

# NW Tech students enjoy teachers, make friends

*Editor's note: The following short articles were written as memos for a writing assignment for Leland Williams, technical writing instructor at Northwest Kansas Technical College. This is the fourth of a series of short articles. This group is from Communications Technology, Automotive Technology and Telecommunications Technology.*



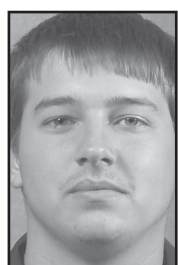
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**Adam Ford**  
I'm attending Northwest Tech studying Communications Technology and Telecommunications Technology. I expect to finish my second year of CT.

Then in the future I will plan to get a job as a telecom communications tech. I have not yet worked in this job field, but my classmates are very spontaneous.

I have a great teacher, Scott Waugh. I'll explain what courses I have studied and am majoring in:

1. Telecommunications
1. Cable Fundamentals
1. Basics of Telecommunications
2. Basics of Electronics In Telecommunications
3. Station Installation & Maintenance
4. First Aid & Safety
5. Technical Writing
2. Computer Fundamentals
2. Computer Networking I
6. Cisco Networking

A few quick reasons why I would be a good employee are I am eligible to maintain a job, I'm a very hard worker and do not slack off whatsoever.

I learn fast at new things that could, or would, be required for the position for the job. I try my hardest at everything I put my mind to.

I'll be achieving my Associate's degree in Telecom Communications. It's a two-year program, and it will pay off in the long run for a good paying job that I would like to achieve.

**Alex Simoneau**  
I am a student currently attending Communications at Northwest Technical School in Goodland. I am really enjoying learning and having new experiences at Northwest Tech such as learning what positions the course I am going through will allow me to work in.

I am learning the proper way to finish jobs. Learning to work well with others and gaining new friends along the way are also experiences I am going through.

When I graduate, I plan on getting a job with a local telephone company in my hometown.

I plan on staying in touch with my new-found friends who I have met while attending Northwest Tech. I enjoyed being brought together with others of common interests. Northwest Tech has helped me build relationships with others who I would have never done if I had not attended.

I believe Northwest Tech has bettered me in aspects of respect, responsibility, and increased the skills I possess.

**Cody Fry**  
How I plan to use my education in the future.

While attending Northwest Kansas Technical College, I have worked side by side with the future of automotive technicians.

I am confident that by graduation day the Automotive Technology class of 2012, including myself, will know all we need to know to succeed in the automotive field as a result of the superior staff we have here at the college, initiating a hands on, field like experience.

After graduating from Northwest Tech, I plan to move back to my hometown of Eads, Colo., and get some professional experience for a couple years before opening my own shop.

**Doug Margheim**  
I started in diesel technology here at Northwest Tech in the fall of 2008 where I made some pretty good friends and got a good education in the diesel field.

However, I got burned out and left after a year. During that year, I realized how important it is to have a degree in order to make enough money to live on and what the difference is in prices of living between here.

It was three times higher to live in Eastern Kansas than it is in Western Kansas.

So I decided to move back and finish school. It's by far one of the smartest things I've done so far.

I've learned a lot while in diesel technology, but I know once I get a job wherever I decide to go I'll learn a lot more. I hope to move to Colorado and work for a John Deere dealership soon.

**Dylan Smith**  
With my education in the communications field, I plan on continuing my education and to get my Associates Degree and then return back to Yuma, Colo., to start my career.

The type of work I plan on doing is working for a business and setting up computers and networks. This would be beneficial to me and my

education because with getting my education I will be better off with getting it here at Northwest Tech, rather than some other college.

There are a few people who I have met and worked with at Northwest Tech who are all different. One of these people is already well educated in this field but, still is learning more would be one of my friends Patrick Lorens.

This is what I plan on doing with my education and also some of the people who I met and work with here at Northwest Tech.

**Joseph (Joe) Parrish**  
My Future after college:

When I get out of school here at Northwest Technical College in Goodland, I plan on picking up on the job that is waiting back in my home town.

I started to work at the phone company in Wiggins, Colo., two summers ago as a part time employee, and I am looking forward to picking that job up as a full time employee here in the near future.

While here at college, I have had a wonderful time working with some of my classmates. There have been some times we all don't agree on something, but overall, we have a great class; I see all of the communications class being very successful in the near future.

My plans are to take one year of school here at Northwest Tech and either take my second year on line or enter the work field after the first year here since I have my future with a good job back home. I would start as an outside plant man for Wiggins Telephone, and I plan on working up the ladder to be, maybe one day, the boss or someone higher up in the work place.

**Kaenon Keiswetter**  
How I plan to use my education in work force.

While attending, Northwest Tech I have learned a lot of professional traits from my teacher this year. I will use all the education I learn from this college to put into the work force.

I am confident in myself that I would succeed in this automotive work force. I will find myself working in this work force till I retire. This job is what I like to do.

When I graduate in 2012, my plans are to go work for a dealership to learn more automotive traits to make me better in the work force. Then after a few years working in a dealership I would want to be a shop foreman.

**Keaton Lang**  
I plan to finish my second year of college and get a job at a dealer in Denver.

I am currently in the first year in auto tech with Mr. Kennedy. I plan to take the ASE test to become ASE certified. I think that will help me to get a job as a mechanic.

I think I will have more of a chance of getting a job at a car dealership once I complete my education. After I get a job, I would like to buy a house somewhere in Denver. I hope you enjoyed reading my article.

**Martin Church**  
I am currently enrolled in the Northwest Kansas Technical College.

I plan to get my associate's degree and later on become ASE certified.

Instead of opening my own shop, I hope to work for a Ford dealership. I then plan to work in a decent sized town or city since that is where the money is.

I have learned a lot this year, but I have also met a lot of cool people.

My instructor has done a good job so far preparing us for the workforce. Not only does he teach what we need to know, but he has been telling us the do's and don'ts he has learned from experience.

Bottom line is I have learned a lot, and I am having fun.

**Patrick Lorens**  
With my education at Northwest Tech, I plan on working for the local telephone company close to Stratton, Neb.

I am currently studying Telecommunications Technology and plan to graduate May 2012 with an Associate's of Applied Science degree.

I hope to return to my hometown to work for BW Telecom out of Benkelman, Neb., and I will also be close to home so I can help on the family farm when I can.

I am glad I chose to get an education at Northwest Tech. Communication Technology is a great course. I know I will be ready for a telecommunications career after I graduate.

**Peyton Littell**  
With the education I get when I am at Northwest Kansas Tech College, I plan on going back to my home state of Nebraska and finding a job at a dealership.

I am just in the first year of Automotive tech.

I still have one more year and then I will have graduated.

In the first year we worked on all the drive ability things like electrical and electronics. In the second year we will work on the mechanical parts of the engine and transmission.

I am enjoying what I am doing I am glad I chose this profession, and I plan to become ASE certified.

And that is what I plan to do with my education.

**Troy Albers**  
I plan to get my associate's degree in college and become ASE certified.

I want to be a locomotive engineer for my career choice, but I can't begin school for that until I am 21.

I plan to move to Kansas City, Mo., find a job, build some money up, and get financially stable until I am 21.

I am happy with my choice in life to go college here and have Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Goodwin as my instructors.

**Tucker Heaton**  
My education is very important to me. If you don't have a secondary education, you will be less likely to land a good job someday.

I am on track and dedicated to getting my AAS degree in Communications Technology.

After I graduate from Northwest Tech, I plan on getting a great job and working in the outside plant part of the field. I would love to be a cable-splicer technician or go to people's houses and fix their phone, cable TV, or internet.

If I don't get a job in the outside plant, I would like to be a cell-site technician, repairing and maintaining the cell towers and their components.

I have worked with a lot of great people here at Northwest Tech. I enjoy attending this school. Everyone is very helpful and considerate.

**Tyler MacDonlad**  
I'm currently attending college here at Northwest Tech. I have had a great time attending and learning in the automotive technology department first year.

We are making these letters in our technical writing class, and so far I have enjoyed this general education course in the second semester. Ms. Williams is a wonderful instructor who takes time out for each of her students to help them when they do need to be helped.

I have met a large number of students and new friends. I have enjoyed our time together. I hope when I graduate, these newly found friends and I can all keep in touch. With our iPads, staying in touch should not be too hard.

I am looking forward to learning more about the automotive industry. Mr. Kennedy is also an outstanding instructor who has taught us so much in just the first semester. I am anticipating the lessons I will learn in the shop in the second semester.

## Goodland School district board hires man from Holcomb

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Goodland High School teachers will be Randy Berls and Deanne Langness in music; Coon and Duane Unger in science; Jackie Elliott and Raymer in math; Nancy Farris-Partida as counselor; First in art; Lori Graybill in at-risk; Sharon Hall, Susan Hall and Johnny Mercer in English; Livengood in science, physical education and health; Myers in applied technology; Porterfield in foreign language; Short in family and consumer science; Sramek business and marketing; Whisnant and Witman in social studies.

Grant Junior High coaches will be Jerry McKee as head coach of eighth grade volleyball with Amy Cebula as assistant, Scheopner as

head coach of seventh grade volleyball with Stoffel as assistant; Stefan as head coach for eighth grade football with Topliff as assistant, Witman as head coach for seventh grade football, Connie Bergquist for Scholars Bowl, Witman as head coach for eighth boys basketball with Topliff assisting, Brad Bergsma as head coach for seventh boys basketball with Mull assisting, Bergquist for cheerleading, Witman for eighth girls basketball, Dautel for seventh girls basketball with White assisting, Gary Winter as head coach for wrestling with Myers as assistnat.

Grant Junior High teachers will be Bergquist in literature and english, Pam Bloom for sixth grade, Anne Coon in math, Terry Daise in science, Melanie Daise in Title I,

Dave Hardy in social studies, Pam Hardy in sixth grade, Amity Ihrig as kindergarten through eighth librarian, Mary Kratky as girls physical education and health and activities director, Brenda Linin as counselor, Linda McKee as sixth grade, Monica Rangel in literature and English, Stefan in physical education and Tanya Szanlo in math.

Teachers for Central and West Elementary School will be Nona Mason in pre-kindergarten; Susan McCall, Karen Stone and White for kindergarten; Janice Pearson, Kara Smith, Emily McQuitty and Kathryn Fulwider in first; Pat Pickett, Deb Bantam, Cassandra Laughlin and Dautel in second; Linda Lucas in pre-kindergarten to second music; Mull in pre-kindergarten to second physical education; Stephanie

McGinley in kindergarten to second Title I; Janet Davis, Joy Boyington and Tara Mull in third; Sue Olson, Karen Loudon, Marilyn Sowers

and Kim Artzer in fourth; Rachel Stasser, Myron Tedford and Paula Fisher in fifth; Charlene Avila in music; Scheopner in physical edu-

cation; Mary Mills for third to fifth Title; and Greg Craig in English language learners.

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Special education records which have been collected by the Goodland School District related to the identification, evaluation, educational placement, or the provision of special education in the district, must be maintained under state and federal laws for a period of five years after special education services have ended for the student. Special education services end when the student is no longer eligible for services, graduates, completes his/her educational program at age 21, or moves from the district. After five years, the records are no longer useful to the district, but may be useful to the parent/guardian or former student in applying for social security benefits, rehabilitation services, college entrance, etc.

This notification is to inform parents/guardians and former students of the Goodland School District's intent to destroy the special education records of students who received special education services during the 2004-2005, and 2005-2006 school years. These records will be destroyed in accordance with state law unless the parent/guardian or eligible (adult) student notifies the school district otherwise.

The records are destroyed approximately two weeks after this official notice is published.

The parent/guardian or eligible (adult) student may request a copy of the records in writing or in person at the following address:

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Special Education Department  
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Goodland, KS 67735  
Phone : 785-890-6163  
Attn: Teresa Gotchall

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