



STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE OF MISSOURI E-NEWSLETTER



DECEMBER 2014

OFFICE OF ACADEMIC RECORDS AND REGISTRAR UPDATE

IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 2 — Fall CAAP Testing for December AAS Graduates

Dec. 11—Spring 2015 New Student Registration & Orientation

Dec. 16-18—Fall Semester Finals

Dec. 18 — Fall Semester Ends

Dec. 19 — Winter Break Begins

Dec. 22-Jan. 2—College Closed

Jan. 5—State Tech Staff Returns

Jan. 6—Spring Classes Begin

Jan. 19—College Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Feb. 11—Career Expo @ State Tech

Feb. 16—College Closed for President's Day

Feb. 25—Career Expo @ the Advanced Technology Center

Feb. 27—Advisory Council Meeting/ No Classes

March 4—End of 1st 8 Weeks

March 5—Beginning of 2nd 8 Weeks

March 16-20—Spring Break/No Classes

March 27—State SkillsUSA/No Classes

April 3—College Closed for Free Day

April 7-15—CAAP Testing for May and August Graduates

May 5-7—Spring Semester Finals

May 8—Spring Semester Ends

May 9—Commencement

Spring and Summer 2015 Registration. Registration for Spring and/or Summer 2015 classes will open November 12 and will remain open through the beginning of each semester. Students should make an appointment with their advisors to register for spring and/or summer classes. Students who lose their schedules before the start of the semester can print new ones from State Tech's portal (EagleOnline) via www.statetechmo.edu. Billing information will be given to students at registration and is also available to students in the portal.

Grades and Unofficial Transcripts. Paper grade reports are not mailed to students at the end of the semester. Students should log into EagleOnline and click on the My Grades link under the Student Info tab to get their grades. Unofficial transcripts are also available here. Many vehicle insurance companies allow students to mail in unofficial transcripts in lieu of the college completing a form for students to renew their Good Student discounts!

December 2014 Graduation. Diplomas will be mailed to December graduates in January. We still have a handful of potential December graduates who need to apply for graduation. Students must apply for graduation even if they do not plan to participate in a commencement ceremony. State Tech confers degrees at the end of every semester (May, August,

and December), but commencement ceremonies are held in May only. Graduates from the previous fall semester, spring applicants, and approved summer applicants may participate each May. Watch for commencement details on the State Tech website, www.statetechmo.edu, in the spring.

May 2015 Graduation. Students should apply for May graduation during the fall semester so that a graduation review can be conducted before starting the last semester of classes. This gives students the opportunity to make any necessary schedule changes before classes begin. Please ask your student if he/she has applied for graduation, and if not, please encourage him/her to submit the application for graduation as soon as possible. The application is available on State Tech's website and at the Academic Records Office in the Nilges Technology Center.

May 2015 Commencement. Commencement ceremonies will be held on the Linn campus on Saturday, May 9th. There will be a morning ceremony and an afternoon ceremony. Our website will be updated around February with which programs are participating in each ceremony.

Questions: Email registrar@statetechmo.edu.

TOYOTA BODINE CHOOSES STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE OF MISSOURI FOR NEW ADVANCED MANUFACTURING TECHNICIAN DEGREE PROGRAM



Missouri students seeking opportunities to land a job requiring highly advanced skills will be able to get training and a degree through a new program that will be offered through the State Technical College of Missouri (State Tech) in partnership with Toyota Bodine.

The Advanced Manufacturing Technician program has been launched by Toyota in several other states where the company has manufacturing facilities. Toyota works with a local technical college

to prepare students in multiple skills that are in demand by manufacturers throughout the country.

Toyota Bodine announced that State Tech would be its partner in Missouri to teach students in multiple skill areas such as robotics, fluid power, maintenance reliability and lean manufacturing. State Tech will operate the program on the campus of Lewis and Clark Career Center in St. Charles.

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THANKS FOR CHOOSING STATE TECH!

FINANCIAL AID UPDATE

Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy

According to federal regulations, students must make satisfactory academic progress to remain eligible for financial aid. To remain eligible for financial aid, students must maintain an overall semester Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.000 or above on a 4.000 scale. Students must also satisfactorily earn a minimum number of credit hours. Please visit <http://www.statetechmo.edu/financialaid/satisfactoryacademic.php> for State Tech's complete financial aid satisfactory academic policy. It is extremely important for students receiving financial aid to attend classes regularly. Missing classes can impact their final grades. Please note other funding sources may have more stringent criteria than the 2.000 GPA.

A+ Students

Does your student receive A+ benefits? If so, here are some important eligibility requirements to remember:

- Renewal students must maintain a cumulative 2.500 Grade Point Average (GPA).
- A+ will only pay for classes required for first degree.
- A+ will not pay for any retake classes.
- A+ will only pay for completed coursework. Completed courses are those for which a grade is assigned. If students do not complete a class(es), the tuition and fees for the class(es) will be deducted from the next semester the student receives A+.
- A+ eligibility expires when the student has completed 105% of credit hours required for their degree program. All completed hours at previous A+ institutions will be used to determine 105%. The number of hours accepted as transfer credit from non-A+ institutions will be used to determine 105%.
- Students must be enrolled full-time (12 credit hours) unless they are enrolled in an off-campus internship only or are enrolled in their last semester prior to graduation.

At the end of each semester students will receive an e-mail notification regarding their eligibility for A+ funding the following semester. Please remind students to check their State Tech student email account regularly. More information regarding the A+ program can be found at <http://dhe.mo.gov/ppc/grants/aplusscholarship.php>.

The Missouri Department of Higher Education (MDHE) notified institutions about a possible 4 credit hour reduction to the A+ program for the Spring 2015 semester. State Tech mailed a letter to our A+ students to notify them about this possible reduction. At this time, additional information has not been received from MDHE. When final information has been received from MDHE about the Spring 2015 semester, State Tech will notify our students.

FAFSA Reminder

If your student plans to return to State Tech College for the Fall 2015 semester and receive financial aid, a 2015-16 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form should be completed. This FAFSA form will be available in January 2015. The Financial Aid Office encourages students and parents to complete their 2014 federal tax return as soon as possible. State Tech's priority FAFSA deadline is April 1, 2015. State Tech's college code is 004711-00.

Scholarships

Scholarships are available to students pursuing degrees in technical education at the college. The State Tech Foundation is currently accepting scholarship applications for the 2015-2016 academic year. Visit www.statetechmo.edu/admissions/scholarships/index.php for more information or to apply. Unless otherwise noted, scholarship deadlines are March 15.



SCHOLARSHIPS 101 WORKSHOP

Students will have an opportunity to attend a workshop early in the spring semester that will provide tips and ideas for completing successful scholarship applications. Topics will include essay writing, selecting the best references, and common mistakes to avoid.

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COUNSELING SERVICES UPDATE

Do you worry about your student's safety while they are away from home? Do you wonder just what they are up to and if they are getting into trouble? Are you worried that they are making poor choices rather than healthy ones? Rest assured, you're not alone. Many family members have these same concerns and worries. Please, relax! For the most part State Tech students do make healthy choices and stay out of trouble.

Our students realize quickly that there is a lot of information to learn in the two years that they are here and they need to stay on the straight and narrow to pick up that information and give instructors good material for serving as a reference. Several of our students will obtain their CDL while they are here and know that they need to protect their driving record to be employable. Most of our students will submit to a pre-employment drug screen and are mindful of that as they make choices while out with their friends. This is not to say that our students are without fault. Some will have periodic lapses in judgment, make a poor choice and end up paying the consequences. State Tech's counselors are here to assist students through any difficulty they may be facing as a result of poor choices, but we also work to prevent these things from happening.

Each year the counselors prepare reports to be in compliance with federal laws that address our prevention efforts as well as campus safety. The Biannual Review, available at <http://www.statetechmo.edu/about/STC%20Biennial%20Review%202014.pdf> addresses prevention efforts in compliance with the *Drug Free Schools and Campus Safety Act*. The Annual Campus Security & Fire Safety Report, available at <http://www.statetechmo.edu/about/2014%20Clery%20Report.pdf> reports crime statistics for campus and the surrounding area in accordance with the *Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act* and the *Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013*.

If you have questions regarding these documents, please contact the Associate Dean of Student Affairs at 573.897.5193 or Counselors at 573.897.5110 or 573.897.5228.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Greetings from Student Activities!

- The Student Government Association (SGA) recently hosted the annual campus-wide Red Cross Blood Drive. SGA also hosted Bongo Ball and a game show on campus for all students.
- The Home Builders Association Student Chapter recently hosted a ghost tour of the Missouri State Penitentiary. Students toured the facility and learned some very interesting facts about the prison.
- The Veterans Club recently honored the students and local veterans with a ceremony and free lunch. The Veterans Club also hosted a bake sale on campus with all profits being donated to the Central Missouri Honor Flight.
- Intramural sports are a great way for students to get involved on campus, meet new friends, and stay fit. This fall, students competed in slow-pitch softball, sand volleyball, 5-on-5 basketball, badminton, wiffle ball, disc golf, ping pong, and archery. Next semester, students can play 3-on-3 basketball, volleyball, dodge ball, ping pong, slow-pitch softball, flag football and kickball. All intramurals are free to students.



Current State Tech Clubs and Organizations:

- Student Government Association
- Resident Government Association
- Phi Theta Kappa
- Physical Therapist Assistant Club
- American Public Works Association
- Associated General Contractors
- Computer Club
- SkillsUSA
- Electricity Club
- PAS Club
- Veteran Students Club
- Machine Tool Club
- Phi Beta Lambda
- Home Builders Association Student Chapter

CAREER SERVICES UPDATE

It takes a lot more than “want to” to get a job after college. It takes planning and action.

It's easy to say “I want a good job when I graduate.” It's hard to define what that means to you. And it takes planning and action to get that job. Your career services staff can't get you a job, but they can help you get a job.

Career Services staff can market their services to students and encourage them to take advantage of the career services available, but they cannot force students to use career services.

You've heard the old saying: *You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink.* Well, career services staff provides a broad range of career services, but we cannot force students to use these services. We offer services that are relevant to students at **all** stages of their education, so career services is relevant to **all** students. We also offer FREE “Lifetime Career Services Assistance” to our graduates. All you have to do is ask!

Career Services staff can help students explore and evaluate their career and employment options, but they cannot place students into specific jobs.

It sure would be nice (and would certainly be easy) if students could walk into the career services office just before graduation and choose a job from a variety of opportunities prepared exclusively for them. Unfortunately, getting a job is not like ordering dinner or shopping for a new outfit.

By law, career services staff **cannot** select candidates or make hiring decisions on behalf of employers; employers have to make these hiring decisions themselves, and that means students have to be prepared to apply for jobs and present their qualifications in interviews.

I don't know about you, but I wouldn't want someone else choosing a job for me; I would want to be a part of that process. Students, get involved in the process – it's your life, after all!

Career Services staff can build recruiting relationships with employers, but they cannot force employers to come to their campuses or recruit for the types of jobs students want.



Employers recruit on our campus when they need to. This fall, several employers participated in an “Employer Spotlight” where they gave a presentation about their company to a single major, or multiple majors, and/or conducted Practice Job Interviews with students. Please ask your student if they participated in a Practice Job Interview with an employer, and what they thought about that experience. Career Services hosts an annual Career Expo (Job Fair) in February each year where employers come to campus from all across Missouri and several states outside of Missouri to meet with students for internships and full time jobs/careers after graduation. Students will have the opportunity to meet and interview with employers during the Career Expos. Last year more than 90 companies attended and met with over 650 students. There will be two Career Expos hosted by Career Services in Spring 2015. February 11 is for students on the main campus and February 25 is for Nuclear Technology students at the Advanced Technology Center in Mexico.

Lastly, on-campus interviewing is not the only tool employers use to recruit entry-level talent from State Tech. As a job seeker, your job is to understand the hiring dynamics of the industries you wish to enter and adjust your job search strategies to those dynamics. The career services staff can help you do this!

Okay, enough of the heavy stuff.

When it comes to exploring and pursuing your career options, connect with Glenda and Lindsey, your Career Services staff, located in Nilges Technology Center Room 107. We look forward to working with you. Best of Luck! **Questions?** Email careerservices@statetechmo.edu

2015 State Tech Career Expos

February 11, 2015 @ the Main Campus in Linn, MO for all majors except CTG, DAT, MNT, PNT, PTA

February 25, 2015 @ at the ATC in Mexico, MO for Nuclear Technology students

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"We are pleased to have been chosen by Toyota Bodine to offer the Advanced Manufacturing Technician program in the St. Louis region. This three way partnership among Toyota Bodine, Lewis & Clark Career Center and State Technical College of Missouri will offer a unique opportunity to students and manufacturers," states State Tech president Donald Claycomb.

Students participating in the Advanced Manufacturing Technician program will attend classes at the school two days a week and will work three days a week at a local manufacturer. After students complete the five semester program they will earn an Associate of Applied Science Degree. The coursework is such that students wanting to further their education will have the background to pursue a higher degree such as Engineering.

While Toyota Bodine is the catalyst for the program, it hopes to enlist

support and interest from several other area companies to offer on-the-job training and eventual hiring of graduates.

"There are currently 600,000 unfilled jobs in the country due to the shortage of qualified, multiple-skilled workers," said Terry Henderson, General Manager of Toyota Bodine. "Students completing the Advanced Manufacturing Technician program can get a good paying job literally anywhere in the country, but we hope to capture and keep that talent here in Missouri."

The Missouri Advanced Manufacturing Technician program will launch next August for the beginning of the 2015 school year. Partner companies will be announced later, as will information on how students can apply.



STATE TECH PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The **Electronics Engineering Technology (EET)** program received their second ABET accreditation. State Tech's **Electronics Engineering Biomedical Engineering Technology Option** is the fourth two-year program accredited as Biomedical Engineering Technology in the U.S.

The **Machine Tool Technology** Program was reaccredited by the National Institute for Metalworking Skills. The Training accreditation is effective through August 14, 2019.

MO MANUFACTURING WINS @ STATE TECH

- The MoManufacturingWINS continues to teach Introduction to Welding and Machine Tool classes in Linn, and Machine Tool classes in Saint Charles, MO at the Lewis and Clark Career Center.
- The MoManufacturingWINS federally funded Trade Act grant has allowed State Technical College to train over 120 participants so far, and we have another year to go.

MO HEALTH WINS @ STATE TECH

- The MoHealthWINS federally funded Trade Act grant has allowed State Technical College to train over 525 grant participants in the past two years.
- MoHealthWINS programs have been held in a variety of locations including Linn, Jefferson City, Columbia, and Tipton. Classes were held at the RR Donnelley plant during shift changes as the plant closed. One class was taught at 5:00 am! Additional classes are being taught at Douglass High School and inside the walls of the Tipton Correctional Center.
- MoHealthWINS participants are proud of a 74% employment rate.

MOSTEMS @ STATE TECH

- State Technical College is part of the consortia of institutions that has received federal funding for the new grant focusing on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. Grant classes are in the developmental stages and will launch in the Spring of 2015.

STATE TECH PREPARES STUDENTS FOR PROFITABLE EMPLOYMENT AND A LIFE OF LEARNING

NEED ADDITIONAL MANUFACTURING SKILLS FOR LONG-TERM JOB SECURITY?

State Tech and MoManufacturingWINS have partnered to train adults with industry recognized qualifications for immediate employment in modern manufacturing.

Candidates Must Meet One or More of the Following Criteria:

- 18 Years or Older
- TAA Participants
- Unemployed or Underemployed
- Low-Skilled Adults

Learn more about this grant and available programs of study:
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