11 in the Mary Ann Lee Technology Center. The bi-yearly job fair, hosted by Career Services, gives employers the opportunity to visit campus and talk with Ranken students who are looking for employment.

More than 80 employers attended the event to accept resumes from future Ranken graduates. Thank you to the Career Services office for all of their work and bringing potential employers on to campus.



Photos: The spring job fair in the Mary Ann Lee Technology Center



Ranken-Supported Team in Robotics Competition

Perpetual Chaos, the FIRST Robotics team which PMT Instructor Tom Ely helps to support, recently earned the St. Louis Regional Chairman's Award and a second blue banner at the St. Louis Regional competition held at the Chaifetz Center. A FIRST Chairman's Award is the most prestigious award created to maintain focus on changing culture in ways that inspire greater levels of respect for science and technology, as well as encourage students to become scientists, engineers and technologists. To compete for the award, two team members, Elisabeth Arnold and Chirag Doshi gave a ten-minute presentation and participated in a question and answer session to a panel of three judges. The team also endured numerous judges' interviews in the pits during both days of the competition.

Winning the Chairman's Award qualified the team to compete again at the World Championships in Atlanta against 44 other regional winners.

Congratulations to Perpetual Chaos and a big thank you to Tom Ely for supporting this team!

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Carpentry Helping Ranken to "Go Green"

Visitors on campus may have noticed that the old dumpster outside of the carpentry department has been replaced with a 20 yard rolloff from Hansen's Tree Service. "In the past, materials and waste from the shop or job site were just put into a regular dumpster and sent to a landfill. With this new dumpster, Hansen's takes the wood, drywall and other materials we use and recycles them into organic mulch and firewood," said Bryan Hicklin, department head for the Carpentry department.

The new dumpster will be used to dispose of certain materials that can be recycled. These items include wood, plywood, drywall, acoustical ceiling tile, brush and pallets.

Hansen's Tree Services was founded in 1988 and was the first tree-care company in Missouri to be certified by the Tree Care Industry Association. Hansen's provides tree services as well as lawn care, mulch and firewood services and compost. Hansen's employs 90 people and operates a fleet of 75 trucks. Each year, Hansen's recycles approximately 56,000 cubic yards of wood waste, leaves & grass.

3 on 3 Basketball

On Thursday, April 15, Residential Life and the Student Government Association (SGA) hosted a 3 on 3 basketball tournament on the Cook parking lot. The College currently has one basketball court so additional equipment was brought in to accommodate all of the teams that registered. Students and staff grilled hotdogs for lunch and all proceeds from lunch sales and team registrations were split between the SGA annual scholarship and Residential Life. Nineteen teams competed in the tournament and after a fight to the finish, "Team O3" took first place. Congratulations to Kevin



Sieges (ET), John Lane (AMT), Gregory Boyd (ET) and Alan Epps (ET). Each team member won a \$20 Wal-Mart gift card.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the tournament and to those who came out to watch and support the teams.



WIT Holds Final Meeting of the Year

On Friday, April 9, the Women In Technology (WIT) group held their final meeting of the school year. The meeting started with recognizing the female students in attendance who will be graduating in May. Congratulations to the following students: Jennifer Rogozienski (ESDT); Brooke Henderson (IT); Jean Fancote (CRP); LaFonda Calmese (CRP)

The guest speaker for the meeting was Melissa Scott who has worked as a talent acquisition associate for MAVERICK Technologies in Columbia, Ill. since 2007.

Scott graduated from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville with a B.S. in Business Administration and a specialization in marketing. After several years in the marketing field, she found she had an interest in human resources and switched careers.

Scott lives with her husband and five-year-old daughter in Waterloo, Ill. Thank you to Melissa Scott for speaking at the meeting and to all of the Ranken women who attended the Women In Technology meetings this year.

Ranken Outdoor Club Visits Reelfoot Lake

At the end of March, the Ranken Outdoor Club went on a trip to Reelfoot Lake in Tiptonville, Tennessee. Eight students from various departments such as ESDT, EAT and HVACR participated as well as Larry Sisson, the club's faculty advisor.

Despite cool, windy conditions, the group fished for two days and had a great time.

If you are interested in joining the Ranken Outdoor Club, contact Larry Sisson at (314) 286-3625, or stop by room C300.



Photos: Ranken students and instructor Larry Sisson enjoy the fishing at Reelfoot Lake.



Ranken Forms Partnership with Waterloo HS

Ranken Technical College and the Waterloo High School announced on May 11th that they will be forming an educational partnership to provide a training path with transferable course credit for Waterloo High School students.

The partnership will assist Waterloo in maintaining their current automotive program, and students enrolled in the program will get credit for two of Ranken's automotive courses, covering basic automotive electrical theory and lab work. After passing a credit-by-assessment test, those students wishing to enroll at Ranken after they graduate from Waterloo will have college-level course credit for the work they have completed.

Ranken will be providing Waterloo High School with equipment, instructor training and admissions/enrollment assistance for their eligible students. The high school will use their own faculty members and provide training space at the high school campus, as well as the basic tools and equipment.

"This partnership will benefit Ranken as well as Waterloo High School, said John Wood, Vice President of Student Success at the College. "We will have a pool of highly-qualified students to draw from, and students will have advanced standing and a great foundation to begin their college careers at Ranken."

Coursework will begin in fall 2010, with the first students eligible for the advanced placement scheduled to graduate from Waterloo in the spring of 2011.



Photo: Students and instructors from Waterloo High School join Ranken Vice President for Student Success John Wood and James W. Helton, Superintendent for Waterloo CUSD5 at the signing of the new partnership agreement.

Active Shooter Training Drill

On Monday, April 19, 2010 from 8:30-10:30 a.m., the Department of Public Safety conducted a campus-wide active shooter and lock-down exercise. This was conducted to assess the campus's readiness in case of an active-shooter or similar emergency. Each building was monitored and assessed for lock down compliance during the exercise. Classrooms and offices that did not follow lock-down procedures were provided notification indicating they had failed the exercise and were victims.

There were six student participants and one Public Safety officer who portrayed shooting victims for the entire exercise. The active shooter roamed the campus and handed out victim notifications to anyone caught in the hallways who was not an active participant in the training, or who was not in proper lock-down mode. There were 11 notifications handed out, nine of which were handed to "victims" found in the hallways. Two were given to classrooms not in compliance with lockdown procedures.

Ranken joined with local police for the event, allowing them access to campus as a joint training exercise. St. Louis Police 8th District sent in four teams over the course of the exercise. Two of those teams were eliminated by the active shooter. The active shooter was identified and confronted early by each of the responding police teams. All buildings were properly secured and in proper lock-down mode with exception to two classrooms.

Employees and students were notified of the "emergency" situation by text message. Approximately 800 Ranken community members signed up for text messaging capabilities and of those approximately 43 received delayed notification or no notification at all. Anyone who had issues with their text messaging was advised to contact the IS department. Any Ranken community member not signed up for the service was urged to make it a priority to do so. The exercise was judged to be a success, and a learning experience for both the Ranken Public Safety department and the local police department.

"It's unfortunate, but all large institutions have to be prepared to deal with this type of situation," said Stan Shoun, president of the College. "We have an excellent security team, and the training was beneficial. I was pleased with our response, and the things we learned that will help us enhance our on-campus communication."

This training is part of a larger effort at disaster preparedness that the College has undertaken in the last year, readying the campus for a variety of emergency situations.

HVACR Students Receive Industry Scholarship

Two of Ranken's HVACR students were selected to receive a scholarship from the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE).

Joseph Veal-Briscoe of O'Fallon, Mo. and Mark Walton of Fairview Heights, Ill. each received \$750.00 toward their tuition at Ranken. ASHRAE issues this scholarship annually.

Both students will graduated from Ranken in May and aspire to work in the commercial side of their field.

"I encourage all second year HVACR students to join ASHRAE," said Chris Brueggeman, the HVACR department head who also serves as the faculty advisor to ASHRAE for Ranken. "Both Joseph and Mark are members and it gives them excellent opportunities to network with potential employers and to see where the industry is heading. I think both of these students will be successful in their careers after Ranken."

ASHRAE is an organization dedicated to offering students various opportunities in their particular fields of study. ASHRAE provides continued learning through keynote speakers, networking events and tours of local venues requiring expertise in their fields. In addition, student members gain experience in a professional organization.



Pictured L-R: Joseph Veal-Briscoe, HVACR student; Chris Brueggeman, HVACR department head and Ranken's ASHRAE faculty advisor and Mark Walton, HVACR student.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Ranken Students Awarded Rotary Scholarship

At a presentation held on March 4 at the Missouri Athletic Club, the Rotary Club of St. Louis awarded three Ranken students their annual scholarships. Congratulations to the scholarship recipients who each received \$1,000:

- » Peter Linhares, ESDT
- » Quentel Ruffin, ART
- » Christian Ketchum, CST

Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world. Approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 32,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas.



Pictured L-R: Tim Willard, vice president for development (Ranken); Rose Cooper, Rotary Club president; Phil Roush, Rotary Foundation representative; Peter Linhares, ESDT student; Quentel Ruffin, ART student; Christian Ketchum, CST student and Stan Shoun, president (Ranken).

With help from generous donors, Ranken is able to offer students more than 50 scholarship, grant and loan options.

To learn more about your financial options or to get a copy of our scholarship information guide, contact the Financial Aid office at (314) 286-4866.

Ranken STEM Students Tour Anheuser Busch

The National Science Foundation (NSF) Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (S-STEM) program was established several years ago by the National Science Foundation and reflects the national need to substantially increase the number of American scientists, engineers and technical experts.

Ranken has received a grant from the NSF to award scholarships to students majoring in four technical disciplines - Architectural Technology (ART), Information Technology (IT), Precision Machining Technology (PMT) and Industrial Technology (INT). Currently, the program has 18 students participating, and in addition to receiving scholarships, they also benefit from an "enhanced learning environment"

The theme for this year's program is "leadership" and students took tours of leading companies in the St. Louis area to learn more about leadership and management skills. In the fall of 2009 students visited Emerson and this semester they toured Anheuser Busch.

On April 28, 2010 students had a walking tour of Anheuser Busch's Soulard packaging facility where they saw the high-speed automated packaging process for cans and bottles, their data center, the historic brew house and the Clydesdale stables. Students also saw an impressive presentation on Leadership by Robert Spahn, Assistant People Manager at AB, that they are sure to remember.

All 18 STEM students, their faculty leaders (Brian Austwick-PMT, Missy Borchardt-ART, Jeff Scott-INT, and Ashley Reddick-IT, and John Wood) were present on the tour.

Participants from AB included Michelle Bergman- People Supervisor, Erin Gissel - People Supervisor, Kevin Reilly - Senior People Manager and Nevelle Frazier - Electrician and Ranken alumnus.

Next years theme is "team work". The faculty leaders for STEM are already planning some great opportunities for the STEM students to build teamwork skills!

**If either you or your business are interested
in offering a scholarship to students at
Ranken, please contact our Vice President for
Development,
Tim Willard, at (314) 286-3674.**

Students Recognized By American Welding Society (AWS)

On Thursday, April 8, the American Welding Society (AWS) held a student night to recognize welding students who are excelling in their program.

Two of Ranken's students were recognized at the event. Nick Wiltse, a student in the Industrial Technology day program was recognized as "Ranken's Outstanding Welding Student," and Mark Borchardt, a student in the Industrial Technology evening program was awarded a district scholarship from the AWS. Congratulations to both students for being



Photo: Two Ranken students were recognized at the Student Night event hosted by the American Welding Society; Nick Wiltse (front row, far right) and Mark Borchardt (back row, far left).

recognized!

The American Welding Society (AWS) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing the science, technology, and application of welding and allied joining and cutting processes. The organization is headquartered in Miami, Florida, but also conducts events and individual section and district meetings

throughout the United States and in international locations.

The organization is perhaps best known for its code and certification procedures, which provide industry standards for the welding and joining of metals, plastics and other materials. Through their publications, internet forums, member services, local and national events, educational resources, networking activities, and certification procedures, AWS keeps welding professionals and those interested in materials science up to date with the most current advances and procedures in the industry. As of September 2006, the society contains about 50,000 members, most within the United States (taken from Wikipedia.org).

Ranken Holds Senior Celebration

The Senior Celebration was held on campus to honor all spring, August 2010 and December 2009 graduates walking in the May commencement exercise.

The departments of Career Services, Continuing Education and Alumni Relations partnered to hold the event to honor all graduates.

Seniors picked up their caps and gowns, were treated to refreshments, gathered information about the College's Bachelor of Science in Applied Management (BSAM) program, and learned about membership in the Alumni Association.

Trotter Photo was on hand to take class and individual pictures. Students Helping Students participants were recognized and received an Alumni Association polo shirt as a complimentary gift.

A certificate for four Gateway Grizzlies tickets donated by the Gateway Grizzlies organization in Sauget, Ill. were given away and won by James Allen (ACR).



Ranken staff member Jackie Barnes joins President Stan Shoun and graduating students at the Senior Celebration.



Graduating students try on their caps and gowns.

New Internship Opportunity Available for SLPS Students

Ranken has partnered with Grace Hill Settlement House to offer a new internship opportunity to St. Louis Public high school seniors who are planning to attend Ranken. The twelve internship positions will be filled by students who attend a North City St. Louis Public high school and are interested in learning about the installation of retrofit technology for specified targeted fleets and other diesel engines identified as polluting North St. Louis City air.

In 2009, St. Louis was named "Asthma Capital of the United States," and North St. Louis has the highest asthma rate in the City. The Grace Hill Clean Air Project (CAP) is furthering previous community efforts to reduce six pollutants of concern: arsenic, benzene, acetaldehyde, chromium, formaldehyde and diesel particulate matter. Using EPA resources, including a sharing of national community efforts and discussions with local citizens, the problem of school bus idling was targeted for action. The CAP has been awarded more than \$450,000 to retrofit school buses and other city vehicles with crank-case ventilation filters.

Three local trucking companies have agreed to participate in the project and hire the students into paid internship positions this summer to do the installations of the retrofit engines. On Thursday, April 22, the three companies; Truck Centers, Prairie Archway and Clarke Power, visited campus to give presentations to interested students and conducted interviews for the open positions.

The goal of the program is to not only help improve emissions from inefficient diesel engines that release harmful pollution into the air, but to also expose the selected students to a typical work experience and help them dedicate themselves to succeed when they enter the College.

Students Helping Students

2010 Class Gift

Students Helping Students is a graduating class gift program that was created in 2006. Graduating students have the opportunity to make a difference in the future of the College by giving a gift to their department, to scholarships or to the College's area of greatest need. David Ranken, Jr. believed strongly in giving to others and by participating in this program graduating students help to ensure that his legacy will continue so that future Ranken students will receive the best technical education using state-of-the-art equipment. Eighty-three students made a donation to this program totaling over \$1,000. Both numbers are the largest since the program's inception in 2006.

We are pleased to recognize the Plumbing Department for their 100% participation for the second year in a row. In giving of their first gift as students on campus, we hope that they will become giving adults and Ranken alumni. We thank them for their thoughtfulness and participation.

The 2010 Students Helping Students Class Gift Donors are:

Clinton Albin (HPRT)
Ronald E. Alva (CST)
Josue Aviles (PLT)
Anthony J. Bagaglio (EAT)
Aaron Bengard (HVACR)
Kelly Birdsong, Jr. (INT)
Matt Borgmeyer (ACR)
Andrew Bridges (ACR)
Joshua Brock (AMT)
Carl Carr (HVACR)
John A. Castulik (AMT)
Michael Chapin (ESDT)
Alex Chau (ART)
Marc Clifton (PLT)
Shaun Coffman (PLT)
Michael Coleman (PLT)
Robert Costello (PLT)
Mac Cullinan (EAT)
Kyle Davison (PLT)
Amanda Diehl (PMT)
Brian Diekemper (INT)
Eric Doak (PLT)
Corey Dodson (EAT)

John Dontigney (PLT)
Roderick Edwards (PLT)
Christopher Eise (EAT)
Nick Ferrante (HVACR)
Thomas Gaither (PLT)
Ryan Gatschenberger (HVACR)
Baruc Gonzalez (AMT)
Mike Goodman (EAT)
Michael Harness (PLT)
Ryan Hill (PLT)
Nathan Hodge (EAT)
Jeremy Hoekstra (EAT)
Cole Holleman (PLT)
Tim Huskey (PMT)
Jon Jones (PLT)
Nick Keenan (INT)
Annsih Kesmaa-Serud (ART)
Michael Lloyd (AMT)
Paul McAllister (HVACR)
Aaron Mann (PLT)
Anthony Marks (PLT)
Paul McCallister (HVACR)
Jacob Meinhardt (PLT)
Preston Meinhardt (PLT)
Ryan Meredith (PLT)
Lawrence Merrill (ELAT)
Mark Mills (PLT)
Francis Mpia (ACR)
Cody Mueller (PMT)
Justin O'Hare (ACR)
Olaoluwa Olunloyo (AMT)
Zlatko Omerovic (AMT)
Jaryd Patton (PMT)
Mike Perigen (IT)
Jake Phelps (ACR)
Robert Price III (AMT)
Steven Pursley (AMT)
Jerome Reel (AMT)
Clint Riechman (PLT)
Rogelio Rodriguez (AMT)
Alex Rongey (INT)
Dale Rowe (CRP)

Branden Scherle (EAT)
Steven Schnell (PLT)
Brennan Schroeder (INT)
Dustin Sega (HVACR)
Josh Schaefer (ART)
Alexander Smith (AMT)
Steven M. Smith (HVACR)
Vincent Stahl (EAT)
David Stein (PLT)
Joseph Stewart (PLT)
Adam Stilwell (PLT)
Sean Stuewe (HVACR)
Will Thomas IV (PLT)
Jordon Watson (INT)
Dan Weirich (AMT)
Brandon Wesley (AMT)
Brian Wetzel (PLT)
Marcus Wright (AMT)

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Residential Life Update

The first annual Ranken R.E.D. (Ride, Eat and Drink) was a success! Students, staff and faculty showed their support for the event. Don Pohl, Steve Jones, Miranda Myles-Jackson and Steve Davenport showed up in full support. Other instructors and evening students attended as well. There was bull riding, music, food and even a bit of dancing towards the end.

The hot wing eating contest was a hit with 6 participants including Jeremy Sutton, Director of Residential Life. The challenge was for one of the six contestants to finish eating ten of the hottest wings first. Anthony Doss won the hot wing eating contest. The Residential Life staff showed their support by participating in the contest and riding the bull. LaTrina Rogers, Hall Manager rode the bull for about 6 seconds.

Residential Life and the Residence Hall Association would like to thank everyone who showed their support.



Students have fun at the first annual Ranken R.E.D. event, Hall Manager LaTrina Rogers prepares to ride the mechanical bull.



Want to keep up with other activities happening at Walker Hall?

Follow the dormitory hall manager's blog on Ranken's website. In her blog, LaTrina Rogers talks about the daily living of a dormitory resident and posts photos of the fun activities that they participate in. Visit rankentechnicalcollege.typepad.com to follow LaTrina's blog!

You can also follow residents on the Walker Hall Facebook page!

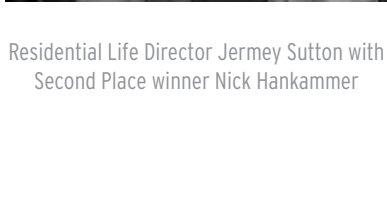
Residential Life Hosts Pool Tournament

The first ever Ranken 9-ball pool tournament was held February 24 in Walker Hall. Twelve Ranken students participated in the tournament. Highlights included some amazing shots by Victor Townson (PMT) and a win off the break by Joe "The Vulture" Northcutt (CRP). Prospective student Alexander Loveless, who stayed the night in the dorm for the Placement Testing Breakfast the following morning, participated in the tournament and put on a good showing. Jean Fancote (CRP), who has been competing in pool tournaments for several years, offered her expertise to make sure players were following the tournament rules. In the end, it came down to Nick Hankammer (EAT) and Ben Gurnea (ART). Hankammer worked his way to the championship game from the loser's bracket. Gurnea pulled off the victory in the championship game, going undefeated in the tournament.

Eric Wood (ACR) finished in third place and received a \$10 gift card to Burger King. Hankammer finished second and earned a \$25 gift card to AMC Theatres. Gurnea won the tournament and received a \$40 gift card to Wal-Mart.



Residential Life Director Jermey Sutton
with First Place winner Ben Gurnea



Residential Life Director Jermey Sutton with
Second Place winner Nick Hankammer



Residential Life Director Jermey Sutton
with Third Place winner Eric Wood



EMPLOYEE

On Thursday, May 13th, Ranken held its annual Employee Appreciation Day. School administrators served all staff and faculty a delicious lunch in the cafeteria, and afterward an award presentation was held in G108-109. Awards and recognition were as follows:

Service Awards

Five Years of Service

Randy Alexander, Brian Austwick, Jeff Erlich, Freda Hollins, Joe Jackson, Alan Poettker, John Shoffner

Ten Years of Service

Seletha Curtis, Pat Duchinsky, Vince Holtmann, Melanie Walker

Fifteen Years of Service

Mike Godt, Kelley Raftery

Twenty Years of Service

Charles Corrigan

Twenty-five Years of Service

John Wood

Thirty Years of Service

Al Gentles

Forty-Five Years of Service

Earl Reynolds Education Awards

Education Awards

Pat Duchinsky

Master of Teaching

Technology

Webster University

Joe Jackson

Master of Science

Workforce Education and

Development

SIU Carbondale

Travis Byrne

Bachelor of Science

Psychology

Washington University

Whitney Wade

Master of Business

Administration

Marketing

European School of Economics

Spirit of Excellence Awards

Staff Terri Forir (IS)

Faculty Drew Shands (PMT)

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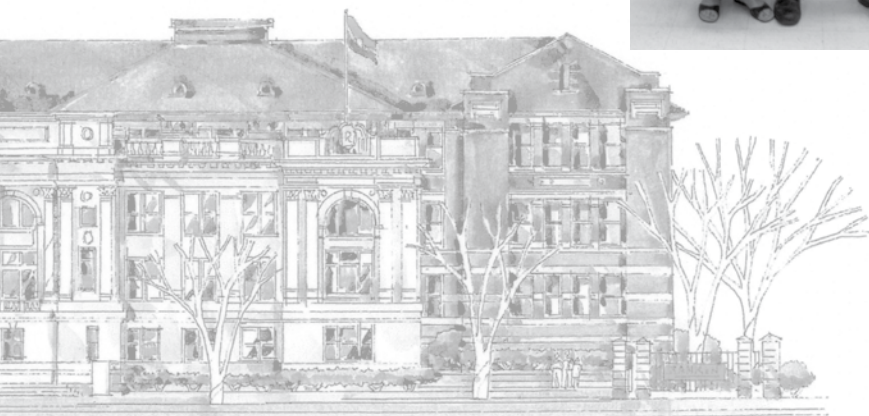
UPDATES



Ranken Administrators served lunch to staff and faculty.



Earl Reynolds (pictured with his wife) accepts an award for forty-five years of service at the College



After completing three years of college and earning 45 hours of credit towards accounting, Ken Schimmel (Plumbing 1960) made a decision that he didn't want to be an accountant. It was at that time that he decided to check out what was then called the "David Ranken, Jr. School of Mechanical Trades." He looked at many of the courses offered at that time but auto mechanics seemed to interest him the most. However, a cousin of his in the plumbing supply business convinced him to investigate the plumbing technology course in which he eventually enrolled. His instructors at the time, Les Tesson and Al Grote, made the coursework and the hours at Ranken easy.

At that time, students were allowed to work at repairs around the school within their respective trades. Much of the hands-on experience was from campus repairs and maintenance. After his graduation in 1960, times weren't so good and the opportunities were few in the trades. Ken went to work for a delivery company for several months before landing a job with Allstate Plumbing Company as an apprentice. He remained at Allstate for 21 years.

In 1981, he started working for Feit Plumbing, spending his last few years with Feit working as a foreman. Sol Feit, owner of the company, was a Ranken graduate.

After 14 years at Feit, Ken left to work for Sutter Plumbing. Sutter did mostly repair and remodeling at that time.

Ken retired in 1997 after having spent 35 years in the plumbing trade with continuous work as a plumber. Even after retirement, he wasn't quite ready to give up working yet. After taking an 18-month course, Ken became a home inspector. He continued as a home inspector until 2002 when his knees wouldn't allow him to continue. His work today is devoted to helping children.

His Ranken education served him well over the years. It taught work ethic, responsibility and attention to detail in his trade. Ken's advice to students is "to do your best at whatever you choose as a career. Your attention and dedication to what you learn at Ranken will stand you in good stead with your future employer(s). The fact that Ranken's placement program is such a great success is one of the many reasons to attend this fine institution. The instructors have been handpicked and are the best around. While there may be other programs offered by several other institutions, they don't offer the quality education or recognition you will receive from attending Ranken Technical College. "

Ken is active in the Lions Clubs International, a member of the Creve Coeur Lions Club, and has served as the District Governor, an elected position. He has been involved with this organization for over 44 years and has been honored with perfect attendance awards. As a result of his work in the Lions organization he has traveled the world and has a wall full of awards and recognitions. Ken has maintained that these honors are also due to his training in work ethic and responsibility that came from his education at Ranken. Most of his time in retirement is spent working with the Lions. The Lions Club provides screenings at local grade schools for Amblyopia, a childhood eye disorder that effects children from 6 months to 6 years of age, collects eyeglasses, and is dedicated to helping defeat eye disorders.

Ken has been married to Olivia for 49 years on their next anniversary, and has two children and two grandchildren all residing in the St. Louis area. Ken is celebrating his 50-year Ranken graduation anniversary this year along with other graduates from 1960. In addition to his volunteer work for the Lions Club, Ken continues to support Ranken Technical College.

Employee or Employer - To Be or Not to Be?

Dan Martin, a 1970 AMT alumnus, and owner of Hill Country Vettes Restoration in San Antonio, Tex. visited campus and presented his story of success to over 70 students from classes in the automotive division. In this spring Alumni Entrepreneur Workshop, Dan not only spoke to students, but to alumni and faculty in the audience; his dad, Matt, a 1941 student at Ranken, and his long time friend, Mike Dawson.

Dan spoke of his career with UPS and his hobby, restoring corvettes, and how he ventured into the business from his lifelong hobby. Dan described how his clients come from all over the world and mainly by word-of-mouth as well as spend a minimum of \$35,000 to restore their vintage Corvettes.

Dan provided the audience with an outline of concepts to evaluate before making the decision on whether or not to go out on your own with a new business venture.

An outline of his presentation follows:

- 1) Starting a Business: Available Market, Competition
- 2) Cost to Start: Fixed costs (labor, rent, insurance, taxes)
- 3) Financing: Small Business Loans, Investors, Your own cash to invest
- 4) Hiring: Every employee is a 1 million dollar decision.
- 5) Networking: Outsourcing to other competing businesses as source of revenue
- 6) Community involvement: Giving back to the community can also turned into another networking opportunity. Contacts with local business leaders, sports figures, and celebrities.

The next Alumni Entrepreneur Workshop will be held in September. Contact Kathy Fern in the Alumni Relations Office if you are interested in telling your story of your success and sharing business strategy with future leaders.



Attendees at the spring Alumni Entrepreneur Workshop

Alumni Leaders Wanted

The Leadership Council of the Alumni Association is looking for young leaders to help with planning for the Alumni Association. Each member of the Council represents a voice in the planning of alumni programs and activities. If you are a graduate from HVACR, Electrical, Automotive, Plumbing, or Architecture and are interested in growing your involvement with the Association and renewing your commitment to Ranken, please contact Kathy Fern, Director of Alumni Relations, (314) 286-4895 or email ktfern@ranken.edu for more information.

HVACR Reunion Brings Classmates Together

The attendedd of the College's recent HVACR reunion were pleasantly surprised to see the newly-renovated department. With a new curriculum and, since 2005, new equipment to work on, students are receiving a state-of-the-art education that looks dreastically different than most of our graduates remember. With rooms of residential and commercial equipment to troubleshoot and repair, students are well prepared to go to work for local HVAC companies.

This reunion focused on industry trends. Chris Brueggeman (department chair and 1979 alumnus) began the discussion with Ranken's curriculum and introducing the faculty. Bob Hoffmann, Jr., (1991 alumnus) co-owner of Hoffmann Brothers, presented industry trends in commercial heating and cooling. Wes Huesemann, LEED certified, Commercial Sales Manager for Koch Air-St. Louis, spoke on the



industry trends in commercial heating and cooling. Bryan Bartlow (1993 alumnus and night school HVAC instructor) finished out the afternoon with the industry trends in commercial refrigeration. Conrad Philip (1957 alumnus), Charlie Doolin (1960 alumnus), E.T. West (1971 alumnus) and Eldon Hurlburt (former faculty) joined the group. Many other former faculty and graduates from all years attended.

A similar event is planned for all carpentry graduates, during our open house in October.

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Check out what is happening in the lives of these Ranken alumni. Let us know what you are doing now and where your career has taken you. Keep the College informed. If you would like to let your classmates know where you are working, your personal or professional accomplishments, or just what you have been up to lately, visit www.ranken.edu to submit an Alumni Update. Here are some of newsworthy notes we have collected recently.

went to Belleville Area College for criminal justice and aviation degrees.

Doyle "Zig" Jones (1956 AMT) is married, has two children, and owns Zig Jones Auto Repair in Evansville, Ill. Zig has entered into the race for the Randolph County Treasurer. Since graduation he has been a member, past president and vice-president of the Sparta District School Board and an Evansville precinct committeeman.

1930s

John Honerkamp (1938 RFAHT) and his wife, Marie, celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary in February. In March, John celebrated his 90th birthday, along with Marie who turned 89 a few weeks later.

1950s

Franklin E. Kohler (1954 Machine Shop) married with two children resides in Hecker, Ill. and is entered in the race for Monroe County Sheriff. He has been the Monroe County Commissioner for 12 years, and is a retired Illinois State Trooper after 35 years on the force. After graduating from Ranken's Machine Shop, Frank

1980s

William Yowell (1985 Diesel Maintenance) is now President of Bad Boyz Bail Bonds, Inc. located in St. Louis. He said "Hats off to Ranken for giving me all I needed to be successful. I went from mechanic to sales to law enforcement. I still use the skills today as a business owner, but I still have all my diesel tools in the garage." Here Bill's story of transition in his career at the next Alumni Entrepreneur Workshop on September 14, 2010.

1990s

Ryan Keck (1997 HVAC) is owner of Keck Heating and Cooling in Quincy,

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To view a complete list of alumni class notes that have been submitted, visit our website at www.ranken.edu.

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Ill. He and his brother are co owners of the business with 11 employees. Ryan has been married for seven years and has three children.

Conde Kinsella (1995 HVAC) is a Mechanical Inspector for St. Louis County Public Works Department and is certified as a ICC Fire Inspector I, ICC Mechanical Inspector I & II; NAESA QEI Elevator Inspector; NAARSO Level 1 Inspector; Mo. Dept. of Fire Safety Elevator Inspector and a Mo. Dept. of Fire Safety Amusement Ride Inspector.

Jim Kinsella (1994 Stationary Engineer) is employed by BP Products N.A. in Des Plaines, Ill. as a Terminal Technician.

2000s

Becky Dettmer (2009 IT) is employed by Edward Jones in Maryland Heights, Mo. and lives in St. Peters, Mo.

Andrew Maggio (2009 ESDT) is employed by Sargent Lundy and was recently transferred to Chicago and promoted to Electrical Designer.

Greg Gebert (2009 ART) working on his Masters degree in Architecture and is employed by the Army Corp of Engineers.

Miranda Wirtel (2008 ART) is a CAD designer for Young-IWR Building Services, a specialty contracting construction company.

Brandon Tutterow (2008 ACR) had his first child on March 18, 2010. His daughter, Olivia Larvnn Tutterow

met the world weighing in at 8 lb. 9 oz. and 20 inches long. Both Olivia and wife, Tiffany, are doing well. Congratulations, Brandon!

Angelo Caraffa (2008 HVACR) is Lead Commercial/Residential Technician at Unique HVAC in St. Louis and is a part time evening instructor for the HVAC department at Vatterot College.

Kyle Creamer (2007 HVAC) is a pipefitter for Local #562. Kyle commented, "Hey guys, sorry I've been out of the loop for some time now. I just wanted to let you all know that when I was working for the St. Louis Cardinals, I got a World Series Ring. It is the same one that players get. I never would have gotten it without training that Ranken gave me. So, I would like to thank you!"

Aaron Bass (2006 ELAT) is engaged to Abbey Bates and will be married in June 2010. Aaron is employed by Overhead Door in St. Louis.

Damien Rogers (2004 IWT) is a Systems Engineer for Save A Lot in Earth City, Mo

Jason Mesger (2002 CNC) is employed as an IT Manager at the Peoples Bank in Cuba, Mo. He is married and has two children.

Jacob Stoll (2001 AMT) is currently employed at McConnell Thermal Services in Seward, Nev.

Earl Walker, Andy Raines Receive Award

Two awards honoring Ranken alumni were presented at the recent Golden Graduate Ceremony. Sponsored by the Alumni Association, these peer nominated and reviewed awards were given to outstanding Ranken graduates who through their character, leadership, service and financial support sustain the reputation of David Ranken, Jr. Earl Walker (Welding 1940) was nominated and was presented with the Distinguished Alumni Award; and Andy Raines (Industrial Electricity/Electronics 1994) was nominated and was presented with the Distinguished Young Alumni Award.

Nominations were collected and recipients were chosen by a selection committee of the Alumni Leadership Council. Earl and Andy were recognized during the Golden Graduate celebration, received a recognition award; their names will be engraved and displayed on a perpetual plaque that will grow each year with honorees. A summary of Earl and Andy's path that led to their recognition follows:

Distinguished Alumni - Earl E. Walker

Born in St. Louis, Missouri, February 12, 1920, Earl has been a lifelong resident of the St. Louis area. He attended Kirkwood public schools participating in the Hi-Y and football. Upon graduation from Kirkwood High School in 1939, Earl attended Ranken Technical School in St. Louis, where he learned welding graduating in 1940. During Earl's early years he always worked part time, earning additional income to help his parents by delivering groceries, managing the Kirkwood Roller Rink, driving a delivery truck and other odd jobs. Then, as now, Earl had to work hard for everything he received—nothing was ever handed to him. After graduation from Ranken Earl joined Curtis-Wright Aircraft Company as a welder, and was with Curtis-Wright and its successor, McDonnell Aircraft Company, until 1953, except for one year (1943) when he was with the Navy Seabees. Earl was honorably discharged from the Navy after having sustained serious injuries to his hand.

In 1952 Earl formed his own company, known today as Carr Lane Manufacturing Company, located in Shrewsbury, Missouri. Carr Lane and its subsidiaries provide clamps, pins, chuck jaws, fixturing devices and component parts for the metalworking field. In late 1979 Carr Lane bought Texas Tool Manufacturing Company, forming Carr Lane Drill Bushing Company. In 1983 a joint venture between Carr Lane and the Roemheld Company of West Germany began, forming Carr Lane Roemheld Manufacturing Company.

Today Carr Lane Roemheld manufactures hydraulic clamps for the metal-working and related fields. Carr Lane has grown from five employees to over 250, and is now international in scope. It has provided parts globally for such varied industries as automotive, aerospace, appliance and woodworking, as well as produced six vital parts for the Apollo II. Over the years, Carr Lane has had manufacturing branches in Los Angeles, Boston, Austin and Brazil. Carr Lane employs several Ranken graduates. Through long hours, tireless work, successful management and excellent employee relations, Earl has built a large, successful multi-million-dollar operation from the ground up. You can learn more about Carr Lane Manufacturing on their website www.carrlane.com.

Earl Walker has also touched the lives of countless people through his professional and civic endeavors, especially as a driving force behind The Walker Scottish Rite Clinic for Childhood Language Disorders of St. Louis, Inc. Many children have benefited from this program that helps children who have speech and language challenges. Earl has served on numerous local boards and was awarded the Rite's highest honor, the Grand Cross. Earl joined the Board of Trustees of Ranken Technical College in 1997. In 2006, he and Myrtle donated funds enabling the purchase and renovations of a warehouse on the southwest corner of Page and Newstead. This building was transformed into the Myrtle and Earl Walker Student Resident Hall that opened in 2009 with a maximum occupancy of 210 students. Mr. Walker has also shown a life-long generosity to his community of Kirkwood. Walker Lake in Kirkwood Park was a gift to the Kirkwood Parks Department in the 1980's. Many continue to benefit from the continued success and generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Walker.

Distinguished Young Alumni - Andrew R. Raines

Andy's nomination for the Distinguished Alumni Award reads: "I have known Andy since 1996 when he was working for French Gerleman Electrical Supply in St. Louis in the late 90's. When Andy came to work at Ranken Technical College, he made an immediate impact within the department and with students. His commitment to the College and especially his students is excellent. I have witnessed him work with students in many different and difficult situations where he listened, encouraged and inspired them to keep moving forward with their education.

Annual Award Honors Alumni, cont.

Andy has earned the respect of many graduates. When I encounter fellow alumni I am always asked if Andy is still teaching and most of them will tell a story how Andy impacted their education. He is a leader in his church and works with youth ensuring that they are on the right path. In the past Andy has worked with the Student Government Association, Phi Theta Kappa and other organizations within Ranken. He continues to support Ranken as a faculty member, mentor, and financially through donor campaigns."

Born in October 1964 and growing up in Alton, Ill., Andy attended Alton Senior High School and entered Ranken in 1992. Andy needed Ranken when he was younger. Ranken gave him the structure, work skills and tools that shaped his life. He had a day job and started teaching night school in 1994. Andy knew right after he graduated that he wanted to join the faculty at Ranken. He came on as a full time instructor in 1998. As an instructor, Andy is able to give what he learned and what shaped his life to other young men and women as they enter the technical trade. He hopes as an instructor he will help someone else achieve greatness.

Andy has recently started a new path of ministry as the Passion Painter. He started painting in 2008 when God came to him and told him he should paint. Andy had never painted before. He considers himself an Evangelist with a nontraditional method of reaching out spiritually to others. He performs his work to religious music and never knows what he will paint until he is moved by the music. He has traveled to Florida, Oklahoma, Texas, and Illinois to perform for churches and religious groups. He does not paint the "traditional brown hair and blue eyed" Christ that we see often. Andy has always had a strong spiritual side, he has been a children's pastor since 1990 at three different churches but more recently his painting has become his focus reaching many more than just children each time. He has also worked at the Illinois kid's camp for the last 17 years, and has been a speaker at several youth events in the St. Louis area. Andy is married to Sara, and has two daughters; Ashton who is 21 and Alyssa who is 19. You can see more of Andy's work on his website <http://www.thepassionpainter.com>.

Congratulations to these two fine role models and individuals who personify the goals of David Ranken, Jr. However, we know that these two stories are only a small sample of the fine work that is done by many of our Ranken alumni.

Please help us uncover other great things where our alumni are involved. Nominations for the 2011 Distinguished Alumni Awards can be made at any time up until January 2011. Nomination forms are available on the Ranken website in the Alumni Relations section or by requesting a form by calling the Alumni Relations Office at (314) 286-4895.

Golden Graduates Celebrated

‘Golden Graduates’ of Ranken Technical College were honored at the 2010 commencement exercise held on May 15th at the Chaifetz Arena. Graduates from all programs in 1960 or earlier celebrating their 50 year golden anniversary or more were acknowledged at a social hour and dinner at Lorenzini’s Restaurant. Golden Graduates led the commencement procession and were given a certificate during the commencement exercise.

Clarence Schneider and his grandson, Nick Franklin, enjoyed the evening together as they both donned caps and gowns for the event. Nick, in his red, graduating from ??? department, and his grandpa, Clarence, in gold. Graduates who participated in the ceremony and were seated in the front row in gold caps and gowns were:

Rober P. Barham	Industrial Electricity	1960
William R. Birdsell	Industrial Electricity	1960
David A. Brod	Automotive Maintenance	1960
Charles W. Doolin	Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning	1960
Victor R. Heislen	Automotive Maintenance	1960
Stephen N. Jagosh	Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning	1957
David E. Meier	Automotive Maintenance Technology	1960
Robert J. Muehling	Carpentry and Building Construction	1960
Clarence R. Schneider	Industrial Electricity	1960
William K. Snodgrass	Industrial Electricity	1960
Earl E. Walker	Welding Technology	1940

SAVE THE

June 24, 2010 - Campus summer open house from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with an Alumni Reception in Walker Hall Conference Room for all graduates. Take a tour of the campus, and speak to our instructors. There's still time to register for the fall 2010 semester!

There will also be an alumni reception, at which you can hear two Ranken graduates, Broderick Bevineau (2007 Information Technology) and Bobby Chapman (1990 Communication Electronics) present "Social Media - Get Connected" from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Learn about Facebook, Myspace, and Twitter - the what, how and why answers to the Social Media movement. This presentation is open to all alumni trying to figure out what it all means and why it is such a big deal.

July 30, 2010 - Ranken Night at the Ballpark. Join us at GCS Stadium in Sauget, Ill. when the Gateway Grizzlies take on the Evansville Otters; an Illinois rival match! Reduced price tickets are \$8 in advance, \$18 with the BBQ pre-game buffet. Game time is 7:05 p.m. Contact Jason Murphy, 618-337-3000 for tickets; ask him for the Ranken section. Never been to a Frontier League game? What fun and action!

August 2-6, 2010 - Ranken Adventure Academy. The Adventure Academy will be held every day during the week of August 2-6. Students can choose a program from Ranken's five core divisions. Two additional camps have been established for female students as an introduction to technology. 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 as their very own, individual creation. The camps range from building go-karts to designing and manufacturing jewelry. The cost for the week is only \$75 per student and includes lunches, snacks, tools, equipment, projects and fun activities with Ranken's experienced instructors. Find out more at <http://www.ranken.edu/adventureacademy/>

August 3&4, 2010 - New Student Orientation and Women in Technology Meet and Greet.

August 5, 2010 - Family Orientation

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August 22, 2010 - Ranken Night at the Ballpark. Join us at TR Hughes Stadium in O'Fallon, Mo. when the River City Rascals take on the Travers City Beach Bums. Tickets \$8 in advance for this 5:05 p.m. game. Contact Aaron Smith, 636-240-2287 for tickets; ask him for the Ranken section. More Frontier League fun!

September 3, 2010 - Employer Breakfast. Businesses are invited to attend this breakfast to learn more about Ranken Technical College and how to connect with our recent graduates looking for positions in their field.

September 14, 2010 - Alumni Entrepreneur Workshop. William Yowell (Diesel 1985), President of Bad Boyz Bail Bonds, LLC. Hear Bill's story of transition in his career from diesel mechanic to president and owner of his own company located in Florissant. Bill will describe how he continues to use what he learned at Ranken even now as owner of his own company. Bill will be the featured speaker at the next Alumni Entrepreneur Workshop in the MALTC Atrium from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. Bring your 'brown bag' lunch to this event.

October 23, 2010 - Fall open house and first Carpentry reunion! All Carpentry graduates invited to attend. Watch for more details in the September issue.



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calendar of upcoming events

June 2010

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Shadow-a-Tech | 8

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