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**INFORMATION ABOUT OUR 2011
SUMMER ADVENTURE ACADEMIES INSIDE!!**

program key

ACR | Automotive Collision Repair Technology

AMT | Automotive Maintenance Technology

AFM | Automotive Fleet Management

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

EEL | Electrical Technology

EAT | Electrical Automation Technology

ECDM | Electrical Construction Design and Management

ESDT | Electrical Systems Design Technology

HPRT | High Performance Racing Technology

FWL | Fabrication and Welding 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

SEG | Solar Energy Systems and Green Technology





Stan Shoun, president

note from the president

It's hard to believe that another semester is coming to an end. Spring 2011 has been full of excitement and continued growth as we welcomed our largest spring-start class in Ranken's history!

In May, a record-setting 875 students will graduate from Ranken and enter the workforce. Although the economy is still struggling and on the mend, our job placement rate still stands strong at 96%. Ranken's excellent reputation with employers was proven at our recent spring job fair with more than 110 employers showing up to recruit our students.

We had the opportunity to once again host the East District SkillsUSA competition and were so proud of our Ranken participants. Out of the 186 competitors, 34 were from Ranken. Twenty-one of those students placed in their category and 11 will move on to the state competition being hosted by Linn State at the beginning of April. Hosting SkillsUSA is not only great for our students, but is also a benefit to the College as a whole. We have the best and brightest technical high school students on campus and show them how Ranken can help them further their education and career.

Another education "pipeline" that we are excited about is our upcoming Summer Adventure Academies. Last year's camps were so successful, that we have expanded the academy to two weeks and will offer camps not only to middle-school students, but to high school students as well (more information on page 22).

As our student body has grown to include more working adults, we have realized the importance of offering more flexible class options. We are excited to be offering several new programs in areas such as Information Technology and HVACR and offering summer courses in many of our majors such as Automotive and Industrial Technology.

As this semester comes to an end, we are already preparing for fall 2011 and continue to look for ways to improve campus and the education we provide and to ensure that we are giving our graduates the best foundation possible to enter the workforce. Thanks to generous donations from Jack Taylor and Mary Ann Lee, phase I of renovations to the Mary Ann Lee Technology Center will begin this summer. This phase will include 9,600 square feet of new classroom space and help us meet the demand of our growing programs.

Thank you to all of our friends and supporters. If you haven't been to campus lately, we invite you to come and see first-hand the exciting growth and changes.

RankCAN Helps Needy St. Louisians

Last November, Ranken students, faculty and staff began collecting donated food items to kick off the 2010 Food Drive and RankCAN competition.

Once the items were collected, students formed teams to begin building sculptures with the food items around the theme, "The Holiday Season." All sculptures were supposed to represent an object, person, character or concept associated with one of the holidays occurring during the "holiday season." This could include Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, New Year's Eve or Halloween. The teams were judged on their sculpture as well as how many food items they collected. The winners were announced on Monday, December 6.

» Food Drive

- Industrial Technology (INT) had the highest student-to-food ratio with 71 food items per student. Automotive Maintenance came in close second with 64 food items per student.

» RankCAN Sculpture Competition

- First Place was awarded to the **INT/Welding** team for their "1907 New Year's Eve" display
- Second Place was awarded to **Information Technology** for their "You Can't Spell ChrIsTmas Without IT" display
- Third Place was awarded to the **Electrical** Division for their Christmas tree display.



Photo: The INT/Welding team won the 2010 competition with their "1907 New Years Eve" display.

Thank you to all of the teams that participated in this year's event. The 2010 RankCAN competition helped collect more than 16,700 food products, which is the largest total number of food products that have been collected in the history of this drive.

The purpose of the annual food drive and RankCAN creations event is to help feed the hungry in the St. Louis area during the holiday season and to exhibit



Photo: Information Technology took second place in the sculpture competition.



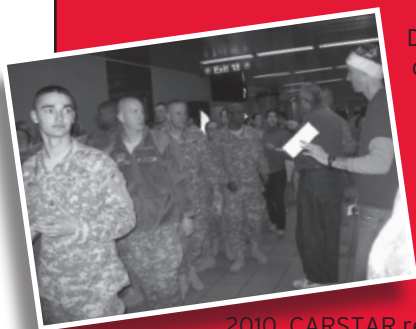
the technical skills of our students. Over the last 11 years, the Ranken food drive has resulted in over 81,000 food products being donated throughout the local community and to Ranken students in need.

The INT/Welding team received a pizza party for winning the sculpture portion of the competition.

To see more pictures of the sculpture construction and competition, visit Ranken's Facebook page!

Photo: This year's judges, all from the Development office, awarded third place to the electrical division. L-R: Kathy Fern, Rose Crawford and Jackie Barnes.

Ranken Helps CARSTAR Raise \$10,000 for U.S Soldiers



During the month of November, CARSTAR celebrated Military Month. One of their programs was called, "Calling All Patriots" and involved collecting old cell phones that they could recycle and use the proceeds to purchase calling cards for soldiers.

CARSTAR asked for the Ranken community's help and students, faculty and staff came out in full force by helping to raise over \$10,000! On December 19,

2010, CARSTAR representatives were able to hand out 1,000 international calling cards with 100 minutes each to soldiers deploying from St. Louis Lambert Airport.

"We can't thank the students, faculty and staff at Ranken enough for joining in our "Calling All Patriots effort," said Nancy Battis, group marketing manager for CARSTAR St. Louis Bi-State Area. "We couldn't have accomplished this without their help."

Ranken Partners With Local High School on Biodiesel Project

Ranken recently had the opportunity to get involved with a biodiesel project being conducted by a chemistry class at Rockwood Summit High School in Fenton, Mo.

The project was started three years ago when a high school student listened to a lecture on alternative fuels and took the initiative to do

her own research on how alternative fuel could be created.

"She brought in all kinds of information to me the next day," said Darren Peters, the chemistry teacher whose class is running the project. "I looked it over and I knew it was a great teaching opportunity."

The project started small with students using chemistry to create different fuel options. "The students really got into it and loved working on this



Photo: Steve Davenport and students from Rockwood Summit High School prepare to collect data for their biodiesel project.

project so it kept growing," said Peters. "Eventually we knew we were ready to start testing what we had made."

In order to start the testing portion of the project, they needed a vehicle. Peters wrote and applied for several grants which helped purchase materials and a diesel truck to test the fuel. Someone also recently donated a Volkswagen Jetta to the project.

"Once we had the vehicle we just needed a test site and someone who was knowledgeable enough to help us collect data and decipher what it was telling us," said Peters. "That's how we connected with Ranken."

The class, all high school seniors taking organic chemistry, has been working with Steve Davenport and using the dyno in the High Performance Racing Technology lab to test the biodiesel in the truck and the Jetta.

"My role has been to design the testing they need to fit their criteria," said Davenport. "This has been a really interesting project to be a part of and a great learning opportunity for our students as well."

The students have created biodiesel fuel using vegetable oil and canola oil and found that each reacts differently within the engine. Testing on

the dyno gives them data on horsepower, emissions and torque that the class uses to continually improve their project.

"Steve has been a godsend," said Peters. "Without him and the data that he helps provide, this project would not be where it is. The data we receive every time we test helps us to move the project forward."

Through the testing, the class discovered that although biodiesel is much "greener" in most ways than gasoline, it does emit more nitrous oxide into the air. After additional research, the class had the idea to create an alcohol pump that would inject urea into the exhaust stream to hopefully reduce the NOS emission. Earlier this semester, they came to campus to test their hypothesis.

"The urea didn't help to reduce the NOS as we hoped," said Peters. "But even a hypothesis that is proven wrong helps give us useful information and helps give us ideas on what to do next."

As part of their end-of the semester project, the students created presentations about the project that were presented at local schools and to the board of education. The project recently received a \$5,000 grant from Pepsi that will be used to fix up the truck that is used for testing.

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2011 St. Louis Auto Show

Ranken had the opportunity to have a booth at this year's St. Louis Auto Show due to the generosity of the St. Louis Auto Dealer's Association. Thank you to everyone who stopped by the booth and to the staff, alumni and students

who worked the booth to give out information about the College to potential students and guests. Each guest had the opportunity to enter to win a \$1,000 scholarship to Ranken.

The Alumni Association sold raffle tickets for a go-kart that was made by students who participated in the 2010 Summer Adventure Academy on campus (for more information see the Alumni section of this newsletter).

Congratulations to Austin Aldridge from St. Peters, Missouri who won the \$1,000 scholarship drawing. Aldridge will graduate from Fort Zumwalt South High School this May.



Pictured L-R: Bronson Miller (AMT student), Austin Jeannerett (IT student) and David Bott (alumnus).

Ranken Hosts SkillsUSA East District Championship Competition

On Friday, February 18, Ranken hosted the SkillsUSA East District Championships. Each high school student who placed in their competition was awarded a scholarship to Ranken. Congratulations to all of the contest winners!

Architectural Drafting (Secondary)

» Nico Rallo	Lewis & Clark Career Center	1st place
» Joey Gardner	Lewis & Clark Career Center	2nd place
» Brad Udell	Lewis & Clark Career Center	3rd place

Automotive Refinishing

(Post-secondary)

» Jacob Cullen	Ranken Technical College	1st place
» Nicholas Knoshaug	Ranken Technical College	2nd place
» Randall Gaston	Ranken Technical College	3rd place

(Secondary)

» Katie Beck	Lewis & Clark Career Center	1st place
» Dennis Clark	Lewis & Clark Career Center	2nd place
» Charlay Raggio	North Technical High School	3rd place

Automotive Service

(Post-secondary)

» Josh Myers	Ranken Technical College	1st place
» Kevin Crum	Ranken Technical College	2nd place
» Daniel Jaeger	Ranken Technical College	3rd place

(Secondary)

» Mike Lewis	Lewis & Clark Career Center	1st place
» Brandon Inman	Four Rivers Career Center	2nd place
» Sam Kreese	Four Rivers Career Center	3rd place

Carpentry

(Post-secondary)

» Ryan Faust	Ranken Technical College	1st place
» Joseph Len	Ranken Technical College	2nd place
» Matt Barker	Lewis & Clark Career Center	3rd place

Carpentry

(Secondary)

» Bruce Donaldson	Lewis & Clark Career Center	1st place
» Adam Bathon	Lewis & Clark Career Center	2nd place
» Alex Winkelman	South Technical High School	3rd place

Collision Repair

(Post-secondary)

» Brandon Emerson	Ranken Technical College	1st place
» Andrew Haare	Ranken Technical College	2nd place
» Nicholas Newton	Four Rivers Career Center	3rd place

(Secondary)

» Christopher Creamer	Four Rivers Career Center	1st place
» Andrew Burt	Four Rivers Career Center	2nd place
» Kody Jackson	Lewis & Clark Career Center	3rd place

Electronics (secondary)

» Megan Ratterree	South Technical High School	1st place
» Alex Jones	South Technical High School	2nd place
» Alex Riddle	Mehlville Senior High School	3rd place

HVACR (secondary)

» Andrew Mcermott	South Technical High School	1st place
» Quincy Cooper	North Technical High School	2nd place
» Robert Gamache	South Technical High School	3rd place

SkillsUSA East District Championship Competition Winners (continued)

Precision Machining

(Post-secondary)

» Drew Kesel	Ranken Technical College	1st place
» Nathan Mueller	Ranken Technical College	2nd place

(Secondary)

» Nick Setchfield	South Technical High School	1st place
» Justin Backues	North Technical High School	2nd place
» Alex Dlugosch	South Technical High School	3rd place

CNC Machining - Mill

(Post-secondary)

» Matt Warnecke	Ranken Technical College	1st place
» Sam Nipper	East Central College	2nd place
» Nick Moutrie	Ranken Technical College	3rd place

(Secondary)

» Paul Kelley	North Technical High School	1st place
» Jared Cheatman	North Technical High School	2nd place
» Levi Blankenship	Four Rivers Career Center	3rd place

CNC Turning - Lathe

(Post-secondary)

» Ethan Schmierbach	Ranken Technical College	1st place
» Andy Schaefer	Ranken Technical College	2nd place
» Richard Kiefer	East Central College	3rd place

(Secondary)

» Charles Rowey	North Technical High School	1st place
» Royce Walls	North Technical High School	2nd place
» Brendan Shiels	Four Rivers Career Center	3rd place

Automated Manufacturing (team competition)

(Post-secondary)

» Johnathon Vanover, Blake Poertner and Patrick Murphy	Ranken Technical College	1st place
» Calvin Helmcamp, Jake Seibert and Nathan Wolf	Ranken Technical College	2nd place
» Luke Kluba, Gerard Aholt and Tim Buchanan	East Central College	3rd place

(Secondary)

» Jeremy Franklin, Nick Goris and Ghreg Wellmaker	South Technical High School	1st place
» Cameron Dozier, Thaddaeus Pinkins and Cameron Gregory	North Technical High School	2nd place

Residential Wiring

(Post-secondary)

» Anthony Wilson	East Central College	1st place
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(Secondary)

» Sam Newton	Lewis & Clark Career Center	1st place
» Tommy Ferguson	North Technical High School	2nd place
» Gary Evans	South Technical High School	3rd place

Technical Drafting

(Secondary)

» Sean Dillon	North Technical High School	1st place
» Andrew Ticona	Lewis & Clark Career Center	2nd place
» James Walden	Hancock High School	3rd place

SkillsUSA East District Championship Competition Winners (continued)

Welding

(Post-secondary)

» Nathan Beichler	Ranken Technical College	1st place
» Jacob Nenninger	Ranken Technical College	2nd place
» Tim Hebert	East Central College	3rd place

(Secondary)

» Travis More	Four Rivers Career Center	1st place
» Sidney McNanus	South Technical High School	2nd place
» Luke McClimens	South Technical High School	3rd place

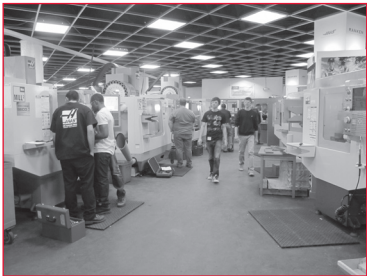


Photo: Students compete in the precision machining contests in the PMT shop at Ranken.



Photo: A student competes in the collision contest in the ACR shop at Ranken.



Photo: High school students compete in the architectural drawing portion of the competition.

College Taking Steps to Preserve Its 104 Year History

In its 104 years of history, Ranken has created and collected many documents, publications, photographs and articles of historical value. These items will now be preserved in a new facility created specifically for the Ranken archives, located in Finney room F209, next to the counseling office. An archivist has been hired to organize, preserve and catalog the collection to make it readily available to historians, employees, alumni and others interested in the College's history. Diane Everman, PhD will be on campus in the upcoming months, working on this project.



Photo: Diane Everman, PhD has been hired to archive Ranken's 104 years of documents, materials and photos.

Dr. Everman comes to Ranken with an impressive record. She holds a PhD in History from the University of Maryland-College Park and currently works as a historical, archival and educational consultant in the St. Louis area. Among her current jobs, she is helping to organize the archives at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, the Enterprise Holdings, Inc. corporate archives (Enterprise, National and

Alamo Car Rental) and the Taylor Family Archives, the St. Louis Jewish Community Archives and the Holocaust Museum and Learning Center Archives. She has also written, implemented, and reviewed grants for historical, archival, and educational programs.

In addition to working in history and archives, Dr. Everman also works as a classical archaeologist, with a current project in the Negev Desert of Israel. Her dissertation included a historical and civil engineering analysis of the Roman aqueduct and water supply system at Caesarea Maritima in Israel. She is active with the Association of St. Louis Area Archivists and is a member of many professional historical and archaeological organizations.

"I am really excited to be working on this project," said Everman. "Ranken has such a rich history and its amazing how many items and photos have been saved all of these years."

Future plans for the archives include digitizing the entire collection, particularly since many of the documents are in a fragile condition. Items can then be viewed as electronic files, while preserving the original documents.

If you or someone you know have items you would like to donate to the archives, please call Barbara Edwards at (314) 286-4870.

Update from TRiO Student Support Services

On Tuesday, January 18, TRiO hosted an open house in the Finney lobby. This open forum style gave students who normally wouldn't attend SSS events an opportunity to find out what services the office can provide. The event included a picture slideshow and a raffle for current TRiO SSS students who introduced new students to the program.

Each semester, TRiO and Residential Life join forces to expose students to the services TRiO can offer as well as campus life. On January 19, 2011, Miranda Myles-Jackson, academic coordinator, came to Walker Hall and gave information about TRiO's services. She also brought a game for the residents to play. The game gave each player a yearly salary ranging from \$25,000 to \$200,000. Residents had to make "real life" spending decisions such as purchasing a home, transportation, marriage, investments, children, pets, vacations and entertainment based on their salary.

On Wednesday January 26, TRiO SSS hosted their very first "Building Entrepreneurs" workshop. The workshop provided an informal roundtable discussion for the students to stop by and speak with local successful entrepreneurs. Each student in attendance had the opportunity to network, ask questions and take home a business resource guide from the St. Louis Small Business Administration chapter. The guest entrepreneurs included:

- Roy Brown, owner of Brown Rental Property and Laundry City, real estate investor, former auto mechanic and shop owner
- Mike Butler, owner of Butler Consulting Group specializing in web hosting, web design and web maintenance and assistant director of the Desmond Technology and Learning Center at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.
- Marcus Strauther owner of BMG Brainstorm Media Group specializing in web design and advertising.
- Lamont Franks (a Ranken and TRiO SSS alumni) owner of Progressive Building & Maintenance and general contractor.



Photo: TRiO invited local entrepreneurs to come speak to students about starting a business.

The event had a great turn out with both students and guest entrepreneurs staying overtime to finish the discussion and network afterwards. Carlin Edwards (ESDT 2011) wrote that this seminar "...very much encouraged me to follow my dreams of owning a business. This shows me that with time ... [I am] capable of succeeding."

On Thursday February 10, 2011, TRiO Student Support Services hosted a Black History Month Walk-In Movie. Students were able to walk in between classes and view African American director Spike Lee's ground breaking Hurricane Katrina documentary "When the Levees Broke". While being served fresh popcorn and soda, the students were also able to view actual photos of the devastation and newspaper clippings from staff member Miranda Myles Jackson's personal experience. During the viewing students were exposed to a more contemporary aspect of African American History and also to the discussion of race and social class as it relates to the topic. The students were able to gain a better perspective on the American tragedy moving them more towards critical self thought and past media conjecture.

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RANKEN WELCOMES STEVEN'S MIDDLE SCHOOL

On Monday, December 6, approximately 50 middle-schoolers from Steven's Middle School located at Finney and Whittier visited campus. Coach Singleton from Steven's Middle School arranged the visit with John Wood and Phi Theta Kappa president, Dennis Smith. The kids that attended are interested in the fields of construction, manufacturing and automotive and were given a tour of the department of their choice. The visit was so successful that following week, 20 young girls from Stevens also visited to take a tour.



Employers Attend Spring Job Fair



Photo: A representative from Sargent & Lundy speaks with students at the job fair.



Photo: A representative from Boeing attended the spring job fair.



Photo: A representative from Hydrol speaks with students about possible job opportunities.

\$1,000 SCHOLARSHIP WINNER!

In the winter issue of the Ranken Experience we gave everyone the opportunity to enter to win a \$1,000 scholarship from Ranken. Thank you to everyone who mailed back the postcard to enter.

Congratulations to Anthony Cowell from Madison, Alabama who won the scholarship drawing! Anthony and his family plan to return to St. Louis so that he can start classes in the fall in Ranken's Automotive Maintenance Technology program.

Architecture Students Win Extreme Tree House Competition

This year, the Missouri Botanical Garden will host a TREEmendous year of activities in celebration of the U.N. International Year of Forests.

The Garden will host several different events and activities to teach the community about the real value of trees and the critical role they play in our lives.

One upcoming event is the TREEmendous Extreme Tree House display. A competition was held among local designers, architects, school, studios and individuals. Entrants were asked to submit a tree house concept that was imaginative, creative and different from the ordinary notion of tree houses. A team of four Architecture students participated in the competition and their design was selected by a panel of judges to be constructed and displayed.

The students, Jacob Amador, Andrew Hustedde, Aaron Becker and Shaun Black, were awarded \$5,000 which will be used to purchase materials for the construction of their design concept. The students will construct the tree house themselves and it will be on display beginning April 30, 2011 through August 21, 2012.

For more information on all of the TREEmendous activities, visit www.mobot.org/treemendous/default.asp.

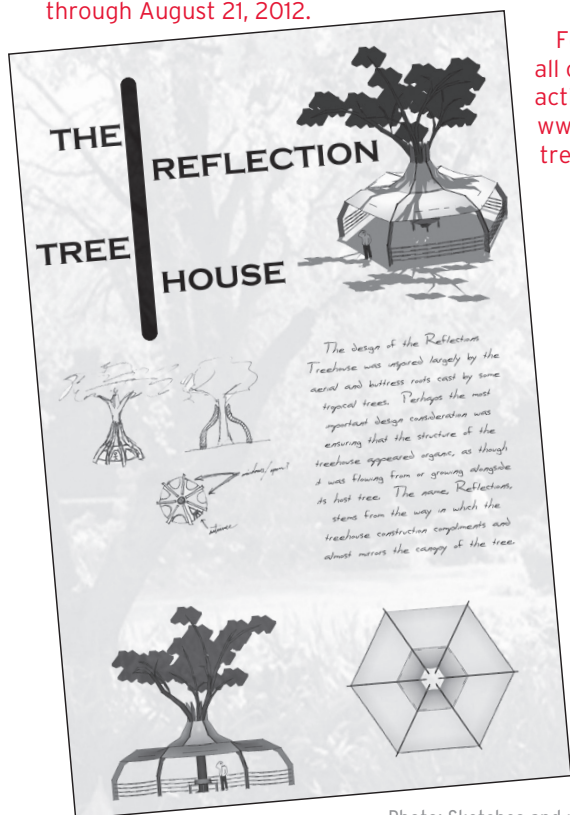


Photo: Sketches and proposal for the ART team's "Reflection Tree House" concept.

Scholarships Recently Awarded to Ranken Students:

St. Cyr Scholarship

Frank and Elsie St. Cyr have generously donated funds to provide scholarships to Ranken students.

- » Terry Hanshaw Automotive Maintenance Technology
- » Malcolm Frazier Automotive Collision Repair Technology

JM Family Enterprises and JM&A Group Endowed Scholarship

This endowed scholarship provides financial assistance to students enrolled in the Automotive Division.

- » Jeffrey Johnson Automotive Maintenance Technology

S-STEM

The National Science Foundation awarded Ranken a four-year \$600,000 grant which is used to provide scholarships to prospective students majoring in one of the following areas: Architectural Technology, Industrial Technology, Information Technology or Precision Machining Technology.

- » Jeffrey Roche Information Technology
- » Josh Bradley Information Technology
- » Shelby Snider Information Technology
- » Dominic Love Architectural Technology
- » Christopher Hillman Information Technology

Monticello College Foundation Scholarship

Each year The Monticello Foundation awards four female students scholarships in the amount of \$2,500 each. The women must maintain a 3.0 GPA and complete 20 hours of community service through the Student Ambassador Program.

- » Shelby Snider Information Technology

Boeing Company Scholarship

- » Chaz Berry Industrial Technology

S-STEM Students Volunteer With Habitat For Humanity - St. Louis

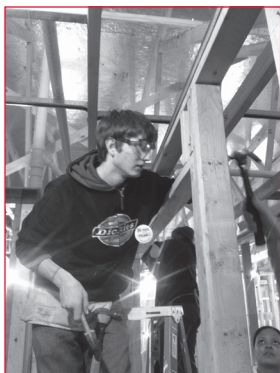


Photo: STEM student, Tyler Heinrich volunteered with Habitat for Humanity.

On Saturday, December 11, the S-STEM students volunteered their time to build houses for Habitat for Humanity St. Louis. The houses are located a few blocks away from campus at North Grand and Kingshighway. Volunteers, which included 10 of the STEM students as well as Missy Borchardt, architecture instructor and team leader of the S-STEM program at Ranken, worked for eight hours hanging nailer boards, blocking, rebuilding walls and other various jobs. They met the home owners along with other volunteers while team building and learning a few things about construction.

Each semester Ranken's S-STEM students do a minimum of four community leadership hours and many choose to do more than the required

number of hours.

S-STEM is a four-year \$582,000 grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to award scholarships to students majoring in four technical disciplines - architecture, information technology, precision machining and industrial technology. The grant also provides funding to develop a special enhanced program to help students during their studies at Ranken and prepare them to enter these high-tech fields or enroll in advanced degree programs. These include: faculty and peer mentoring, scholar groups, academic advising and assistance, professional development activities and career services and counseling.

The 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. To be eligible to receive the scholarships, prospective scholarship students must be a US Citizen, US National, US Permanent Resident or Admitted Refugee who wishes to pursue a degree in one of four chosen STEM related programs at Ranken. Students must demonstrate academic ability/potential and financial need to qualify for one of the scholarships.

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.

S-STEM Students Participate in Architects' Eco-Challenge

Beginning last semester, four STEM-Scholarship students from the Architecture program decided to participate in the GIMME SHELTER Architects' Eco-Challenge, presented by Herb'n Maid and SPACE Architecture + Design.

For the challenge local architects, architecture students and designers are asked to design a home for dogs or cats using sustainable materials and with sustainable practices. The contestants are required to use 65% used, salvaged or reclaimed materials and cannot spend more than \$250.

Matt Galligos, Keisha Killiebrew, Alexis Milford and Bryan Sohn designed

a dog house which also functions as an end table. In their project, 95% of the materials were either recycled, reused, or salvaged materials from Galligos' wood shop as well as old jeans. The students worked together to develop a design and then over the holiday break they fabricated the furniture.

The team's design, as well as the other entries, were on display and auctioned off at SPACE Architecture + Design on Thursday, January 20.

One hundred percent of the proceeds made from the Gimme Shelter event tickets

went to help Animal House, a private, non-profit shelter for cats that provides medical attention, love and a healthy, efficient and sustainable place for the cats to live while they wait for adoption.



Pictured L-R: Matt Galligos, Keisha Killiebrew, Bryan Sohn and Alexis Milford with their dog house which also functions as an end table.

If you or your business are interested in offering a scholarship to students at Ranken, please contact our Development office at (314) 286-3674.

Congratulations to Ranken's New Phi Theta Kappa Inductees

On Thursday, January 27, twenty-six new members were inducted into the Alpha Tau Chi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) International Society. PTK was established by Missouri two-year college presidents in 1918 and serves to recognize and encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students and provides opportunities for individual growth and development through honors, leadership and service programming. PTK is the largest honor society in American higher education with more than 2 million members and 1,200 chapters located in all 50 United States, U.S territories, Canada and Germany.

2011 Officers

- » John Wood, advisor
- » Dennis Smith, president (Industrial Technology)
- » Brandon Flowers, vice president (Information Technology)
- » Levi Cunningham, secretary (Precision Machining Technology)
- » Meghan Krato, reserve officer (Architectural Technology)

2011 New Inductees

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|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| » Justin Benedick, (IT) | » Christopher Marfia (IT) |
| » Devin Brakenhoff (IT) | » Nicholas Mintert (ESDT) |
| » Kyle Cotton (ART) | » Mark Orr (CST) |
| » Craig Deiters (EAT) | » Dustin Penkunas (EAT) |
| » James Eden (BSAM) | » David Pongniphon (IT) |
| » Lance Endres (ESDT) | » Matthew Rucker (INT) |
| » Scott Gamm (CST) | » Ryan Schafferkotter (IT) |
| » Megan Gula (ART) | » Christopher Schweiss (ART) |
| » Charles Jepsen (INT) | » Austin Tate (CRP) |
| » Cole Johnson (IT) | » Ashleigh Tepen (AMT) |
| » Matthew Keehner (IT) | » Joel Wood (IT) |



Summer Adventure Academy



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**JULY 11-15
&
18-22**

July 11-14th is for students from the
ages of **11-14** years old.

July 18-22nd is for students from
the ages of **14-16** years old.

Both camps are from
9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Cost is only **\$95** per student!

For all camp descriptions or to register, go to
www.ranken.edu/adventureacademy!

Walker Hall Residents, Ranken Adopt A Family

To continue Ranken's long-standing tradition of helping our community, the Walker Hall Resident Hall Association decided to adopt a local family for the holidays. Catholic Charities helped to match them up with a family that consists of a mother, Lawanda and her three daughters, Deyona (1 year), Dariel (2 years) and Jayla (9 years). Lawanda recently lost her home so the family of four is living in a small apartment in St. Louis.



Photo: Lawanda and her three girls open Christmas gifts donated by the Ranken community.

Residents received a wish list from the family and invited the entire Ranken community to donate items to help make the holiday season special for Lawanda and her girls. Ranken faculty and staff donated toys for the girls and household items to give to Lawanda. On Thursday, December 16 LaTrina Rogers, hall manager and Anthony Doss, one of the resident assistants, delivered the gifts to the family.

"It was so awesome to see the looks on all of their faces when we delivered the gifts," said Rogers. "This has really been an amazing experience for me and all of the residents in Walker Hall."

"I just want to say thank you to everyone at Ranken who helped to make this Christmas so special for my girls," said Lawanda. "I am really overwhelmed by this blessing. Not only did my girls get a lot of wonderful gifts, but I was really surprised by the gifts that had been bought for me."

JOIN US AT OUR SUMMER OPEN HOUSE!

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2011
3:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.
RANKEN TECHNICAL COLLEGE**

Walker Hall Update

Residents of Walker Hall have been keeping busy this semester and having lots of fun living on campus. In-house events have included programs on diversity, Bible study, a "Healthy Mind" workshop, "The Ramen Rumble" (a competition to find the best Ramen Noodle recipe), a test anxiety program and Karaoke nights!



Photo: Thirty-one residents of Walker Hall played ultimate dodge ball at Sky Zone.

To find adventure off campus, residents spent one of the snow days sledding down Art Hill in St. Louis and also spent an evening playing ultimate dodge ball at SkyZone in Chesterfield.

Residents also pitched in to help out during the two-days they were snowed in at the end of January. They learned that not everyone on campus gets a snow day when Ranken is closed. Residents had the opportunity to witness some people go above and beyond to make sure their needs were met during the snow days. Some residents even

went above measure to make sure Walker Hall was maintained.

Fresh Ideas staff stayed in the dorms or braved the weather to come in to make sure the dining hall would be open. The Buildings and Grounds crew came in to do snow removal and to make sure all of the facilities were staying maintained. Some of our Public Safety officers stayed in Walker Hall to ensure they would be able to work the next day and to ensure that campus was staying safe. Some even pulled double shifts due to others not able to make it.

Residents who also double as Student Ambassadors made a HUGE contribution to Walker Hall. Because Walker Hall receives no custodial



Photo: The Buildings and Grounds crew came in to do snow removal.

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!



Photo: Residents helped keep Walker Hall clean while they were snowed in.

services during inclement weather, ambassadors (Jessika Goodpasture, Michael Spindel, William Sterner, Kyle Laine, Eric Heckman and Kristopher Raines) took care of getting the garbage to the dumpster. Their willingness to help out was a great benefit to Walker Hall.

FALL 2010 EXCEPTIONAL AMBASSADOR AWARD

At the end of the fall semester, the Student Ambassador program's officer council invited the Ranken community to nominate members of the ambassador program for the Fall 2010 Exceptional Ambassador award. Nominations were based on grades, work ethic, professionalism and an overall positive representation of the College.

The following Student Ambassadors were nominated for the award:

- » Anthony Doss (EAT/CST)
- » Jacob Siemer (INT)
- » Brandon Flowers (IT)
- » Ashleigh Tepen (AMT)
- » Kris Raines (IT)
- » Levi Cunningham (PMT)
- » Abdullah Matteuzzi (HVACR)
- » Dennis Smith (INT)
- » Tamara Trotman (IT)
- » Cole Johnson (IT)
- » Matthew Warnecke (PMT)
- » Eric Heckman (ART)
- » Corey Bechtold (EAT)



Congratulations to **Dennis Smith** who was presented with this award! Smith is a second year INT student, a student worker for the Buildings and Grounds department, a member of the Student Government Association, president of Phi Theta Kappa and vice president of the Student Ambassador officer council.

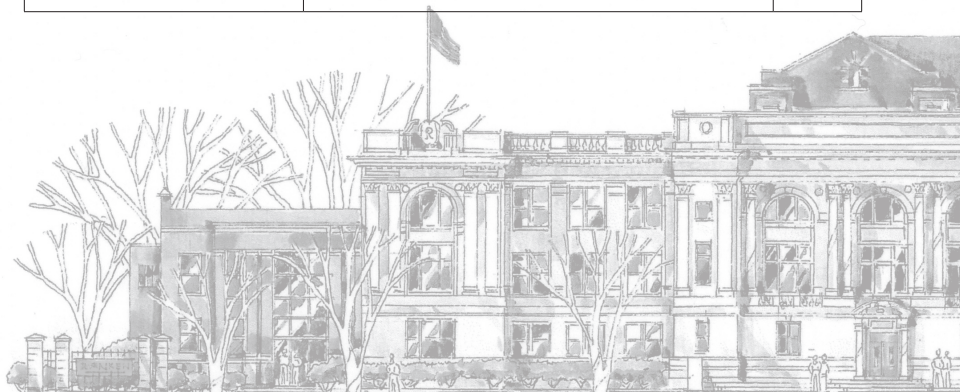
EMPLOYEE

Welcome to the new adjunct instructors who joined Ranken in January 2011:

» Dan Beilsmith	Precision Machining (evenings)	
» Melissa Benton	General Education (communication and composition)	
» Richard Byquish	General Education (communications and composition)	
» Michael Crosswhite	General Education (physics and math)	
» Jennifer Culver	General Education (composition)	
» Delena King	General Education (business and management)	
» Tommy Lucas	General Education (sociology)	
» Deborah Mashibini	General Education (composition)	
» Neil Mey	General Education (composition)	
» Travis Oliver	Collision Repair (evenings)	
» Keith Pahlmann	Industrial Technology (evenings)	

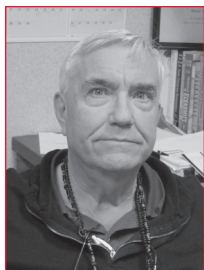
Welcome to our new full-time employees:

» Aaron Ryan	Assistant Public Safety Director	12/6
» Kyle Lympus	Automotive Maintenance Technology instructor	1/3



UPDATES

Godt Appointed to Southwestern Illinois Metropolitan and Regional Planning Commission



Mike Godt, a general education instructor at Ranken, has been appointed as a member of the Southwestern Illinois Metropolitan and Regional Planning Commission. The Commission operates under Illinois Governor, Pat Quinn. The Commission itself is an oversight committee which plans coordinates, and administers intergovernmental agreements on land use, economic development, water supply and sewage disposal, transportation, governmental and social services, and improvement

of environmental quality in area within counties of Washington, Bond, Madison, St. Clair, Randolph, Clinton, and Monroe. Mike was appointed by the governor himself to a term which expires September 30, 2013.

Godt attended the inaugural event on Monday, January 10 in Springfield, Ill.

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ALUMNI CL

1930s

William Roth (1936 Machine Shop) is proud to be celebrating the 75th anniversary of his commencement from Ranken.

1940s

Fred Mertz (1941 AMT) retired in 1987 from Lindbergh Cadillac after 50 years in automotive maintenance. He farmed in his spare time and after his retirement began farming his 200+ acres and taking care of his 35 cattle on a full time basis. He is looking forward to retiring again from farming.

Joe Finazzo (1941 Refrigeration) worked for Hussman after graduation then became a banquet captain at the University Club where he worked until he retired in 1989.

Charlie Hoffman (1948 HVAC), is now 86 and recently retired from Alton Refrigeration and Home Furnishings after 60 years in the appliance industry. His career in appliance service began shortly after he earned a degree from Ranken. Charlie's specialty at Alton Refrigeration was servicing and selling vacuum cleaners,

especially Hoover vacuums. He worked for Bill Crane, owner of the Alton Refrigeration and Home Furnishings, for 43 years. As a retirement gift, he was given a new washer, dryer, refrigerator and range. Charlie also served in World War II from 1943 until 1946. He has been married for 35 years and has three daughters.

Millard Vastine (1949 Refrigeration) is retired and lives in Lebanon, Ill. in a home that is registered and recognized as a historic site in St. Clair County. Millard is a WWII veteran.

1950s



Wilbert Sackman (1958 PLT) is a veteran of the Korean War and was asked by the Alton Telegraph to tell his story about the hydrogen bomb. You can listen and watch his interview at www.thetelegraph.com/articles/sackman-47947-bomb-hydrogen.html.

To submit an alumni update, visit our website at www.ranken.edu or contact Kathy Fern, director of alumni relations at (314) 286-4895 or ktfern@ranken.edu

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

ASS NOTES

1960s

Urban Naeger (1963 IEET) retired from French Gerleman after 43 years as an electrician. He now volunteers for St. Vincent de Paul using his skills to test appliances and to fix broken items. He also volunteers at Operation Homefront that lends support to families of deployed soldiers.

William "Willie" Fedrick (1965 IEET) is retired from Sigma Chemical (now Sigma Aldrich) after 41 years of employment. William was one of Ranken's first African-American graduates who enrolled in 1963 after graduating high school in Mississippi.

1970s

K.J. Pachesa (1972 PLT) has retired from the engineering department as a plumbing technician from Memorial Hospital in Springfield, Ill. K.J. recently held an in-service in the department for students and was amazed at the campus changes and growth.

Kevin Cody (1978 HVACR) is the executive vice president of Pipe Systems, Inc. in Orion, Mich.

1980s

Rick Rode (1985 AMT) is currently farming in Alhambra, Ill. and runs a mechanic shop off of his property.

Lor Jackson (1985 AMT, 1986 Diesel) is retired and lives in Florissant, Mo.

Bob Brengel (1985 CRP) is currently retired and is a model boat builder. He has built 10 models including replicas of the Yomato, Charles W. Morgan, Amerigo Vespucci, the Constitution, PT 109, and the USS Missouri.

1990s

Duane Rister (1990 AMT) owner of Rister Automotive and Transmission located in Alton, Ill. has been recognized as the RiverBend Growth Association Business of the Month for January 2011. In 2009, the "little shop that could" was featured in the April issue of Transmission Digest, an automotive industry journal circulated to shops all over the country.

Lyle E. Buettner (PLT 1990, 1993 INT) graduated in December 2011 with a Master's Degree in Library Science from Mizzou. Buettner and his wife, Christine Cauley Buettner (ART 1991) met while attending Ranken.

Brian Chisnell (1992 HVACR) is currently employed by ARC Heating and Cooling in Wentzville, Mo.

Wendell Hallstead (1993 Refrigeration) works as a maintenance technician for Madison County.

ALUMNI CL

1990s (continued)

Brian Dixon (1994 INEET) works for Young Dental in the maintenance department.

Michael Barry (1995 CNT) is currently a project manager for MasterCard Worldwide working and living in O'Fallon, Mo.

Ryan Keck (1997 Refrigeration) stopped in for a campus tour in January. Ryan is the co-owner of Keck Heating and Cooling located in Quincy, Ill. Ryan and his brother took over their dad's business and it continues to prosper after 30+ years.

Steve Blair, Jr. (1998 CRP) owns a construction business for residential housing called Blair Construction located in Florissant, Mo.

2000s

Justin Peters (2001 PMT) is an NC programmer at GKN Aerospace Services-St. Louis in Hazelwood, Mo.

Corey Sylcox (2001 CNT) is a Systems Administrator for Emdeon, a health care provider located in Earth City, Mo.

Willie Green (2001 CRP) stopped by the auto show booth to see what was new on campus. Willie is in the restaurant and construction business. His brother and nephew also graduated from Ranken.

Joel Gherardini (2002 ACR) is a 7th grade special education teacher in the Mattoon School District.

Michael Ledbetter (2002 INEET) has enrolled in the Kendrick-Glennon Roman Catholic Seminary located in Shrewsbury, Mo.

David Bogowith (2003 EET) was married to Kelly Hellenga in August 2010. After a honeymoon to Kauai, they will reside in Edwardsville, Ill. David works at Spray Dynamics.

Michael V. Wittman (2003 INT) married Bethany Rose Wallendorf in January 2011 at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. Mike is currently employed as a pipefitter through the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 553.

Alicia Buss (2005 ART) and Matthew Meier were married in November 2010. Alicia is an architectural designer with the Lawrence Group located in St. Louis, Mo.

Chad Bradley (2005 CST) has recently announced his engagement to Katelyn McNulty and plans to wed in October 2011. Chad is employed at City Electric in St. Louis.

Jonathan Manson (2006 CRP) is currently living in Taipei, Taiwan, and is employed as an English instructor.

ASS NOTES

2000s (continued)

Morgan Wall Daenzer (2006 ART) passed the LEED exam in January and is now a LEED green associate. She is currently working at HOK in their healthcare division as an architectural technician.

Joe Westermayer IV (2007 HVACR) is currently employed at Novus International, Inc., in St. Charles, Mo., as an operations and maintenance technician. Joe has returned to campus as a student again enrolled in the BSAM program.

Wayne Grace (2007 CNT) is currently working as a RMA technician at CBIZ Network Solutions in Edwardsville, Ill.

Jacob Campbell (2007 ESDT) was recently married to Elizabeth Macke and serves as a Corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Joshua Rickelmann (2007 INT) is the maintenance engineer at The Chase Park Plaza Hotel.

Kelly Bade Haberberger (2008 ART) joins her husband, Kyle, in welcoming a 7 lb. 1 oz. 19 1/2" long beautiful baby girl to the family. Lauren Irene Haberberger was born on November 2, 2010.

Jordan Taylor (2008 IT) is currently employed by REJIS as an associate network analyst.

Cody Przygoda (2009 AMT) has enlisted in the Marines and is stationed in Okinawa Japan.

Robert France (2009 ACR) works for Cassens Dodge in Edwardsville, Ill.

Joshua Dodson (2010 ESDT) is employed by Sargent & Lundy, LLC in nuclear power technologies in Chattanooga, Ten.

Alumni Memorium

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

- Harry Mauchenheimer (1928 Industrial Electricity/Electronics) passed away January 14, 2011 just four days after celebrating his 101st birthday with his family.
- Frank Bokan (1929 Machine Shop) - passed away January 7, 2011 just 21 days after his 99th birthday
- Aldo J. Corradi (1947 Mechanical Drafting) - January 2011
- Donald E. Dulaney (1967 ACR) - December 2010
- William L. Helvie (1949 Patternmaking) - December 2010
- Dale C. Ramey (1951 IEET), alumnus and former Ranken instructor - December 2010
- Herbert Thal (1947 HVACR) - December 2010
- William Tulley (1950 IEET) - November 2010
- Joe Volmert (1997 PMT) - November 2010
- Ralph L. Voelpel (1941 Machine Shop) - October 2010

Words written by Ralph's daughter, Linda, "Sad to say my dad, Ralph L. Voelpel, a proud Ranken graduate, died October 29, 2010, at the age of 89. We placed his well-worn Ranken ball cap with him in his casket then it came home with me. He wore that cap so often that a few years ago I had a replica made so when he and Mom went places he had a cleaner cap to wear in public! A few days ago, I found dad's Ranken class work in a binder that I passed along to my nephew, an engineer and Navy Seabee attached to a SEAL unit. All that work from the early 1940s still intact! My dad's other three grandchildren also inherited their grandpa's mechanical aptitude. My son earned a Bachelor of Automotive Technology from Pittsburg State University, and his two granddaughters can hold their own with tools, basic automotive and general mechanical repairs."

- Ewald Ochs (1939 CRP) - September 2010
- Mario J. Ciuffa (1944 IEET) - August 2010
Words written by Mario's son, Chris, "Thanks for all of your instructions in teaching him about the electrical trade. He loved the school, being a 47-year electrician with I.B.E.W. and union member for sixty years, and he was also a great man of love for his family and friends. Thanks for shaping him so well."
- Donald C. Orf (1958 PLT) - August 2010
- Russ Reagan (1990 Diesel) - August 2010
- Walter V. Thenhaus (1948 Machine Shop) - May 2010
- Lionel Gray (2003 HVAC) - February 2010
- Carl W. Van Deven (1995 HVACS) - July 2009

Leaders Are Readers

Larry Kelso (1989 ACR) recently gave a presentation to students in the ACR classes, alumni and faculty during the Alumni Entrepreneur Workshop. Larry spoke about the path that led to his ownership of Performance Auto Color in High Ridge, Mo., nearing its one-year anniversary. Larry began his career at Turk's Auto Body and Show-Me Auto Body before taking an estimating position with Safeco Insurance, and then a technical sales position with Akzo Nobel.

"The Monopoly board game of economics was a real eye opener for me. I was working very hard but only living paycheck to paycheck," said Larry. "I kept going around and around the board. My company was making millions but couldn't afford to give me a raise."



Photo: Larry Kelso gave a talk at the recent Alumni Entrepreneur Workshop.

He began to look at ways to supplement his income before he took the leap. He found websites that listed the top 50 young entrepreneurs under 30 who are making millions. He got involved in online sales with Amway Global™; BWW, an education and mentoring association of business leaders; and mybidwiz.com, an online bid company that coordinates home repair requests for homeowners with companies who subscribe to the service. With his contacts in the business, friends and spiritual support, Larry pressed forward.

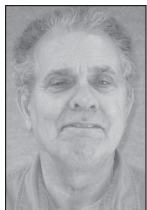
Larry is also a member of the College's Alumni Leadership Council and a volunteer judge for the SkillsUSA competition. Larry recalled that participation in the competition prepared him for many of the challenges he had as a technician. He encouraged all of the students to take advantage of what Ranken has to offer. Larry also thanked his former instructor and friend, Larry Schmidt, for his mentoring and support over many years. Larry told the story of how he painted his first vehicle at age 15 and how he grew up in his dad's shop where he worked side by side with him.

He concluded his presentation by sharing a list of books that he read that helped him in his decision making path. In his words, "leaders are readers." The book list includes: "The Magic of Thinking Big" by David J. Schwartz, Ph.D., "How to Win Friends and Influence People" by Dale Carnegie, "Think & Grow Rich" by Napoleon Hill, "Skill with People" by Les Giblin and the "Holy Bible." Larry's pastor and friend, Wayne Kuenzle, from the First Baptist Church of Cedar Hill was a guest during the presentation.

The next Alumni Entrepreneur Workshop will be held in the fall. Any alumnus volunteer is welcome who has a motivational and instructional story to tell of the path to company success. Contact Kathy Fern for more information.

Changes in Alumni Leadership Council

The Alumni Leadership Council is made up of representatives from each of Ranken's technical departments. They meet on a regular basis to discuss activities for alumni participation in on- and off- campus events. Recently, the Council welcomed new members, and said goodbye to another. The new members are:



Jack Cleaver (1962 RAH) is currently retired and resides in Cadet, Mo. Jack was owner of Control Specialties in St. Louis, Mo. from 1994 to 2007. Prior to that he was Group Operations Supervisor for Landis & GYR in St. Louis, Mo. Jack's work history includes working with mechanical contractors, managing employees and multiple projects in the control systems and piping industry. Jack has taught at Jefferson College, Ranken Technical College, North County Technical School, and Basic Institute of Technology. His hobbies are fishing, camping and rebuilding old cars. Jack is a routine visitor to the Ranken car show and eager to rejoin Ranken with council activities.



Dave Garvin (1981 HVAC) is currently one of three product/brand managers at Nordyne LLC, which owns and operates four manufacturing companies. As product manager, Dave has responsibility for all packaged products. Nordyne manufactures its domestic products in the Midwest and sells them under consumer names such as Maytag, Frigidaire, Westinghouse, Tappan, Intertherm, Miller and others. The O'Fallon, Mo. based manufacturing company for residential

manufactured housing and light commercial HVAC products is one of three manufacturing plants in Missouri in addition to the one it owns in Tennessee.

"The education I received from Ranken helped me excel in troubleshooting HVAC equipment. I was at Parkway school district when that became clear to me. I could read and understand very complex wiring diagrams and accurately troubleshoot the equipment. While at Air Experts as a commercial service technician, I continued my education through RSES and achieved Certificate Membership. It was about that same time when I started teaching night school at Ranken," said Dave.

Dave has worked in various positions in the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning industry beginning in 1981 as a counter sales clerk in an appliance parts store to technician, journeyman and manager.



Megan Rawson (2008 ART) began her career at Ranken in architecture by receiving an Associate of Science in Architecture degree in 2006, and then decided to take the technology route with a focus on CAD Management, hardware and software instead of design. She began an internship under alumnus, Kevin Wallis (ART 1998) at Code Consultants, Inc. in the summer of 2007, and while

continuing at Ranken, she continued to work with Kevin as a CAD technician until December 2008 when she graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Architecture.

Due to a rough economy, construction was slow and Megan was forced to work outside of the architecture field for nearly a year until she found what

has become a great fit for her. She received an offer and began working at the World Bearquarters of Build-A-Bear Workshop, Inc. located in St. Louis in November 2009 as the construction and bearilities coordinator. She works directly with Build-a-Bear stores in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico to ensure the stores are always "Grand Opening" ready. Most days, she works with contractors and vendors to ensure maintenance work is done correctly and up to Bearquarter standards. She also works on special projects such as store remodels, upgrades, and relocations. In addition, she works with international franchisees on layouts and fixturing of new Bear stores.

"Being in the architecture department, we often spent many long hours in the studio. That dedication and hard work has definitely become part of my daily routine at Build-A-Bear. Of course all of the construction aspects factor in daily too, as do building systems, and building codes. I must admit, being one of the few girls at Ranken was a challenge at times, but I was fortunate to have a great group of guys in class with me that soon became more like the brothers that I never had. I can happily say that we keep in contact as a class and with our instructors often," said Megan.

Council members said goodbye to Mike Schweiss (1977 PMT) at the January meeting. With recent changes in his work schedule, and seeing



Photo: Mike Schweiss (left) receives certificate of appreciation for his volunteer work from council president Bill Layman.

some economic upswing in machining, Mike is no longer able to devote time to the council for meetings away from the office, but he will continue to be involved in council activities. Mike played a big role as a co-house captain in the community service project with Rebuilding Together last year. He will continue to be a part of the upcoming 8th Annual Car Show on campus April 17. "Mike was an asset to the Council over the last year. We're sorry to see him go, but hopeful that a time will come when he can return," said Bill Layman, president of the council.

Other members of the Alumni Leadership include:

- Dean Alinder, Automotive Maintenance, Class of 1962
- Tamikka Reed, Information Technology, Class of 2007
- Don Huster, Automotive Maintenance, Class of 1967
- Larry Kelso, Automotive Collision Repair, Class of 1989
- Bill Layman, Industrial Electricity/Electronics, Class of 1993
- Bill Rueckert, Automotive Maintenance, Class of 1956
- Larry Schmidt, Faculty Representative, Class of 1982
- Gary Alvers, Plumbing Technology, Class of 1994
- Christopher Werner, Automotive Collision Repair, Class of 2006
- Brett Randall, Carpentry, Class of 1994

If any PMT or Welding graduate is interested in joining the council, please contact Kathy Fern in alumni relations at (314) 286-4895.

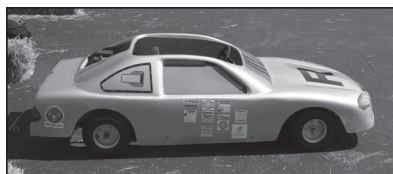
Enter to Win a NASCAR Go Kart

Kids of all ages will enjoy this prize! The Alumni Leadership Council is raffling a NASCAR model go kart made in the Summer Racer's camp last summer.

Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5 and are available from a member of the Alumni Leadership Council (list on page 35) or from Kathy Fern in the Alumni Relations office in Walker Hall.

- » 1st Prize - Silver NASCAR Go Kart (\$1,750 value)
 - 5.5 Gas powered automatic, pull start motor
 - Single seat, fiberglass shell on steel frame
 - Six tread tires with tube mounted steel rims
 - Wheel base: 56" Width: 36" Height: 22-26"
 - Size fits ages 6 years old to adult -up to 6'2 and 300 lbs
 - 25 MPH rating

- » 2nd Prize - \$250
- » 3rd Prize - \$100
- » 4th Prize - \$50
- » 5th Prize - \$50



The raffle will be held in the Finney lobby on Friday, September 2, 2011 at 12:00 p.m. The silver go kart is a great gift for the holidays for a child, teen, or an adult who is a kid at heart. Contact Kathy Fern at (314) 286-4895 for more information or to purchase tickets.

GET HEALTHY AT RANKEN

To stay on track with your resolution to get healthy, use the weight room at Ranken! The weight room is open to all Ranken alumni. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. To use the weight room, obtain a Fitness ID card through Alumni Relations, show the ID card and sign in at the front gate each time you visit. The weight room is free and is located on the ground level of the Cook Building inside the Student Center. IDs are required for all campus visitors. Contact Kathy Fern at (314) 286-4895 to get your ID.



Ranken Joins National Rebuild Day 2011

Volunteers are needed for a community service day with Rebuilding Together, a local not for profit who uses volunteers to rebuild and repair homes for the poor and elderly in the St. Louis area. Over 100 homes will be repaired in and around the St. Louis Metro Area on National Rebuilding Day 2011 scheduled for **Saturday, April 30**. We're looking for alumni, students, employees and friends to join Team Ranken!

When: Saturday, April 30, 2011 (meet at Ranken at 8:00 a.m. and plan to work until approximately 5:00 p.m.)

What You Need: Your own tools, mops, buckets, rags and other cleaning supplies if you have them. Lunch, drinks and a t-shirt will be provided.



If you are interested in helping on a home located two blocks from Ranken's campus, please contact Kathy Fern by April 8. For more details on Rebuilding Together check out www.rebuildingtogether-stl.org.

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JOIN OUR eSCRIP PROGRAM!

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

The eScrip program, developed by the Schnucks Corporation, helps colleges and special interest groups all across the country.

To join the e-scrip program and help Ranken add to the Alumni Association Scholarship fund, follow the below steps:

1. Sign up for Schnucks eScrip Community Card by contacting Kathy Fern in Ranken's Alumni Relations office located in Walker Hall by calling (314) 286-4895 or email ktfern@ranken.edu. Up to four cards can be issued per household.
2. Present your eScrip Card to the cashier at any Schnucks location when you check out. Schnucks will donate a percentage of your total store purchases to the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund.

To date, 164 parents, students, staff and alumni have contributed to Ranken through this program. It's a free and easy way to support education and we appreciate all of our loyal card carrying Schnucks shoppers. Cards are available through the Alumni Relations office in Walker Hall at any time or you can sign up for this program by contacting Kathy Fern at (314) 286-4895.

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Senior Celebration

All Ranken seniors and alumni are invited to attend the Senior Celebration on Tuesday, April 5 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in room G108/109 to celebrate Ranken's 2011 graduates. If you are an alumnus who would like to attend, please contact Kathy Fern at (314) 286-4895 for more information.

Shadow-a-Tech

All potential students are invited to spend part of their day on campus to get a first hand look at what it's like to be a Ranken student. This half-day event includes breakfast, lunch, a program tour and the opportunity to participate in a hands-on project in a classroom setting. To sign up for one of the dates below, please register online at www.ranken.edu or call (314) 286-4849.

- Wednesday, April 6, 2011
- Wednesday, April 27, 2011 (Automotive only)

Placement Testing Day

Choose from three different sessions on Thursday, April 14 to take the placement test and enjoy a free continental breakfast or afternoon snack. The \$25 application fee will be waived for day students who take the test during this event. Please register online at www.ranken.edu or call (314) 286-4849. Space is limited.

Spring Commencement & Golden Graduates

Ranken's spring commencement ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2011 at Chaifetz Arena. Prior to commencement, the Alumni Association will host their annual Golden Graduate ceremony for 1961 graduates. Invitations will be mailed to those eligible to attend. Distinguished Alumni awards will also be presented.

E D A T E

Sunday, April 17, 2011

8TH ANNUAL

CAR SHOW & ALUMNI REUNION

Ranken Technical College
4431 Finney Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63113

Open to the public
FREE for spectators
Huge raffle
Live DJ and music
Dash plaques for first 100!
Alumni reunion & luncheon
Vehicle photos
Food vendors
Car Show t-shirts

All proceeds benefit the Ranken Car Club

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
(rain or shine event)

» Registration
» Judging Ends
» Awards

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m.

- » Registration is \$10 per vehicle on the day of the event. Vehicles may only be registered in one class and registration is final.
- » "Best In Class" will be awarded in each class by a popular vote of all registrants. One "Student's Choice Award" will also be awarded.
- » Test your horsepower on the Chassis Dyno in the High Performance Racing Technology shop at the Mary Ann Lee Technology Center. Only \$20 per pull!
- » See back for car show classes and a map to Ranken.

For general questions or to find out how to become a sponsor or vendor, contact:

Dan Kania at (314) 286-4834 or dakania@ranken.edu

No outside coolers or alcoholic beverages are allowed.

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All Ranken alumni are invited to attend the **Alumni Reunion** from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. under the alumni tent. We would love to see you all there to represent your department! The "traveling trophy" for the most alumni in attendance was won by Automotive Collision AGAIN last year! Which department will spoil their winning streak?

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calendar of upcoming events

March 2011

Spring Break (students) | 28-31

April 2011

Spring Break (students) | 1

Shadow-a-Tech | 6

Women In Technology Meeting | 7

Placement Testing Day | 14

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Parents: If this newsletter is addressed to your son or daughter who no longer maintains a permanent address at your home, kindly notify the Alumni Office of their new mailing address: alumni@ranken.edu or call (314) 286-4895.

