

Ohio Ranks No. 2 for Heating-Cooling Work

By Dave Larsen

Hamilton Journal News

Published: January 18, 2013 - 09:38 PM

Ohio ranks second in the nation among the top states to work in heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration (HVACR), according to industry data and insights from Sidney-based Emerson Climate Technologies.



www.shutterstock.com · 70929949

The HVACR industry is facing a shortage of qualified technicians, with needs for an additional 57,000 skilled workers each year to work in the industry, according to the Air Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration Institute.

“Nationally, the industry is facing the challenge of recruiting talented young people to supplement an aging work force,” said Bob Labbett, Emerson Climate Technologies’ vice president of marketing and distribution services.

Ohio ranked second to California on the list of top states to work in HVACR. The Buckeye State has fewer sunny days, but more opportunities for training with eight accredited trade schools, officials said.

Ohio also ranks high for the number of HVACR wholesaler locations, with 139 in the state.

The other top 10 states for HVACR work include Florida, Texas, Illinois, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, North Carolina and Georgia.

The average annual wage for HVACR technicians is \$43,910, according to the U.S. Dept. of Labor’s Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Source: <http://www.ohio.com/business/ohio-ranks-no-2-for-heating-cooling-work-1.366132?comments=n>

.....
If you have friends or family members who might be interested, please have them call **614-882-2551** to talk with an admissions representative to get more information about a career in Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration.

Allied Health Program

– By Angela Leuvoy, Program Director

NTHS Member list for 2013 Fall / 2014 Winter

Tiffany Atwell
Elizabeth Bayless
Jessica Drummonds
Polly Glenn
Geoffrey Haight
Diane Herron
Blaine Hutchinson
Juliana Koranteng
Jacqueline Maynard
Olurode Oluwabukolami

Michelle Ridenbaugh
April Ryen
Susan Sickles

National Technical Honor Society



Criteria for Student Membership:

NTHS members should be good, honest, responsible student-citizens who have made a personal commitment to excellence and who agree to uphold the NTHS Standards of Conduct found in the NTHS student candidate brochure and

printed on the back of the student membership card. The nominees must:

- ❖ Have an overall, minimum GPA of 3.0
- ❖ Have 10 hours of documented community service
- ❖ Have 90% overall attendance
- ❖ Have three (3) or more faculty and/or staff recommendations

Eligibility per program:

- ❖ At the beginning of the last term
 - ❖ Associate Degree Nursing
 - ❖ Practical Nursing
 - ❖ Radiologic Technology
 - ❖ Surgical Technology
 - ❖ Medical Office Basic X-Ray Technician
 - ❖ Pharmacy Technology
- ❖ At the beginning of externship
 - ❖ Medical Assisting
 - ❖ Medical Billing and Coding

Students accepting the nomination will be required to complete a membership application and submit

a \$25.00 money order (made out to NTHS). In return, they will receive a custom certificate, white graduation tassel, NTHS decal, membership pin, letter of recommendation and membership card.

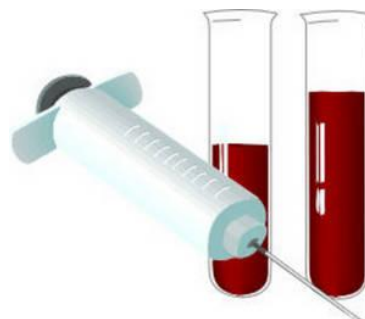
Members may apply for Scholarships beginning January 1 of each year.

Looking for new members to join NTHS. If interested, please see Mrs. LeuVoy

Phlebotomy Technician Course News:

New class to begin, Wednesday, March 19, 2014
8 hours/wk for 10 weeks – evening class – W/Th – 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Cash Course – Cost is \$661.00 – includes textbook
Please see Mrs. LeuVoy if interested in signing up for this course.



FINANCIAL AID

– By Deidre Vance, Financial Aid Director

1. **IT'S TAX TIME AGAIN.** 2013 Tuition Statements 1098T are available online at www.1098T.com. If you have general questions regarding the 1098T Tuition Statements, or other federal Education Benefits, contact **TCRS** (Tax Credit Reporting Services) at the 1098T Hotline **1-877-467-3821**. The financial aid department will not be able to answer questions regarding your 1098T information.

Here are some general FAQs relating to the 1098Ts that may address some basic questions that you may have.

A. **What is a Form 1098T?** The 1098T is a Tuition Statement containing tuition, fees, and related expenses for a tax year. Persons filing a 1040 or 1040A would use the 1098T to support their benefit from tuition and fees deductions or education credits.

B. **Who is providing the 1098T form?** TCRS, Tax Credit Reporting Services.

- You can view and print your 1098T and Supplemental information at www.1098-T.com or:
- Call TCRS with your questions at: 1-877-467-3821. The TCRS web address is: www.TCRS.com

C. **What if I moved before the 1098Ts are received in the mail?** Please update your address on the portal or contact the registrar's office to fill out a change of address form.

D. **I Lost my Form or I did not get it in the mail?** Contact TCRS at www.1098T.com or 1-877-467-3821. These form are NOT available at the campus.

E. **I made payments and received aid in the 2013 year.** The payments received box is empty on the 198T form. You can print a copy of your student account ledger information from your portal.

2. **IT'S FAFSA RENEWAL TIME FOR 2014-15**

The FAFSA award year is upon us. It is time for you to complete the 2014-15 FAFSA. The Deadline is April 15. Failure to complete the FAFSA will result in lost financial assistance,

lost ability to work in the Federal Work Study Program and you may have to make cash payments to complete your educational pursuit. Completing the FAFSA to receive Federal Financial Assistance is the second most important business to take care of next to filing your taxes.

Go to www.fafsa.ed.gov to complete your FAFSA. The school code is **010319** (Listed as Medix School, Towson MD)

Print your confirmation page and notify the financial aid department that you have completed your FAFSA.



DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE. FILE YOUR TAXES AND COMPLETE THE FAFSA EARLY.

If you need assistance or have any questions, you may contact the financial aid office by phone or stop by to schedule an appointment for assistance.

You may receive correspondence in the mail as a reminder.

3. **I Need to speak with someone in the Financial Aid Office**

Yes, there are times when you would like to speak with someone in the financial aid office.

The financial aid department has a general extension designated just for financial aid. If you call and need to speak with someone right away, please ask for the financial aid extension, 5208. If you stop in to see someone and there is no one is available, you may be asked to schedule an appointment.

We value your business and want to take care of you as soon as possible. We want you to leave satisfied after your visit with the Financial Aid Staff. We ask for your understanding and cooperation in handling all financial aid-related matters. If you are not completely satisfied, please contact Deidre Vance, Director of Financial Aid.

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN PROGRAM

-- by Vanessa Mrazek, Pharmacy Technician Program Director

Guidelines for Drug Disposal

Take advantage of community drug take-back programs that allow the public to bring unused drugs to a central location for proper disposal. you can perform an internet search to see if a take-back program is available in your community. The Drug Enforcement Administration, working with state and local law enforcement agencies, is sponsoring National Prescription Drug Take Back Days throughout the United States.



If no instructions are given on the drug label and no take-back program is available in your area, take them out of their original containers and mix them with an undesirable substance, such as used coffee grounds or kitty litter — to make the medication less appealing and unrecognizable — then put them in a sealable bag, empty can, or other container to prevent the medication from leaking or breaking out of a garbage bag. It is important to ensure that the coffee grounds or kitty litter are "used" so that the medication has a chance to dissolve. **DO NOT FLUSH MEDICATIONS - THEY WILL END UP IN YOUR WATER SUPPLY!!!!**

Before throwing out a medicine container, scratch out all identifying information on the prescription label to make it unreadable - a sharpie will cover most labels. This will help protect your identity and the privacy of your personal health information. Do not give medications to friends. Doctors prescribe drugs based on a person's specific symptoms and medical history. A drug that works for you could be dangerous for someone else.

The same disposal methods for prescription drugs could apply to over-the-counter drugs as well.

It is very important to dispose of your medications in a safe manner so that they do not end up in the hands of a teenager going through medicine cabinets or a drug seeker. Prescription medication deaths outnumber all other death statistics combined!!!

CAREER SERVICES CORNER

-- Marlene Teed, Director of Career Services

Career Fair Etiquette

1) Treat a Career Fair Just Like an Interview

Since you will be meeting decision makers of various organizations, it is important you treat the career fair just like an interview. Be dressed professionally, have many copies of

your resume, a good handshake and a nice smile. Your goal is to stand out from the other job seekers and that you appear to be a person the company would be interested in hiring.



2) Do Your Research

It is not possible to research every company that will attend a job fair. Having information regarding general trends in the industry, a broad knowledge of the industry, will help you to be more prepared. For the organizations you are very interested in, do some research; check out their websites, talk to people that work for them or with similar companies.

3) 30 Second Commercial

Be prepared to sell yourself. Learn to be concise and clear about your skills/experience, why you are a good fit for the company, and what you are looking for. Another good tip is to have your calendar with you so that you may schedule a time in the future where you can meet with the recruiter to further discuss your interest in the company and your qualifications. Remember, you want to stand out in the crowd in a positive way.

4) Stick with What You Know

Know what your skills are and if you are qualified for the position. Your best opportunity to gain employment is when you target the companies that match with your experience and skills.

5) Follow Up, Follow Up, Follow Up

Be sure to take notes during the career fair so you will have the details of when you spoke with the recruiters at the fair. This will help them to remember you and the conversation. Tell the recruiter about your interest in the opportunity, why you are a good match, and then ask for a time to discuss, face to face, your qualifications and experience...ask for the interview.

Be confident in yourself, your skills, your education, and your experience!

Spring Career Fair

Wednesday, March 19th from 1:00pm-4:00pm in Rooms 160 and 161.

We have employers that like to hire current students as well as Fortis graduates. If you know of any employers that might be interested in participating, please let me know.

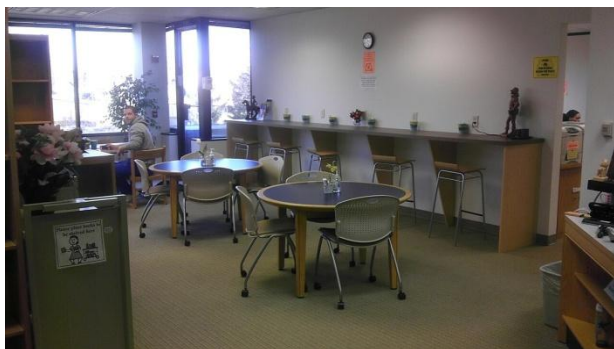


We are here to help! MTeed@FortisCollege.edu / AHandmaker@FortisCollege.edu / 614-882-2551

LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER

– by Laura Cheng, LRC Manager

LRC has been expanded! The construction was carried out during Christmas break in 2013. With bigger space, more study area, new furniture and carpet, we want to make the library a pleasant place for you to study!!



Job Opening

LRC is hiring a student worker to work in the early morning hours (7 am – 9 am or till your class time). The pay is \$9 per hour, up to 20 hours each week.

If you are interested, please contact the Financial Aid and also submit your resume to the LRC Manager, Laura Cheng. Please contact Laura Cheng if you have any question regarding the position.

IT CORNER CORNER

-- By Robert Pavkovich, IT Specialist



TIP #1

DO YOU EVER GET TIRED OF ENTERING THE ENTIRE WEBSITE ADDRESS...

Do you like <http://www.google.com> but don't want to type the whole address? Instead of typing in the whole URL, <http://www.google.com>, and pressing enter...



You can simply type “google” then press Ctrl+Enter...

This will add <http://www.> in front of *google* and [.com](http://www.google.com) at the end of *google*.

You will go from google to <http://www.google.com>

NOTE: If you’re using Firefox you also have SHIFT + ENTER and CTRL + SHIFT + ENTER. Try typing *dogfood* then press SHIFT + ENTER you will go to <http://www.dogfood.net>. Try typing *dogfood* then press CTRL + SHIFT + ENTER you will then go to <http://www.dogfood.org>

TIP #2

WANT TO RECOVER A DELETED A FILE?

On the Windows Desktop you have an icon that looks like a trash can, this is the Recycle Bin. If you deleted a file and want to recover it, first minimize all your open windows. Now you are looking at the Desktop. To open the Recycle Bin double-click the right mouse button on the icon that looks like a trash can. The Recycle Bin window will come up showing you the files that have been deleted. Simply point your mouse at the file you want to recover and right click on your mouse. A shortcut window will come up giving you options. You will see the Restore option here which will bring back your deleted file to the same location where it was deleted from. Hope this helps!!!

TIP #3

WANT TO MINIMIZE ALL YOUR WINDOWS AND SHOW THE DESKTOP?

On your keyboard in the lower left side corner you have the Ctrl key, Windows Start key, the Alt key and the Spacebar.

To minimize all windows press the Windows Start Key + M To maximize all your windows press the Windows Start Key + Shift + M

MEET THE NEW PEOPLE

• New Staff

**Peter Martinello, Campus President,
M. Ed. BS. AS.**

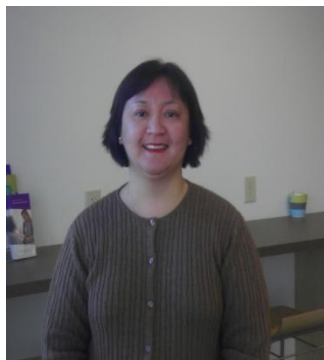


Mr. Peter Martinello, a native of Boston, obtained his bachelor degree from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst and his Master of Education from Westfield State College. Mr. Martinello began his 38-year career in education as an Instructor at Springfield Technical Community College in 1975. He was then promoted to Department Chair, voted President of the Faculty Council and Faculty representative for the Massachusetts Board of Regents. Then, in 1983, Mr. Martinello was appointed Dean of cooperative Education and Career Placement at a time when the campus population had grown to exceed 16,000 students. During that same time period, Mr. Martinello worked for the Department of Education in Washington DC, distributing millions of dollars in educational grant money to colleges and universities throughout the country.

After 16 years in the Community College system, Mr. Martinello accepted a 5-year appointment as Campus Director at a nonprofit school for disadvantaged youth in Florida. Mr. Martinello then spent 10 years with Universal Technical Institute and 5 years with Lincoln Educational Services as Campus President. Peter is a private pilot, avid Scuba Diver (including Shark Dives), and

a devoted husband and father of two sons and a daughter.

**Laura Cheng, Hybrid Coordinator,
LRC Manager, Ph.D., MLS**



In addition to the position of Learning Resource Center Manager, Dr. Cheng will be the Hybrid Coordinator of Fortis College – Columbus.

Dr. Cheng earned her Master and Ph.D. degrees from The School of Library & Information Science, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN. She was an Assistant Professor of the School of Library & Information Science of Kent State University. She has been an adjunct faculty with Indiana University, Kent State University, San Jose State University, and currently with Drexel University and University of Alabama. She teaches online courses on the topics of information retrieval, cataloging & classification, information technology, research methods, and digital libraries.

Dr. Cheng's passion is animals. She is the owner of *Ohio Shelter Dog Crossposting* (3650 members) and *Home Again Ohio* (6300 members) on Facebook. She does animal rescue and helps people find their lost/found pets. She is an active animal activist.

Her family includes a husband, 9 dogs, 2 cats, 1 parrot (African Grey), and a miniature horse.



- **New Staff**
Emily Barriball – High School Coordinator

- **New Faculty**
Roberta Novak – Nursing Adjunct Instructor
Reta Yamarick - Nursing Adjunct Instructor
Sarah Edmiston – Pharm Tech Temp

ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES

Electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) are battery operated products designed to turn nicotine and other chemicals into a vapor. You then inhale the vapor. These products are often made to look like:

- Cigarettes
- Cigars
- Pipes
- Pens

E-Cigarettes may contain ingredients that are known to be toxic to humans. Because clinical studies about the safety of e-cigarettes have not been submitted to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), you have no way of knowing:

- If they are safe
- Which chemicals they contain
- How much nicotine you are inhaling

Nicotine is a highly addictive substance. Additionally, these products may be attractive to kids. Using e-cigarettes may lead kids to try other tobacco products—including conventional cigarettes—which are known to cause disease and lead to premature death. With e-cigarettes there are many unknowns, including the unknown health effects of long-term use. Currently, there are no e-cigarettes approved by FDA for therapeutic uses so they cannot be recommended as a cessation aid. For smokers who want to quit cigarettes there

are FDA approved treatments which have been proved to be safe and to work, including:

- Nicotine gum
- Nicotine skin patches
- Nicotine lozenges
- Nicotine oral inhaled products
- Nicotine nasal spray
- Zyban
- Chantix



Source: <http://betobaccofree.hhs.gov/about-tobacco/Electronic-Cigarettes/index.html>

A FEW GOOD WOMEN

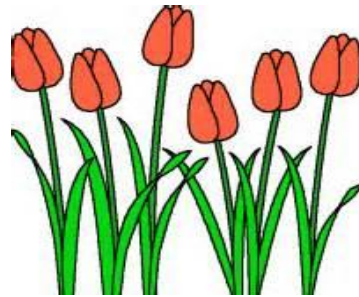
-- by Cynthia Parker

It's that time again!!! The Komen Walk in downtown Columbus is scheduled for May 17th. We start early on that Saturday morning and we typically are finished before noon. (Depends on how fast you can walk!) Go to this site to sign up.



http://columbus.info-komen.org/site/TR/RacefortheCure/CLM_ColumbusAffiliate?fr_id=3935&pg=entry

You will select the tab that states "Join an existing Team". Team name is ... Totally Rad. When you sign up... you do not need to pay for the shirt delivery. I will go pick them up. Sign up soon!



DON'T FORGOT TO LAUGH!!!



~~~~~  
Fortis College – Columbus, 4151 Executive Parkway,  
Suite 120, Westerville, OH 43081  
Phone: 614-882-2551; Fax: 614-882-2914

Comments? Contact:  
Laura Cheng, LRC Manager,  
[lcheng@fortiscollege.edu](mailto:lcheng@fortiscollege.edu)



Marlene Teed, Director of Career Services  
[mteed@fortiscollege.edu](mailto:mteed@fortiscollege.edu)