

Telecommunication students like hands on work

Editor's note: The following short articles were written as memos for a writing assignment for Leland Williams, technical writing instructor at Northwest Technical College. We have cleaned up a bit of the grammar, but mostly these are their memos as submitted. This is the sixth of a series of these short articles split up by program at the college. The group is from the telecommunication network analyst program.

Here is another classes memos, Williams wrote in March.

I told the class to write about either why they chose to come to college, why they chose Northwest Technical College and how they made that choice.

I let them all know they were responding to an invitation on your part to write for publication in the newspaper. The writing is in memo form to keep them practicing the requirements of that form as a common way to write in the business world.

From: Dylin Near
Re: Telecommunications Network Analyst Program

I came to Northwest Tech for the Telecommunications Network Analyst program. I chose this program because it was low cost and very hands on. This program is very up to date which is always important in an information technology program as the technology is always changing.

I came to college straight out of high school and was choosing between Northwest Tech and a technical program out of Wichita. There were a couple of very good things about Northwest Tech over the program out of Wichita. Northwest Tech is in a small town, and being from a small town, I found this community very reassuring.

The program out of Wichita wanted two and a half times the cost of the Northwest Tech program, which seemed ridiculous for an 18 month program. Later, I found out that everything at the other program was very outdated, about five years out of date.

When I came to visit the campus in Goodland, I found out all the training information was new that year, which was very interesting and a major factor in the decision.

Overall, the final reason I chose Northwest Tech over the other program was the atmosphere; everyone on campus was very friendly and seemed happy here.

I'm happy with my choice to come here. Between the up-to-date training and the great atmosphere, I am happy with my choice to attend Northwest Tech.

From: Josh Simon
Re: My Story About College
Hi, my name is Josh Simon. I am from Quinter. As a high school student, I wasn't sure what I wanted to do.

They give you the option to take an aptitude test to see what abilities you have or what areas you would be good at. So I took that, hoping it would limit me to what I could succeed at. No such luck. I scored in the 95th percentile on nearly everything and in the 99th percentile on one area. They told me I could do anything and thought that I should do engineering since I did so well in the "seeing what object the piece of paper makes with the folds on it" area. I'm not sure what its technical name is.

So I decided I'd check it out. K-State Salina had an excellent engineering program, but after a visit there, I came to the conclusion I didn't want to spend a ton of money and have four years of "lots of homework."

My counselor told me that Northwest Tech was having a sit-in day for the programs. I thought why not? I came here and sat in on the electrical first. It didn't look like something I wanted to do for my whole life. Then I went over to the engineering department, thinking, "Four years would be a long time, but I wonder about just two." That department appeared to require more creativity than I had. I moved on once again.

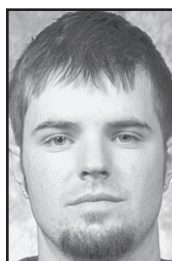
My final stop, just to waste the short amount of time we had before we left, was in the Telecommunications Network Analyst department. I had no clue what it was about.

It dealt with computers and networking, something that interested me. I found out a little more about it and set up another visit. Upon my second visit, I was convinced this was a program for me upon hearing what it had to offer and the high job placement rate for the program.

As far as the town of Goodland goes, I won't pretend that there's a lot to do. That is if you're not willing to go out and find something. Goodland, for me, has been an adventure



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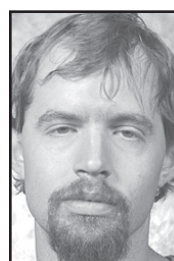
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for sure. From the search of stores I didn't know existed to the excellent youth group and church God has blessed me with. I have met an incredible couple that continues to look after me and provide some friendly faces to hang out with.

Back to the college, I have enjoyed the small student to teacher ratio. More one on one time for the things you may not understand right away. I am satisfied with my program selection and think anyone who came here, if willing to give a solid effort, will come out ready to go into whatever it is they came here for.

This is a great college with a diverse program selection. Northwest Tech is dedicated to getting their students ready for the job they wish to get. They give you the classes that you need and don't waste your time with any others.

From: Misty Fink
Re: Northwest Tech
I am a 29 year old single mother of four children, and I needed to better myself so my children had a better life. I decided to attend Northwest Tech, in the Telecommunication Network Analyst program.

When I first decided to tour the school, I was extremely scared. I had been out of school for 10 years, and I didn't know what to expect. The staff here at Northwest Tech was extremely friendly and very welcoming; it made the process so much easier.

Ms. Cottam, the instructor for the first year's program, is helpful and always makes sure you get what she is trying to teach. She is involved in the community, and when we first started, we helped paint the bowling alley in Goodland. I appreciate her open door policy, and she is always there when you need to talk to her.

I have only completed one semester of college, but I have more confidence within myself now than when I started five months ago.

From: Jennifer Pennington
Re: Northwest tech
I am attending the college during my senior year of high school. I have lived in Goodland for my whole life and I have been hoping to attend the college to further my Education. I am going through the program Telecommunications Network Analyst.

The teacher helps you when you don't get something. She doesn't move on until she knows you have the hang of it. So far I have learned how to use a routing table. How to setup a router and how they function.

This year so far has been a great experience for me; this will better me for my future. I will have a leg up on some of the other seniors in my school. Hopefully I can be an inspiration to future seniors and show them it can be done.

From: Jacob and Drew Hardwick
Re: Northwest Tech Telecommunications Network Analyst
Ever had a computer crash? What about internet connection issues?

Here at Northwest Tech, we have gained the knowledge to fix those problems.

Hello, Jake and Drew here; we are originally from Garden City. We both attended and graduated from high school there. We both chose to visit the Northwest Tech College and see what they had to offer at two different times.

Even though we attended the same high school and are good friends, we had never discussed college or what school we were looking at.

Drew visited Northwest Tech in early January last year for his first visit of the entire college. Later on that year, Drew had a second visit to visit the programs he was most interested in. Drew then signed up for the Telecommunications Network Analyst program. Jacob did not visit Northwest Tech until March of last year. The next month

he had signed up to attend the Telecommunications Network Analyst program as well.

Some of you might be asking why we decided to attend Northwest Tech. They had more to offer than Garden City Community College back in our hometown, for technology programs. We think the Telecommunications Network Analyst program has a lot of knowledge to offer if you are interested in computers and networking.

From: Tyler Weaver
Re: Reason for coming to Northwest Tech

I have been out of school for five years, and the last day I stepped in the classroom five years ago I told myself I would never step in another again. Until the day I realized I was in the real world with several dead end jobs for the past five years.

I decided to make one of the hardest decisions of my life. I decided to enroll in college after coming home from working sun up till sun down,

Thanks to my brother who had talked me into finally going, I was going to do something that I said I would never do again in my lifetime. Two months later, I was sitting right back in a classroom with unfamiliar faces and instructors.

So far, I have made it through even after I thought I made a mistake by coming back to school, but looking at the bright side, there are only four months left for me this year. In the future, I know I will look back on this time and finally say I was glad I stepped back into the classroom and attended Northwest Tech because this school gave me a spring board to my future.

From: Collin Duntz and R.J. Bachman

Re: Thoughts on Program
In the time that we have been here we have learned many skills. We have worked on the green project house that the school has started to restore. We have worked in the shop to get hands on work.

We just got done getting certified in CPR. At the start of the year, we studied electronics for about the first nine weeks. In the same nine weeks, we studied The Basics of Telecom. We have learned a little bit about fiber optic.

We are looking forward to seeing what next semester will bring.

From: Justin Weaver
Re: Reasons for coming to Northwest Tech

My name is Justin Weaver. I was born and raised in the small town of Gordon, Neb. I got a great opportunity to begin working for Great Plains Communications after finishing up my junior year of high school. Great Plains is a very good phone company that has exchanges all across Nebraska.

I worked for Great Plains for three summers and that's when I decided Communications Technology was going to be the right program for me. During my work with Great Plains, I met several knowledgeable technicians who attended college here in Goodland.

My main reason for deciding on Northwest Tech was to further my education in a field I really enjoy. I heard nothing but good things about the college before coming.

I hope this decision will help me to achieve my long term goal which is to attain a full time job with Great Plains Communications, the company that helped me to lay my ground blocks.

From: Jacob Neuhold
Re: Why I chose to come back to college

I decided to come to college because I was faced with a big decision.

I had to make the decision to go to school so I could provide for my 5 year old daughter and make a life

for myself as well because I really didn't have much going for me at the time.

I was working summer time construction jobs as a laborer. In July, I decided to come to Northwest Tech for the welding program.

After I decided to come to school, the process of financial aid was easy and so was the application for acceptance. Also, the staff was very friendly and helpful.

In conclusion, I'm glad that I made the choice to come to Northwest Tech. because school has made me a better person and given me another chance at life.

From: Justin Horinek
Re: Communications Technology Department

I am writing you to tell you a little bit about why I chose to come to Northwest Tech. I am a nontraditional student. I didn't come to college right out of high school. I went right to work when I graduated from school and I realized that without an education, I would only have dead end jobs offered to me.

I realized I would never get a job that had benefits or opportunity for an advance in pay.

I have been around communication my whole life. My dad owns his own business, H&H Directional Drilling. He puts cable in the ground for a living. I have always been on the installing cable side, so I was intrigued to see how installing TV, cable, and internet into people's houses and office buildings was like.

Throughout the year, I have learned numerous skill and adopted lots of tools to improve myself and help me get a good carrier for the rest of my life.

I would recommend college for anyone who was interested in making more money and broadening their horizon to better their life.

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Wooden Black Mammie rack
Black Mammie message plaque
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Oak ice box
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Boy & Girl noddies
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Tract #1 1201 East Hwy 24, Goodland, KS. (Former Road Side Park)

Legal:
A 3.7 acre tract of land in 29-8-39, Sherman County, KS.

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\$1,319.36

Included in sale is 32'x 50' building, interior finished with kitchen and bathroom area. NO WATER ON SEWER IN BUILDING.

Tract #2 715 East Hwy 24, Goodland, KS. (Formerly Boyington Restaurant)

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Included in sale is 2450 sq ft building, full basement. NO EQUIPMENT INCLUDED IN SALE.

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Legal:
Lots 14, 15, 16 Block 19, CK & N Addition

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\$690.28

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50" TV
2 laptop computers
Oak entertainment center
Oak night stand
Round DR table W/6 chairs, lazy susan in middle
Larger Master BR set
W/bed, 2 night stands, high boy dresser
4x6 wall mirror
Oak 4 post bed with hi-boy dresser
Oak headboard
Side by Side refrigerator
6 - sofas & love seats (some matching)

27" TV
2 blue rockers
2 recliners
Cedar hope chest
Cherry wood coffee table
Queen bed & mattress
Maytag washer & dryer
Single door refrigerator
Microwave
2 bar stools
Leather recliner
Chest & upright deep freezers
50gal fist tank W/oak stand
2 Cherry wood end tables
Oak hope chest
8 matching DR chairs
Electric stove

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\$10 Gold coin
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MISC ITEMS

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6 steel carts
Push mower
3x6 pieces of heavy smoke glass
Trampoline
PU topper
Video camera
Small stereo
Air Hockey table
Ping Pong table
3 small neon signs
Pot hanger
Sewing machine
Steam Vac
Pyrex cookware
Knife set
Toasters
Blender

Finco sprayer
Greenhouse frame
Railroad cart
Bicycles
Traeger Grill
Kodak digital camera
Black standing clock
Football table
Pac Man game (needs repair)
Game table
2 Cookie jars
Wine rack
Pampered Chef cookware
Capalon cookware
KitchenAid mixer
Crock pots
Towels

Scrap Iron (there are several tons of scrap iron including vehicles in the pasture to sell)

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