

Virginia Community Colleges June 2009 Workforce Newsletter

Thomas Nelson Community College (TNCC)



Franz Albertini and his co-workers in Workforce Development awarded 184 Career Readiness Certificate (CRC) in sixty days utilizing Just in Time grant funding. Susan Generazio, a career coach in the Office of Outreach and Recruitment, played an instrumental role in this effort by urging students from the New Horizon Regional Education Center to work toward the certificate. Of the 184 certificates issued in May, 108 were awarded to New Horizon students. Eighty percent of those who completed the program within the sixty days, scored at the silver and gold levels.

The duos efforts didn't go unnoticed. In fact, David Creamer, the principal at New Horizon, sent a letter of appreciation praising TNCC's program. Creamer wrote, "Yesterday, I had a visit from a student who just completed our HVAC program. He was extremely proud as he had just come from his first day of work at Canon Virginia as a Camera Repair Specialist. He looked great in his freshly pressed uniform and was extremely grateful to one person --Susan Generazio, the TNCC Manufacturing Career Coach housed here at New Horizons. It was largely through Susan's efforts that he was hired at Canon. What is significant is that your Career Coach is doing the same thing with over 100 other New Horizons manufacturing students. To date, she has tested 108 students on the Works Keys with 93.5% receiving at least the Bronze level. She is in the process of trying to arrange other interviews. We look forward to continue working with Mrs. Generazio and TNCC and are confident that our students will continue to meet with success through their efforts."