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Public Safety/Protective Services Graduates Serve Country

Two former Public Safety/Protective Services (PS/PS) students and Glen Lake graduates (2009), **Dillon Rosa** and **John Bunek** have committed their lives to military service. Dillon will enter the U.S. Coast Guard in January, 2010 and be stationed initially in Cape May, New Jersey. With his ultimate goal of having a Coast Guard career in Maritime Law Enforcement and traveling the world, Dillon is grateful for the knowledge about laws and the constitution that he received in PS/PS. John entered the U.S. Navy on July 9 and is currently in the process of becoming a Navy SEAL (**SEa, Air, and Land**). The process to become a SEAL is brutal and will require John to spend over 30 months in training, at which point he will be ready for deployment anywhere in the world. Currently stationed on Coronado Island near San Diego, California, John credits the PSPS program with helping him be mentally focused and disciplined and held to a higher standard than most other students.



(L-R) Dylan Rosa; John Bunek

Former Electrical Occupations Student Continues Educational Journey

After graduating from Benzie Central (2008) and attending CTC's Electrical Occupations program, **Derek Roelofs** knew that he would need to receive additional training to be able to work in the Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) field. As a result, he enrolled in the two-year HVAC program at Grand Rapids Community College in fall 2008, and successfully completed three semesters of work, only to return to northern Michigan to eventually complete his associates degree at Northwestern Michigan College. Upon his graduation in June, he hopes to secure a job in the HVAC industry; if not, he will then attend Ferris State University to earn his Bachelor's degree. He vividly remembers attending CTC's Fall Open House as a tenth grade student and talking to the instructor Tim VanderMeulen about the Electrical Occupations program. At the time, he knew it was the program for him, as what he learned at CTC "had an application for life." He advises current CTC students that, "if they are thinking about attending school after high school graduation, they should do so right away." It only gets harder as a person gets older and more responsibilities come later in life.



Mr. V., Derek Roelofs

Graduate Moves from CTC to BMW

Jacob Schaub, Traverse City West (2008) and graduate of the Automotive Technology (AT) program, joined the technical staff of Fox Grand Traverse – BMW, servicing all BMW models. When Jacob was in the AT program, he had a work experience at a local independent repair shop. However, he had visions of working for a dealership and being a master technician. Jacob's second year in the AT class was spent working for Grand Traverse Auto in the "quick lube" division. Because of his excellent work ethic, he was promoted to quick service; however, this was not where he wanted to be. When a position opened in the BMW division of Grand Traverse Auto, he was moved into that position. As he worked, management saw his potential and sent him numerous times to the BMW training center near Chicago, Illinois. BMW training is rigorous and is reserved for the "select few." Since then, he has worked hard and survived the transfer of ownership from Grand Traverse Auto to Fox Motors Grand Traverse. Jacob plans on continuing his training and working toward the position of the "number one" BMW technician for Fox Grand Traverse. According to those who work with him, this is not such a far-fetched goal!



Jacob Schaub

Culinary Student Explores Opportunities at Traverse City's Hanna Bistro

A senior at Traverse City Central and a second-year student in the Culinary Arts program, **Allie Cole** is currently working under the guidance of Rob Giffer, owner, and Chef Carrie Trogan, at Hanna Bistro. She began her "stint" there in June, 2009 and works three days a week – one week day after school and Friday and Saturday. As part of her training, Allie does prep work, making bread, soups, and desserts; however, Rob has made certain that she is exposed to all aspects of the restaurant – hot line, dining bar, and front-of-the-house. She has been surprised by the fast-paced nature of the business. Although she has always loved to cook, Allie is not certain if she will pursue this as a life-time career. Planning on attending Northwestern Michigan College next year to take her core academic classes, she is also "toying with the idea" of pursuing a career in nursing or the health care field, as it is her desire to be involved in medical missionary work in Africa sometime in her future. As Allie indicated, CTC has allowed her to explore a possible career field and, if she doesn't eventually continue her training in culinary, nonetheless the time spent at CTC has been extremely valuable to help her decide the career path she will travel.



Allie Cole

Pet Care Industry Lures CTC Graduates

Two former Agriscience/Natural Resources (AGNR) students, **Katie Kiessel**, Suttons Bay (2009) and **Samantha Johnson**, Mancelona (2009), have begun or will begin their post-secondary training in order to pursue a career in the field of veterinary medicine. As the pet care industry continues to grow and pet owners begin to think of their pets as family members, there is an increasing need for both veterinarians and veterinary technicians. In fact, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the staffing demand for veterinary technicians is expected to exceed the number of qualified graduates between 2008 and 2018. Samantha hopes to be one of these qualified graduates sometime in the near future. Working at the Bellaire Animal Hospital as a vet assistant, Samantha administers medications, cleans cages, answers the phone and clients' questions, as well as helping with surgeries and filling prescriptions. She is planning on attending Northwestern Michigan College in the spring to continue her training and work toward her veterinary technician degree. While in the AGNR program, she followed the veterinary science pathway and completed her coursework, primarily on-line. She credits her involvement in the program with helping her decide that veterinary science is the career area that she wants to pursue. Katie Kiessel started her college studies immediately after graduation from high school and has just completed her first semester as a pre-veterinary/biology major at Saginaw Valley State University with the hopes of eventually becoming a large animal veterinarian. She, like Samantha, worked on-line with her veterinary science coursework through AGNR and enjoyed the self-paced aspect of the program. CTC allowed her to explore her options and make sure that veterinary medicine was what she wanted to do. Furthermore, she added, "It helped me learn how to pace myself without a teacher standing over my shoulder all the time. CTC was one of the best experiences of my high school career!"



Katie Kiessel

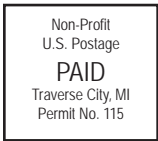
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CTC “Opened a lot of Doors”

Two weeks after graduating from Suttons Bay High School (2007) and leaving the Welding and Fabrication program, **Matt Campeau** used his welding skills to secure a job as a pipe welder. Currently working in that capacity in Hemlock, Michigan at a semi-conductor facility, he praised his instructors for all the knowledge and training that they gave to him while he was in the two-year program. “Listen to the instructors,” Matt advises future CTC students, “because they know what they are talking about.” While Matt attended CTC, he was involved in welding competitions and was a member of the National Technical Honor Society. “CTC opened a lot of doors for me and, for that, I will be forever grateful,” Matt added.



Matt Campeau

CTC Co-op Job Leads to Full-Time Design Job

Alex Homant, Traverse City Central (2007) and former Drafting/Design Technology (DDT) student, had taken drafting classes at his home high school, but knew that he wanted to go beyond what was offered in this area and learn more about designing assemblies and parts. As a result, he enrolled in CTC’s DDT program for the second half of his senior year. When he was in the program, it felt more like a job than being in school, and he had a chance to work on projects that were real-world. Because of this training, he was placed on a co-op job at Olmsted Products in Elk Rapids which then led to a full-time, 50-60 hour job as a designer. As part of a small team, he designs valves for offshore oil rigs that are located all over the world – a challenging and stressful job, at times, but one that is exciting and fulfilling as he sees his design evolve into the finished product. This job has allowed him to be able to purchase his own home, at the age of 19, as well as be able to continue with his general studies at Northwestern Michigan College. CTC, without a doubt, he argues, was the place that prepared him the most for his current job. He advises future CTC students to find out what they want to do with their lives and pursue their goals. “If there is a program that interests you at CTC, by all means, explore it.”



NEWS AND NOTES Career-Tech Center, “A Great Place to Learn”

To paraphrase the philosopher John Dewey, the purpose of education is to enhance individual effectiveness by helping the learner gain practical knowledge. At the CTC, our team has embraced this philosophy and continually strives to increase student achievement in technical, academic and soft-skill areas. A recent study of corporate recruiters identified the top ten attributes that employers are seeking during the hiring process. They are:

• Communication skills	• Work ethic
• Integrity	• Analytical abilities
• Teamwork	• Flexibility
• Interpersonal skills	• Computer skills
• Initiative	• Self-confidence

The technical programs at our Center provide an outstanding opportunity for students to sharpen these skills and simultaneously participate in relevant learning experiences which help them prepare for many of the fastest growing occupations between now and 2014. Some of those identified within our region include Network Systems Analysts, Masons and Registered Nurses. For more information, you are welcome to review the following sites:

- CTC Programs Offerings www.tbactc.org
- NW Lower Michigan Job Outlook <http://www.milmi.org/?PAID=202>
- What Employers Want <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XGdTTbXizYI>



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CTC Saves Student Time and Money

Kaitlynn Cassem, a 2008 Leelanau St. Mary’s graduate and a completer of the Health Science Technology and Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) program, knows the full value of her experience at CTC. Currently a student in the Physician Assistant (PA) program at University of Detroit Mercy, Kaitlynn was required to have a certification either in Emergency Medical Training (EMT) or CNA in order to complete the program. Most students need to complete this training over the summer and pay for it out of their own pocketbook. However, Kaitlynn was already certified, because of her training at CTC, and not only did this save her money, but she also was left with the summer to take classes and get ahead of the other students! Additionally, she used her CNA to work in a nursing home which gave her extra work experience, not to mention some extra money. “CTC definitely helped prepare me,” Kaitlynn stated, “especially for my medical classes and my anatomy classes. I already knew all of my medical terminology and many other details that have helped me succeed.” Her advice to students thinking about attending CTC? “Just try it! I was a little hesitant at first because I didn’t want to leave all of my friends at my high school, but it was worth it! Going to CTC was one of the best parts of high school for me, and I am so glad that I decided to go. And, I also would like to say thanks again for all my wonderful times at CTC; CTC does an awesome job!”



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