



WELDING TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM MAKES SPARKS FLY

Johnson College stays ahead of the curve when it comes to preparing students for in demand careers. In the 2015-16 school year, the College experienced record enrollment in both semesters which includes incoming students taking classes towards an Associate of Science or Associate of Applied Science degrees and certificate programs. The one-year welding technology certificate program, boasted its largest class in program history in the fall 2015. This program trains students on Shielded Metal Arc Welding (stick), Gas Metal Arc Welding (mig), and Gas Tungsten Arc Welding (tig).

With a record number of men and women enrolled, the welding technology certificate program had to be split into two sections. Not only would Johnson College have an immediate impact on these students, but after just one year of study, the welding graduates will have an immediate effect on the community as well. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment Projections Program, employment of welders is projected to grow 4% into 2024 which will lead to new and advanced job opportunities for Johnson College graduates.

Anthony DeLucca is in his first year as Instructor of Welding Technology at the College. His experience spans over the last thirty years as a welder in the plumbers union, as a journeyman with the carpenters union and working on pipelines throughout Pennsylvania, New York, and New Jersey. In reference to the program's growth, DeLucca said, "Welding is relevant in our region because

so many businesses and organizations need welders in entry level positions. There is a need for young welders and there are so many possibilities for them to receive additional certifications. Welding is a lifetime achieving trade." The rigorous one-year program was described as "well-rounded" by DeLucca. "Our students are not only learning the types of welding they'll need to succeed, but they are also exposed to math, English, computer, and blueprint reading courses that will prepare them to be exemplary employees in the field," he said.

Roseann Martinetti, Director of Career Services shared, "Flexible scheduling options at the College have enhanced the options for students seeking to enroll in the welding technology program." She mentioned that jobs attained right after graduation include welder, fabricator, and welder's helper which takes place in the pipeline industry. "Recently we have even placed graduates in the shipbuilding industry working to design and build new boats in the submarine construction program at Newport News."

This May, a record thirty-one students graduated from the welding technology certificate program. Of the graduates, 55% were gainfully employed in the field upon graduation or committed to pursuing further education. Employers such as Pleasant Mount Welding, Hendrik Manufacturing, and Leeward Construction hired graduates from the class of 2016.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The 2015-16 academic year is one the College has been anticipating for a very long time. From curriculum changes to our abundance of new students, this year has proven to be the success we hoped it would be. The semester-based class schedule has taken off and new programs are gaining momentum. The board directives are at work every day ensuring our students receive the best hands-on education to prepare them for a successful career.



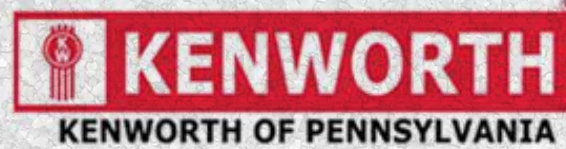
Ann L. Pipinski, Ed.D.
President & CEO



Dr. Ann L. Pipinski at Spring Day 2016 with students.

Kenworth Donates \$25,000 to Strategic Opportunity Fund

Johnson College has recently received a generous donation of \$25,000 from a valued industry partner, Kenworth of Pennsylvania. This donation will go toward the College's Strategic Opportunity Fund. The donation, from the Earle Mitchell Memorial Foundation, will support the College's board directives which spur systemic change at the College and promote



growth in all educational program areas.

Program Integrates NeighborWorks Project into Curriculum

Throughout the fall and spring semesters, Electrical Construction and Maintenance students worked on a live project for NeighborWorks Northeast PA. Under the direction of Frank Mickavicz '90, they installed all electrical outlets and established power throughout a home in Blakely, PA. This project was a combination of community service and live lab

work where class curriculum is brought to an ongoing project. The students were presented with a plaque in April for their work on the project.



Johnson College is proud to announce the promotion of Katie Leonard to Executive Vice President. Ms. Leonard began her tenure at the College in January of 2007 as the College's Coordinator of Grants and Annual Fund. From there, she had continued success in the areas of fundraising and community outreach. Over the last nine years, Ms. Leonard's contributions to the College have been innumerable. In her time with the College, Ms. Leonard formed industry relationships, reestablished the alumni program, increased annual giving, and initiated the College's rebranding in 2011. She executed the College's first-ever capital campaign in 2013 which raised comprehensively \$5.1 million to build the new Health Science Technology Center on campus, the largest building project to date.

Ms. Leonard holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from York College, a Master of Arts degree from Mansfield University, and is pursuing her doctor of education through Rowan University. She held multiple positions working with government officials and non-profit organizations before bringing her talents to Johnson College.

Under the direction of our new executive vice president, the College has improved student service by initiating the Department of Student Success which incorporates academic advising and academic coaching. The College has also established the Office of Online Learning which aims to provide distance education and hybrid course offerings for all students.

Programs Receive Accreditation

Johnson College recently acquired accreditations for two programs. Physical Therapist Assistant received its first accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) for five years. CAPTE grants specialized accreditation status to qualified entry-level education programs for physical therapists and physical therapist assistants. Automotive Technology received its reaccreditation from NATEF and The National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE). ASE is a national non-profit organization which tests and certifies repair technicians, in addition to accrediting automotive training programs. The Radiologic Technology Program at Johnson College has received re-accreditation from the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT). This re-accreditation is subsequent to a site visit in September 2015 and will be for a duration of eight years which is the maximum time awarded by JRCERT.



Above: Ms. Nicole Fabricatore, Academic Coordinator of Clinical Education for the Physical Therapist Assistant Program; Ms. Joan Bonczek, Senior Director of Academic Initiatives & Radiologic Technology Program Director; Dr. Melissa Cencetti, Department Chair of the Physical Therapist Assistant Program; Dr. Ann L. Pipinski, President & CEO of Johnson College; & Ms. Katie Leonard, Executive Vice President of Johnson College.



Left: Mr. Mark Kozemko '79, Automotive Technology Instructor; Dr. Ann L. Pipinski, President & CEO of Johnson College; and Mr. Michael Novak, Director of Industry & Department Chair of Diesel Truck Technology

Students in the Community

Throughout the fall and spring semesters, several community service projects were completed by students. Social Force conducted a clothing drive for a local veteran's event, the Vet Tech Club volunteered at a 5K for Griffin Pond Animal Shelter, business students cleaned up and provided maintenance tasks at Crystal Park in Dickson City, and Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning students provided updates of refrigeration and ventilation at John Derenick Memorial Park in Taylor.



Golden Alumni Reunion

On April 16, the Golden Alumni Society hosted its Annual Golden Alumni Society Reunion and Induction Ceremony. The class of 1966 was inducted and more than 75 alumni and guests came to the event in the Moffat Student Center.



Commencement Ceremony

179 graduates participated in the 97th Commencement Ceremony on May 14th. Degrees in Associate of Science, Associate of Applied Science as well as Certificates in Diesel Preventative Maintenance and Welding Technology were conferred. This year's keynote speaker was Jesse Ergott, President and CEO of NeighborWorks Northeast Pennsylvania. Student speakers were Dustin Schroeter '16, recipient of the award for academic excellence in Associate of Applied Science programs, and Jenna Lehman '16, recipient of the award for academic excellence in Associate of Science programs.





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24th Annual Johnson College Open

On May 20th, the 24th Annual Johnson College Open was held at Blue Ridge Trail Golf Club in Mountaintop, PA. Presented by Gerrity's Supermarkets, more than 120 golfers, including 19 alumni came out to support the Presidential Scholarship. The tournament raised over \$43,000 which will go directly to student scholarships.



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