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Cosmetology's SHEAR Creative Genius: Terry Delp

In just over five years, Terry Delp has helped to create a cosmetology program that is recognized within the local community for producing excellent graduates.

"We have salons that only deal with PBCC students, and we can't have a better recommendation than that," said Delp, who is a Post-Secondary Adult Vocational instructor and one of the founding department members of the cosmetology program at Palm Beach Community College.

Delp doesn't have to look far for an example of student satisfaction. He keeps the reminder

in his office in the form of a special wedding photo of a former cosmetology student. Delp and his wife were invited to the Mt. Dora ceremony and were surprised to be seated at the head table among honored guests and family members.

The groom rose and toasted him saying, "Mr. Delp, you know why you're here. Thank you for changing my life." That kind of recommendation is what makes hopeful students line up for an opening in the program.

There are a total of 75 coveted cosmetology spots and no ad-



Cosmetology Instructor Terry Delp was recently named Program Instructor of the Year.

vertising needs to be done to fill them. In fact, the reputation of quality in PBCC's cosmetology program has spread entirely by word of mouth.

Delp is a stickler. Students know he

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Student Scholar, Mesmer, Raves about PBCC's Apprenticeship Programs



Patrick Mesmer

Last year, I was

promoted to a sales and design position involving much more responsibility at Smithco Services Air Conditioning. It was a rude awakening for me to be on the other end of the "management rela-

tionship."

During a monthly meeting, company owner Ken Cook started talking about a college scholarship program offered by PBACCA (Palm Beach Air Conditioning Contractors Association). The program involved an actual college degree in management. My ears perked up immediately.

I had attended college

a couple of times in the past, but I had lacked focus and direction as many of us do when we are young.

As I grew older and more responsible, part of me regretted never accomplishing anything at a collegiate level. As Ken talked about the programs, my interest grew. I inquired about it and immediately

filled out the paperwork to apply for a scholarship. A short time later I learned that I had won it!

I enrolled in the Industrial Operations Management Technology Program and signed up for my first class. It did not take long to get on track. I did well in

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Delp encourages student success, post-graduate contact as priority

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has high expectations and they rise to the challenge. If they don't clock the required number of hours or miss more than 2 classes their graduation will be affected, but they also think he is fair as well as professionally demanding.

"He wants all students to be the best they possibly can be and he pushes us to meet our goals," said Melissa Lovett, a Spring 2007 graduate. "He is a great teacher with great teaching capabilities. It is a good education and very hands on!"

"I want the expectations higher than the student, community, and profession think [they should be]. I be-

lieve the college and the cosmetology department have set the bar," Delp said. "We want to prepare the students to enter the work force fully prepared."

One example of this top notch preparation is found in the array of quality hair products students use. PBCC's cosmetology students use name brands and also have the Cadillac of facial and pedi-spa equipment at the college.

"Our students use six to eight top-of-the-line spa products, which is unusual. Most beauty schools are lucky to have students work with one high-end product," said Delp.

Delp isn't shy about his love of teaching and

passing the creative spark to his students. "I like to teach and I have some natural abilities."

Those natural abilities helped Delp earn his Associate's degree from Wesley Col-

lege in Delaware and his Bachelor's degree from Albright College in Pennsylvania before he went to beauty college.

Delp is also a hair replacement and hair enhancement specialist and attended the Redken Professional School.

He is proud of all the lives he touches and keeps an open door to graduates and students.

"They come back and I check up on my students. I will go visit them and talk to their employer," Delp said.

It is his way to make improvements and stay creative.

Whatever the key ingredient, it is obvious that Delp motivates his students to be their best. His graduates are turning heads and are the type of cosmetologists shops are looking to hire.



For more information and an unedited version of this article click [here](#).

Austin Enos, Automotive Program, passed all 8 certification areas in engine performance ASE testing and is now a certified Master Technician for Palm Beach Land Rover, his employer. He continues his training at the factory and once completed, Enos will earn an additional dollar above his starting pay for every ASE test he passes. This will bring his salary to more than \$20 per hour!

STUDENT K U D O S !

Anthony Kiser, right, received a grant from the American Society of Heating and Air Conditioning Engineers for his outstanding work in the Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Program.



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that first class and have had the pleasure of meeting many good people, from students to very capable faculty members.

The staff is very helpful and encouraging, and I always feel welcome. I have not taken a single class that has been a "bad experience." I feel that my educational experience at PBCC has enriched my life and expanded my horizons. The management, human relations, and computer classes have helped me immensely at my job.

Now, I am involved in teaching classes in the Technology labs for the apprenticeship program on methods of duct construction.

I recommend this program to anyone who wants to learn valuable leadership skills in the trades or in any management position. It is time well spent. Take it from someone who knows.

For more on PBCC's Apprenticeship Programs click [here](#).

Belle Glade's Intro to Construction Building Under Myrick's Hand



Myrick demonstrates the fundamentals of masonry.

People will always need houses and people will always need a place to live.

This was the advice given to George Myrick by his high school masonry teacher and is now passed along to his Introduction to Construction students.

Myrick began teaching the course, a class with a goal to provide students the skills to secure entry-level opportunities in the construction industry, in the fall of 2006. Prior to this, Myrick had no teaching experience. However, his freshman status would not be known by talking to his students.

"He's patient. If he looks at you and the lights on but no one's home, he goes back and makes it easier," said Pete Magnuson, a recent graduate. "That is the sign of a good teacher."

Myrick has also earned the respect of Belle Glade Provost Dr. Beverly Robinson. "Mr. Myrick seems to have that fatherly instinct

toward all of the students. It is evident that they truly enjoy going to class to be with him. He has a very humble and patient demeanor."

Myrick said that most of what he knows about construction, he learned on the job.

"Teaching allows me to spread that knowledge around," said Myrick.

"Among the top 20 occupations with the most job openings in Palm Beach County, almost half require at least a postsecondary vocational certification."
 Source: Workforce Region 21
 -Occupational Highlights

A life long resident of Western Palm Beach County, Myrick's mother encouraged him to go to college. In his junior year of high school, though, he earned enough credits to take a masonry class.

For his senior year, Myrick transferred to North Tech in Riviera Beach. He drove more than an hour to the coast each morning and an hour back to the Glades each afternoon. After graduation, he entered an apprenticeship program, and, in 1973, earned his journeyman status.

Over the next several decades, Myrick

worked for a local contractor, owned and operated his own masonry business, and, since 1995, has worked as a construction superintendent for a local contractor.

Throughout his career, Myrick has seen many changes to the building industry.

One that particularly bothers him is what he calls "a decline in workmanship."

"You still have people who do exceptional work," Myrick said, "but a lot of companies just want to get it up and finished."

Myrick sites training programs like this one as well as apprenticeship programs as a way to help bring "pride and workmanship" back into the industry.

Myrick tells his students, "Anybody who wants to work in construction needs workmanship, dependability, and to take pride in their work." Introduction to Construction, offered through a partnership with Associated Builders and Contractor's Institute, is part of a grant that the college received from the South Florida Water Management District to provide job training opportunities to residents of the

Glades to prepare them to work on Everglades' restoration projects.

The course is open to Glades' residents and is free to those who meet the requirements. For more information call (561) 868-3345.

For more information log on to <http://www.pbcc.edu/acceler8.xml>

The Palm Beach County American Welding Society held their annual meeting on May 16 at PBCC-Lake Worth campus in the welding classroom shop. Vergie Y. Bain, OSHA Compliance Specialist, presented "New OSHA Requirements for Stainless Steel and New Hexavalent Chromium Standards." The meeting was attended by members of the welding community, students, welding, machining and auto body instructors.

In April, HVAC&R students completed certification exams and attempted the important EPA Refrigerant exam without leaving their classroom. A/C technicians must pass the exam to be licensed to handle refrigerant. Instructor Kirk Hoosac reported a high success rate. Earlier in the term, the A/C students were able to take the Ductwork Certification exam.

DEAN JACQUELINE ROGERS CULTIVATES T&I PROGRAM

Dean Jacqueline Rogers has that approachable air and may be a little bit of a green thumb, too. Among the floral motifs in her newly appointed office, she is welcoming and hospitable. She is a health care professional and has grown the Trade & Industrial program since its inception in 2003. She has used her health care skills of soothing and reassurance to fashion a department that – to choose her wording – is seamless.

Under her tenure,

the health care and industrial trades programs have blended, leaving little hint of separately sown turf areas or boundary lines. She has embedded reporters in the department who are more in tune to the needs of the community and how to address them.

“We have the right people in the right places and the right financial support,” said Rogers. “When I speak to my colleagues around the state, I know we are very fortunate for

what we are allotted.”

Among the highlights of Dean Rogers tenure is growth among personnel. “I like to give people the tools that they need and get the heck out of their way. I need to let them do what they do best.”

Rogers notes that the programs have come far. Most were in their infancy in 2003. She is pleased with enrollment growth, forging partnerships with community partners, and seeing employers competing for PBCC’s

graduates. Now, by adding Corporate and Continuing Education into the program, Dean Rogers sees further community benefit.

“There is no line of demarcation in the sand. We are *de-structuring* and softening the line of demarcation.” According to Dean Rogers, this will make the program continue to grow and bloom.



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