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WTI WELCOMES SPIRIT AEROSYSTEMS



WTI is looking forward to the exciting opportunity to work with Spirit AeroSystems. Spirit's employees are attending our Electronic Systems Technology courses. We are happy to be able to work with our surrounding employers to meet their training needs.

WTI's Electronic Systems Technology program is a great way to learn programming, wiring circuits, and soldering. Not only that, but students get to experience the perfect balance of hands-on and online learning.

“Spirit AeroSystems designs and builds aerostructures for both commercial and defense customers. With headquarters in Wichita, Kansas, Spirit operates sites in the U.S., U.K., France and Malaysia. The company's core products include fuselages, pylons, nacelles and wing components for the world's premier aircraft. Spirit AeroSystems focuses on affordable, innovative composite and aluminum manufacturing solutions to support customers around the globe.”

GRADUATION - A BRIGHTER FUTURE BEGINS

Students from Topeka, Wichita and Joplin recently got to proudly walk across the stage and claim their Diploma or Degree. The entirety of WTI is so proud of each of the students. This is only the beginning to a greater future; we can't wait to see what the graduates continue to accomplish.

“Reach for the stars and you will get to the moon. I say reach for yourself, and you will get to the stars.” – Francisco Leon

Topeka held their graduation on December 1, Joplin held their graduation on November 5, Wichita held their graduation on October 16.



Joplin Graduates



Wichita Graduates



Topeka Graduates

NOTABLE DATES & EVENTS

- 1/17** - Martin Luther King Jr. Day (NO CLASS)
- 2/21** - Presidents' Day (NO CLASS)
- 3/7** - New Quarter Start
- 3/13** - Daylight Saving Time starts
Spring forward one hour

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TOYS FOR TOTS

With the help of WTI staff, students and friends, WTI in Wichita was able to collect 243 gifts for Toys for Tots to help make sure every child got a gift for the holiday. On, December 9th a couple of Santa's helpers in the United States Marine Corp came to pick up all the donations.

We were amazed by all who contributed, and we are sure the children that received the toys are beyond thankful. Thank you again to all who contributed. We are looking to expand our efforts to all campuses for December 2022.



VETERANS DAY IN 2021

In November of 2021, WTI directors visited each classroom and personally thanked every veteran for serving our country. Each veteran was also given a pin to commemorate their service. We thank you for keeping us safe and defending our freedoms.

ROAD TRIP TO LEBANON

Joplin HVAC students got to take a road trip and spend some time outside of the classroom touring Emerson Compressor Plant Inc.

During their tour, the students were able to see robotic machines in operation and units that weigh anywhere from 1.5 to 10 tons being assembled. The tour was very informative for the students. They were able to see how basic materials were formed and machined into finished products.

“Emerson is a diversified global manufacturing and technology company. It offers a wide range of products and services in the areas of network power, process management, industrial automation, climate technologies, and tools and storage businesses. Recognized widely for its engineering capabilities and management excellence, Emerson has approximately 127,700 employees and 240 manufacturing locations worldwide.

The plant in Lebanon, MO is Emerson's flagship operation for scroll compressor assembly and a machining powerhouse for main bearing housings and scroll elements. With over 60 million scroll compressors produced in the past 27 years.”



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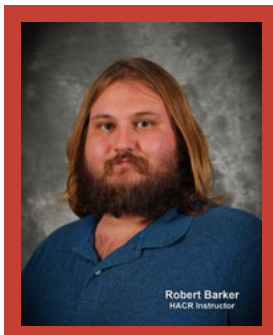
OBTAINING THE STANDARD. THE J-STANDARD.

One of the most important tests that the Electronic Systems Technology students have to take is to obtain the IPC J-Standard Solder Certification. The students pictured took their J-Standard Solder Certification in the middle of November.

During their training, the students learned how to properly solder wires and terminals, through-hole components, and surface mount components. They also learned how to look over their work thoroughly and properly, as if they were an inspector in the electronics field. The J-Standard Solder Certification is recognized in the electronics manufacturing fields, such as the aerospace and biomedical manufacturing industries.

INSIDER INFO

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Robert Barker - *Tulsa HVAC Instructor*

How long have you worked at WTI and what is your role?

I have worked at WTI Tulsa as the first quarter HVAC instructor since August 2020.

What's your favorite thing about working at WTI?

I love interacting with my students at the beginning of class and asking how their weekend went.

What advice would you give to WTI students?

Don't give up! Investing in education is investing in yourself & it's the most important investment you can make.

What advice would you give to WTI students?

Even if you don't quite understand what the chapter is discussing, read the whole chapter and take notes. Ask the instructor your questions during the next class period.

What made you choose your field of study/career?

I got started in HVAC when I was around 10 years old so I could spend more time with my dad. I got the opportunity to go to a trade school during my junior and senior years of high school and fell in love with the academic side of the trade.

What is a fun fact about you that many don't know?

I won a drag competition in high school. My name was Patty Melt and my talent was comedy.



MOO-VING INTO FUN HANDS-ON LEARNING

Medical Assistants in Tulsa and Wichita all got to tug at some heart strings (literally) when they got the opportunity to dissect a cow heart. In the hands-on lab, students got to explore chambers and valves inside of the cow heart to better understand how the cardiovascular system functions.

FEEL GOOD FOCUS



I remember one of our first IT students. His name was Bill. Bill had come to us after his previous employer decided to close their doors. Like the rest of the employees, he wanted to make sure he used this opportunity to build a brighter future for himself. So, he took a tour of the WTI Joplin campus and decided to enroll for the Computer Technology and Network Administration program. He was a diligent student who had to drive a long distance to get to the campus, but he consistently made the trip.

I watched from a distance as he maneuvered his way through the IT program, acquiring any certification that was offered to add to his portfolio. Bill wanted to be marketable and always had a great attitude about obtaining any certification he could reach for.

Bill and I worked together to develop a resume as he got closer to graduating. I remember starting the conversation to find out what he wanted in a career. He had a dollar amount in mind for his salary and wanted to get in a business where he could be a vital part of the team.

As Bill finished his education, I gave him a lead on a job with a

company close to his hometown. Bill got an interview and we talked about how to dress for success. Bill was mature enough that I wasn't worried about him, he had confidence in everything he had learned.

I still remember the phone call I received after he was offered the job. He was so excited. He was delighted they offered more than he asked for; they also gave him a cell phone and his own office.

Our students and graduates keep us moving forward. Seeing what we do making a difference in their lives makes it all worth it.

It's exciting seeing them work toward a new future and career path. WTI has provided so many life-changing opportunities for graduates.

About Stephen Gillmore:

Stephen is the Senior Career Services Specialist in Joplin and has been with WTI for 13 years. He has a total of 17 years of experience helping individuals to prepare for their future. Stephen has worked in multiple areas of employment and training which has enhanced his ability to "think outside the box" and leverage multiple resources to help graduates.

Stephens favorite quote is "Whether you think you can or think you can't, you're right" – Henry Ford.

GRADUATE SUCCESS



Tanya is a Joplin graduate who is easy-going, hardworking, and loves helping others. Helping others and being hardworking are two traits that she has in common with the person that she most admires, her father. These personality traits are perfect for the field that she decided to go into.

She decided to pursue an education in the medical field at WTI. Tanya said the entire staff was amazing from start to finish. She enjoyed every moment of all the interactions she had.

One of the challenges that Tanya faced while attending WTI is when she was diagnosed with stage four breast cancer on the second day of her externship. Her instructors were all helpful and worked with her while she went through cancer treatments. She went

through treatments for one year, fought it, and beat it. Tanya was an inspiration to the students, faculty, and staff at WTI.

As we watched her triumph over cancer and finish school despite her challenges, it provides us with motivation to deal with challenges in our own lives.

Tanya's definition of success is "confidently knowing that you achieved your goals." She definitely did just that and received her Registered Medical Assistant (RMA) Certification. Career services helped her work on a resume, and she accepted a job offer in her career field.

Her advice to future WTI students is, "Keep your head up and know that all the instructors and staff will be there for you."



GOAL ACHIEVED!

September 2021 **Graduates** Employed in their Field as of Date of Publication



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