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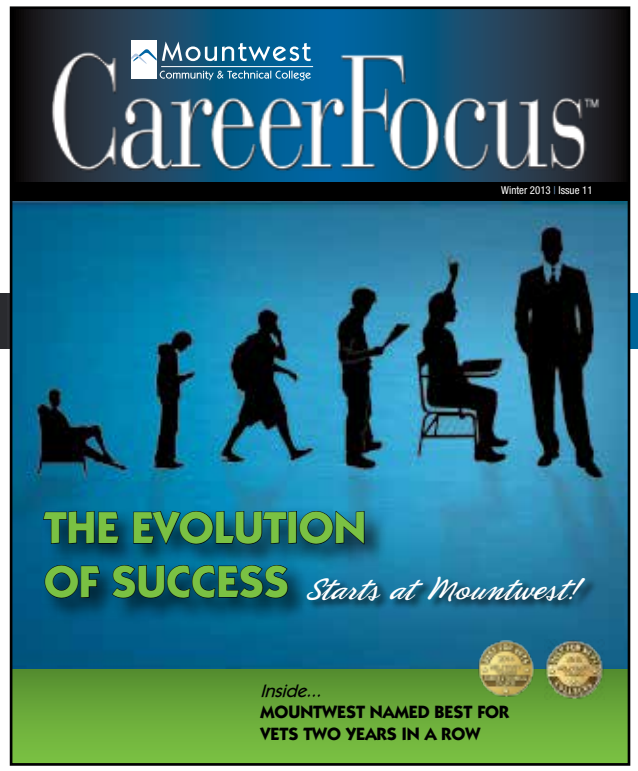

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PRESIDENT'S *Page*

Mountwest Community & Technical College is "Your Path to a Better Tomorrow." This statement is not just a slogan. Mountwest has helped thousands of citizens of our community find their pathway and navigate it successfully to realize their personal and career aspirations.

Crystal Eagle, for example, found her pathway to network systems engineering by enrolling in our information technology program. Jack Maynard of Alcon and Justin Worrell from State Electric are enhancing their careers through our bachelor's degree completion track with Ohio University. These are just a few examples from the thousands of alumni who have traveled their path to success with Mountwest.

Now, with our beautiful new campus, Mountwest is even better positioned to help you advance your career goals. Our faculty and staff have been working hard to streamline our enrollment processes and strengthen our support services. The Mountwest "one-stop" student services center brings all the tools together for you in one convenient location.

There has never been a better time to begin the journey to your better tomorrow. Our exceptional team of counselors and peer coaches are ready to assist you now. Beginning on page 4 of this issue, we offer a pathway guide to help you get started:

1. Make the decision
2. Make the call
3. Enroll and secure finances
4. Choose your career path
5. Attend classes
6. Complete your studies and start earning

Of course, the most important step in the guide is the first…. make the decision to get started! So make the decision and make the call. We are here for you!

Dr. Keith J. Cotroneo
President, Mountwest Community & Technical College

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A Parent's Guide to College Transition

Parents, you've finally reached the point you've been waiting for since they were born – your student's senior year. Soon they will be off to college, and it will be time to sit back, relax, and take in the scenery, right? Well, not exactly. Making the transition between high school and college is not only an important step for students, but also for parents. We know this can be a stressful and sleepless time, so below is a list of tips and tricks for you to better help your student navigate the college process:

KEEP THEM MOTIVATED

High school seniors are notorious for suffering from "senioritis", which can set them back once they reach a college setting. Encourage your student to make a class schedule that strikes a balance between fun and challenging courses. Keeping a focus on studying and time-management will make your student's transition to college coursework a lot smoother. Mountwest offers early-entry for high school students who would like to get a jump start on their college education.

DO YOUR RESEARCH

In the land of job hunting, not all programs are created equal. If your student is interested in a specific field, find out what degrees and certifications are needed to be a top candidate for employers. Most career fields have professional organizations or associations that can provide you with up-to-date information on job trends and requirements. Career Services, located in the One-Stop Student Services center, can assist you and your student with resume writing, interview tips, and internship possibilities.

VISIT THE CAMPUS

Most people would never buy a car without test-driving it, so why agree to attend a college you've never seen? Visiting campus provides you and your student the opportunity to hear first-hand about college life and available resources from current students, staff and faculty. Remember, your student will be committing two or more years to the college they choose, so make sure it is a place they feel comfortable and successful. Our new campus offers state-of-the-art classrooms with the latest technology and many other amenities, so stop by and let one of our Peer Coaches show you what we have to offer.

USE YOUR EXPERIENCE

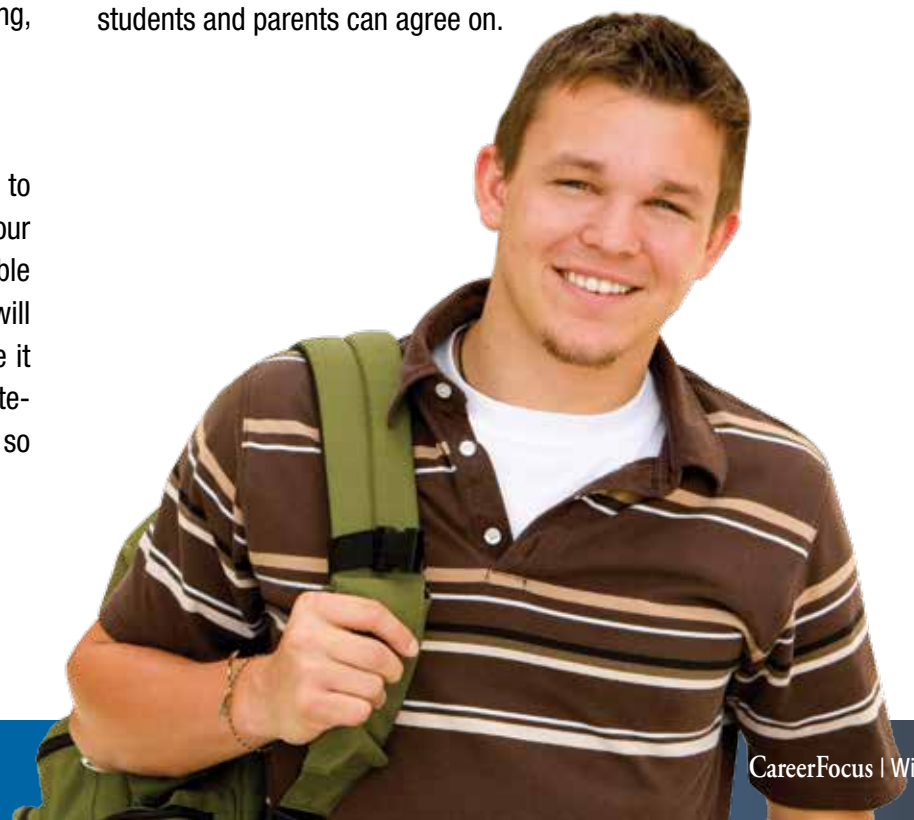
Even if you did not attend college yourself, you have something your student doesn't – life experience. With that said, it's important to remember to let your student make their own decisions (and mistakes) concerning their college career. Wait to offer your guidance, and let them develop their own confidence and critical thinking skills (you can always throw in an, "I told you so" later). If they get stuck, they can always consult one of our Student Success Counselors on all matters Mountwest.

KNOW YOUR DEADLINES

Ever heard the old adage, "Better late than never?" That person clearly was not talking about paying for college. Be aware of deadlines, especially concerning the FAFSA and financial aid. Many grants and scholarships require students to have their information submitted well before the semester begins. If you are not sure, our financial aid counselors can give you a timeline that can keep you on track with both state and federal deadlines.

IF ALL ELSE FAILS, ASK

The only stupid question is the one never asked, so reach out for help if you don't know what to do. From the start of your application all the way to graduation, Mountwest is dedicated to providing each student (and parent!) with the support and resources needed to be successful. Whether your student wants to enroll in a full-time associate degree or certificate program, earn transfer credits for a four-year degree or just take a few courses to get their feet wet, Mountwest offers exceptional programs at an affordable price, which is something both students and parents can agree on.



THE EVOLUTION OF SUCCESS

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Whether you're a recent high school graduate, someone who has been out of school for a while or an adult that wants to improve on their current position in life, Mountwest has a career or certificate program that will help you on the road to getting you where you need to be. The question is always… "What do I do?" or "How do I get started?" This article of our popular Career Focus magazine is intended to give you the step-by-step answers to that question.

STEP ONE: MAKE THE DECISION THAT HIGHER EDUCATION IS THE RIGHT PATH FOR YOU.

Achieving your career goals in life often requires education. And that often means higher education. Getting started on your professional career at Mountwest Community & Technical College is always a good choice. You may have heard the questions, "What exactly is a community college, and how is it different than other higher education institutions?" Those are good questions.

Community colleges have been around in the United States for decades. Before 1970, most community colleges were referred to as "junior colleges". That term has most recently become associated with colleges that are privately funded, two-year institutions. Community colleges, like Mountwest, are typically funded by the state and federal government and have the support of the education system in the state they're located.

Students have many options at a community college. They can receive their associate degree, a one-year certificate in many fields, continuing education or other types of career certifications. Many community colleges have evolved into and adapted the term comprehensive to describe their institutions. These schools typically offer five facets of education:

1. **Transfer education** - The traditional two-year student who will then transfer to a four-year institution to pursue a BS/BA degree.
2. **Career education** - The traditional two-year student that will graduate with an associate degree and directly enter the workforce.
3. **Continuing** - Non-credit courses offered to the community for personal development and interest.
4. **Industry training** - Contracted training and education wherein a local company pays the college to provide specific training or courses for their employees.
5. **eLearning** - Distance learning occurs online using one's computer and proctored exams. Students can complete their educational needs on their own time, in their own home.

Within the transfer education category, comprehensive schools typically have articulation agreements in place that provide prearranged acceptance into specific four-year institutions. For example, at Mountwest, articulation agreements exist between many local, regional and national four-year institutions that allow for all the credits earned at Mountwest to transfer to that school and be counted toward your bachelor's degree.

Making the choice to pursue higher education – be it getting your bachelor's degree, associate degree, career certificate or industry training is a choice that you make that says you are interested in going farther, earning more and getting on the path to success.

In 2011, the U.S. Census Bureau published an article stating that in West Virginia, a college graduate earned, on average, 62% more over the course of their professional career than a person that only completed high school. What does that mean to you?

If you, on average, graduated high school tomorrow and got a job making $25,000 per year, you would make one million dollars over your typical 40-year career. Get your degree and that number goes to over $41,000 per year and over $1,600,000 on your career - pretty significant.

Making the decision to better yourself through education is obviously a strong choice. Choosing Mountwest is an even better one.

STEP TWO: MAKE THE CALL.

So you've made the decision you want to find out more about Mountwest. What now? Pick up the phone. Call us at (WHAT NUMBER), and our friendly advisors will help you with everything you need to know.

Our advisors and counselors are employed to help you. Let them do their job. You'll have questions, and we have the answers you need.

STEP THREE: ENROLL AND SECURE FINANCES.

It sounds easy, but just thinking about the enrollment process can be intimidating. At Mountwest, we take the intimidation out of the equation. Mountwest fosters educational growth within the community through an open enrollment policy. The enrollment process begins with the admission application and is followed by the CAP assessment. Once admitted, an educational counselor will assist the student with developing a program of study and planning educational goals.

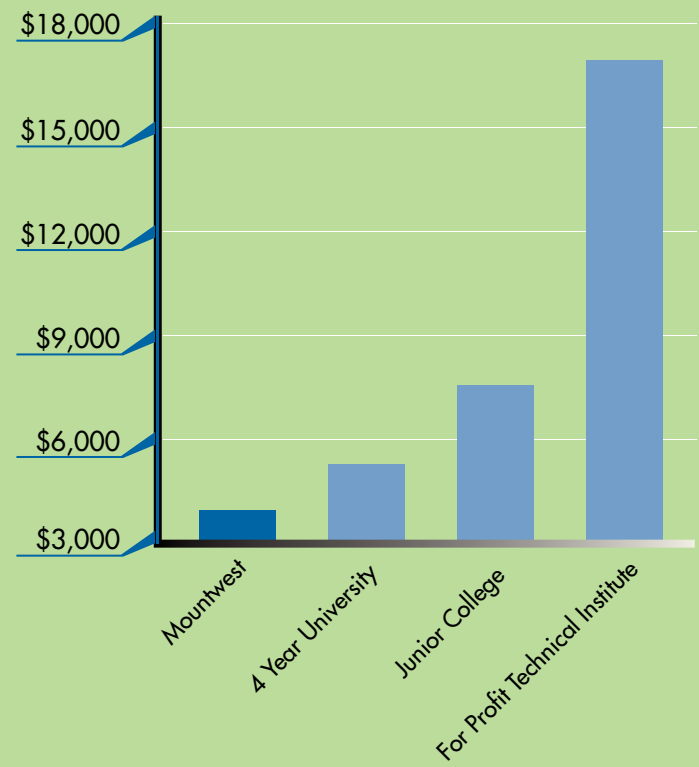
Many high school graduates think that their standardized testing scores or community involvement is what gets them into college. At many four-year institutions, they're correct. It's typically a competitive process where students are evaluated against their peers and previous standards to determine who is admitted.

Not at Mountwest. If you are a high school graduate or have a GED, you're accepted. We believe in the ability for anyone to better themselves through education and provide you with the path to do so. Getting started is as easy as visiting us on our new campus, located atop 5th Street Hill in Huntington, West Virginia, and filling out an application.

One consistent bit of feedback that we heard from our students in our previous location was that it was difficult to complete all you needed to in order to get started. You needed to physically go from one place to another in order to complete the process. This proved to be frustrating, tiresome and slow…three attributes no one wants to experience.

At our new location, we've streamlined the process by providing students with a visible, quick and efficient one-stop shop for all the necessary steps of getting started at Mountwest. Our new student services suite allows for private consultation with our enrollment team, financial aid counselors and career and education counselors all in one location, all within feet of one another. Our team of professionals is trained to provide you with the information you need to get started.

Financial aid is always a question incoming students have about Mountwest. We're proud to boast some of the lowest costs of attendance in our region in the realm of higher education. Compared to a full class schedule at Mountwest, it can cost you up to 600% more to attend a private, for-profit institution in our region. Mountwest provides you with an education that you can use immediately in the most affordable fashion in our region. No one wants to spend the majority of their earnings on student loans.



Costs are calculated on an annual basis, with 12 credit hours for 9 months per year. Sources: CNNMoney, Petersen's, US Department of Education, official college websites and telephone questionnaires. Costs are calculated for in-state tuitions.

The financial aid office at Mountwest is designed to give you a conduit for the obtainment of the resources you need to attend Mountwest. We have trained counselors that know all the available avenues to get you the financial aid you need to attend and be comfortable. There are grants, loans and many tax advantages to you for attending college. We'll work hard on your behalf to get you what you need.

STEP FOUR: CHOOSE YOUR CAREER PATH.

Choosing a career path or course of study is one of the most important decisions you'll make.

What interests you? Are you already in a career? Where do you see potential for personal growth? These are all great questions to consider when you're choosing the path to your future. At Mountwest, we offer courses of study through two distinct academic divisions:

General Education and Transfer:
In addition to providing General Education courses for all Mountwest Community & Technical College programs, the General Education and Transfer Division offers many programs designed to provide you the foundation for your bachelor's degree, an associate degree or certificate in many growing fields:

- Education
- Communication
- Journalism

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This is also the academic division you would enter if your intention is to start your education at Mountwest and transfer to one of the many four-year institutions that we have an articulation agreement with like Marshall, West Virginia, Ohio and others. Spending your first two or three years at Mountwest allows you to save significant costs and get a quality, focused education you can use in your bachelor's degree studies.

Career and Technical Studies:

Nationally, the need for careers in healthcare and life sciences is expected to grow for several years, and Mountwest is here to assist you with attaining the education and skills needed for these jobs. The Career and Technical Studies Division offers Associate of Applied Science degrees, Certificate of Science and numerous skill sets. Many of these programs are accredited by professional accrediting agencies to meet the standards of excellence in their field. Students have the opportunity to train using our state-of-the art clinical and life science equipment similar to that found in the modern workplace. You can work toward a career in many fields such as:

- Allied health occupations such as nursing
- Massage therapy
- Medical assisting
- Pharmacy
- Physical therapy
- Certified coding specialists
- Clinical assistants
- Exercise science
- Paramedic science

Additionally, our technical studies programs are developed so that students quickly attain critical job skills and move into employment through skill sets, certificate in applied science degrees, or associate in applied science degrees. All business, technology and workforce development faculty members are student focused and look forward to helping students achieve their educational and employment goals. Though this division you can pursue careers in:

- Business
- Banking and finance
- Hospitality including culinary arts
- Information technology such as networking, web development and gaming
- Legal
- Management and more

In addition to the divisions noted above, Mountwest offers continuing education initiatives in many areas that allow you to either qualify to immediately enter a new career or gain new skills in an existing career. You can train for careers in:

- Business and industry
- Cooking & Culinary
- Extension programs
- Inland Waterways and Maritime
- Workforce Development Institute
- Wastewater Training and more

Finally, if you're not 100% sure what procedures there are, what options are available or how you move around Mountwest, we've designed the E-ZStart program for all our incoming students if they wish to engage in it.

E-ZStart is a FREE course that provides you with all you need to know about college. You can earn credits learning about earning credits! We encourage all our students to enroll in the E-ZStart program to get acclimated to all that Mountwest has to offer.

STEP FIVE: ATTEND CLASSES.

As rudimentary as it sounds, there are actually many ways to take a course at Mountwest.

In 2012, we completely moved into our beautiful, new and advanced campus atop 5th Street Hill in Huntington, West Virginia. This five-floor facility includes all the modern tools and technologies you need to get on the path to a better tomorrow!

We boast a student resource center that includes numerous study materials, a wide range of informational resources and is staffed with trained professionals to help you find what you need.

We've loaded the facility with numerous computer labs equipped with the latest in technologies and lightning fast, free Internet that allows you to research, learn and explore. Our IT and computer professionals are always on site to assist.

The amenities also include more than 650 free parking spaces conveniently located next to the building, an outdoor deck and picnic area, and our very own Mountwest Café that serves fresh meals throughout the day. We're also served by public transportation and are conveniently located next to major interstate routes.

In addition to the on-site learning capabilities, we offer distance, or online learning for our students. More than 100 courses have online options that are available to you and that number is growing all the time. The ability to complete your degree studies online and on your schedule is outstanding.

We also offer many evening classes and have remote locations for learning that may be of interest to you.

STEP SIX: COMPLETE YOUR STUDIES, AND START EARNING!

Whether it's a continuing education course, a one-year certificate, your associate degree or you're moving on to your bachelor's degree, completing your studies at Mountwest is only the beginning.

Once you've achieved your goals, we assist you in finding the right job placement with our many counselors in student services. Our career goals team is at your disposal to assist in finding the job of your dreams.

Mountwest is your starting point for a new and exciting career! Follow these easy steps and get started today!

alumni *Spotlight*

From Intern to **System Engineer**

Crystal Eagle always knew that she had an interest in computers; never did she expect that it could turn into a promising career. After high school graduation, she was unsure of which career path to take. It was when she was fixing her boyfriend's computer from a virus that she realized she wanted to take the next step in pursuing a career with computers. Crystal began to research careers and colleges that offered the program best for her.

Soon she found Mountwest and chose to enroll because of the hands-on computer classes that were offered to complete the degree. Specifically, Crystal enrolled in the Network Solutions Administration program, which consisted of classes such as Information Storage and Management and Advance Operation Systems, which she knew would be beneficial in her future career.

Crystal enrolled in the Information Technology Internship program, which consisted of 250 internship hours. This program is intended to help students land a job after graduation. She began her internship at Advanced Technical Solutions, which eventually led to the full-time career she has today.

"Advanced Technical Solutions is pleased to work so closely with Mountwest; we have been fortunate to have talented Mountwest interns like Crystal join our team," said Paul Martin, Crystal's supervisor. "We quickly found that she was very serious about the IT industry."

Throughout her internship, Advanced Technical Solutions helped Crystal earn various certifications by offering training to help prepare her and by also paying for the exams. In addition, because Crystal was a student at Mountwest, she received a discount on each of her certification exams.

"Mountwest gave me the knowledge and skills to get the job and do the basic fundamentals; Advanced Technical Solutions has given me the knowledge and experience to grow off of these skills," Crystal explained.

Crystal graduated from Mountwest in May 2012. She has now been with Advanced Technical Solutions for almost two years and has been promoted twice. Her title is now System Engineer.

"With the continued high level of work and great attention to customer service, I know that Crystal will continue to advance," Paul said. "I am very pleased and fortunate to work with her and I look forward to seeing the continued success that I know she will achieve."

Crystal currently holds the following certifications due to the knowledge and skills provided by Mountwest and Advanced Technical Solutions:

- CompTIA Security +
- CompTIA Network +
- MCP 70-643 TS: Windows Server 2008 Applications Infrastructure, Configuring
- MCP 70-680 TS: Windows 7, Configuring
- MCP 70-647 Pro: Windows Server 2008, Enterprise Administrator
- MCP 70-642 Windows Server 2008 Network Infrastructure, Configuring
- MCP 70-646 Pro: Windows Server 2008, Server Administrator
- MCP 70-640 Windows Server 2008 Active Directory, Configuring
- MCITP: Enterprise Administrator on Windows Server® 2008 (MCSE)
- MCITP: Server Administrator on Windows Server® 2008 (MCSA)
- 1Y0-A20 Citrix XenApp 6.5 Administration
- AirWatch Enterprise Mobility Associate

MOUNTWEST NAMED BEST FOR VETS TWO YEARS IN A ROW

Mountwest Community & Technical College has been named the best community and technical college for vets in the nation by Military Times. Last year Mountwest held the number one spot as the best traditional two-year college for vets.

Eighty community and technical colleges were evaluated in five categories: university culture, student support, academic policies, academic quality and financial aid. Specifically, Mountwest received four out of four stars in Yellow Ribbon, which rates a school's participation in the Yellow Ribbon program, under which a school and the Veterans Affairs Department partner to partially or completely make up the difference between a school's tuition rate and the Post-9/11 GI Bill; Staff Support, which rates the number of staff members a school has dedicated to veterans issues, the amount of time they spend on veterans issues and the scope and frequency of military-related training for teachers and administrators throughout the school; Academic Support, which rates the types of academic help a school provides, such as tutoring, mentors and learning communities, and also considers whether there is a separate version of these types of support for veterans; and Extracurriculars, which rates the number and activity level of student veteran groups at a school, as well as whether the school supports the groups financially.

Another aspect that has earned Mountwest this title is that they offer a free, three-credit-hour class to new recruits that's co-taught by Mountwest faculty and Army recruiters. The focus ranges from military basics to managing finances and what soldiers need to do in order to receive college credit for their military skills.

"We're honored to receive the recognition; it came as a result of a lot of effort on the part of many people," said Cory Payne, Military Programs Coordinator. "You have to have well organized programs and procedures put into place to fully equip these deserving military men and women for the workforce, as well as faculty and staff that are ready and willing to go the extra mile. We're fortunate to have both at Mountwest."

Payne and Mountwest's efforts have drawn more attention than that of Military Times. Payne has received numerous phone calls and emails from directors at other schools across the country asking for his guidance.

"I'm always happy to exchange successes and failures with other institutions," said Payne. "There are thousands of skilled servicemen and women in our country, and we need to do all that we can to both prepare them for the workforce and actually assist them in finding a job."

Mazen Younis is a veteran and Mountwest graduate now pursuing a bachelor's degree at Marshall University. He found out about Mountwest through his friends who spoke highly of Payne and the veteran military programs offered at Mountwest. Younis met with Payne who helped him enroll and also offered him a work study position, which he has held for two years. Mazen said the position has given him the ability to work and go to school at the same time.

"Mountwest has been the most veteran friendly school I have ever encountered," he said. "They offer veteran study halls, job fairs, and friendly instructors who accommodate veterans and all of their students as much as possible."

For more information on the Military Times rankings, visit projects.militarytimes.com/best-for-veterans/colleges/career-technical-colleges/2014/.

Mountwest has received numerous awards and recognitions for its efforts to make higher education easily attainable for our nation's veterans, including the coins displayed here.

Success Beyond Measure

alumni *Spotlight*

"Going to Mountwest to earn my degree showed my company that I was taking my job seriously and making a conscience effort to advance. It solidified and positioned me here for the future and showed commitment to the owners. My overall view on life and my confidence has been improved by just getting through this program."

Justin Worrell graduated high school in 1999. Like many students, Justin was unsure of what came next. How would he pay for college? What career path should he choose? Justin decided to join the army with intentions to pay for school. He ended up spending more time than expected overseas and in turn never enrolled into college.

After the military, Justin spent a semester and a half at Marshall University taking various classes, unsure of what career path he wanted to pursue. He worked as a service tech, a telemarketer and also in automobile sales in search of finding his perfect career.

In 2006 he was hired on full-time at State Electric and worked doing general labor in the warehouse. He enjoyed his new career so much that he wanted take the initiative to move up within the company; he knew he could accomplish this with an associate degree. Justin looked to Mountwest Community & Technical College to help him achieve his goal. He had completed various training programs through State Electric and had also gained college credit for the few semesters he was at Marshall. In addition, Justin's military experience gave him transfer credits, which led him closer toward earning his associate degree in applied science at Mountwest.

"When we first contacted Mountwest to have much of our industry and company specific training evaluated for college credit, we knew that Justin had already completed quite a bit of State Electric specific training," Angel Horn, Corporate Trainer for State Electric Supply Company said. "He is a great example of motivation and growth."

After combining his military transfer credits, Marshall transfer credits, and employee experience, Justin learned that he was only 12 credits away from earning his degree from Mountwest. While working full-time at State Electric, Justin was able to complete his degree through online programs, which allowed him to spend more time with his wife and two young children.

"Going to Mountwest to earn my degree showed my company that I was taking my job seriously and making a conscience effort to advance. It solidified and positioned me here for the future and showed commitment to the owners," Justin explained. "My overall view on life and my confidence has been improved by just getting through this program."

After earning his associate degree, Justin advanced in his position at State Electric and now works as the Fleet and Freight Operations Coordinator where he coordinates sales and delivery vehicles for a fleet of 320 vehicles. State Electric operates in six states and has more than 41 retail locations. Justin is also responsible for the acquisition and service of vehicles, negotiating with carriers and freight contracts, and managing leases for company vehicles. His favorite classes at Mountwest were Communications, English, Economics and Business Math because they all directly helped him improve his performance at State Electric.

Justin has worked under his supervisor, Tony Martin, for over two years at State Electric. Tony works as the Corporate Operations Manager and is also a member of the Board of Directors at Mountwest.

"Justin is a focused young man who has set some very high goals for himself and utilized Mountwest to achieve them," Tony said. "The partnership that State Electric and Mountwest share will be beneficial for State Electric Employees for many years to come."

Today Justin is communicating with program coordinators at Ohio University to begin classes in the spring of 2014 where he will take all online classes to earn a bachelor's degree in technical and applied studies.

"The classes that I took at Mountwest are directly involved with what I do on a day-to-day basis at my job, and that's what I like about OU as well. My program will be very work related," Justin said.

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM *Continues to Grow*

If you enjoy helping others, problem solving and assisting in implementing established plans of care, a career as a physical therapy assistant may be for you! It's an exciting time for the PTA program at Mountwest Community & Technical College as the clinical laboratory was recently relocated to its new facilities at the main campus on Fifth Street Road and the program was newly reaccredited.

The lab space is approximately 875 square feet and has the capacity to accommodate 14 students for clinical skills instruction. It contains equipment that represents a modern clinical practice setting, including electrical stimulation, ultrasound units, traction units, whirlpool, iontophoresis, and intermittent compression devices just to name a few. In addition, it is equipped with a hospital bed, high – low treatment tables, as well as wall-mounted treatment tables that are used to simulate functional activity training across the lifespan and in multiple healthcare settings.

All laboratory classes are held in this designated space in order to allow for hands-on application of clinical concepts and techniques. Open lab hours are available for program student use to provide additional practice time for skill attainment and laboratory competency exams.

With the relocation of the program complete, students have easy access to student services such as the resource center, financial aid, and the registrar. Students are also able to take advantage of the student café and bookstore.

The accreditation status of the Mountwest Physical Therapist Assistant Program has been reaffirmed by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), following its spring meeting. The program has received a 10-year accreditation status through June 30, 2023.

CAPTE is the only nationally recognized accrediting agency for physical therapist and physical therapist assistant education programs. CAPTE is recognized by the US Department of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) for this purpose.

"I'd like to thank all the individuals that participated in the accreditation process with special recognition toward the clinical facilities and instructors that have been instrumental in providing quality educational experiences for our students," said Travis Carlton, Professor and PTA Program Director. "The program strives to provide a quality education that meets the expectations of employers and the communities we serve."

According to CAPTE, "Accreditation is a statement that a physical therapist assistant education program meets the standards for quality set by the profession. The public is assured that accredited physical therapy education programs are evaluated extensively and conform to general expectations in the professional field. Because accreditation requires continual self-evaluation, regular reports, and periodic external review, the public can be assured the educational quality of the programs remains current and reflects changes in knowledge and practice of the profession."

For additional information on accreditation, please contact the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; telephone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: www.capteonline.org.

Additional information on the PTA Program is available at www.mctc.edu or by contacting the program offices at either carltont@mctc.edu or odell8@mctc.edu. Applications will be available beginning November 15th in Room 427 of the main campus. The deadline for submission for the next class is March 15th.

moving forward >>>
toward your goals

Mountwest Community & Technical College has classes and degree programs to move you toward your new goals. Choose part-time or full-time, day or evening classes. Start small with a certificate or jump right into an associate degree and transfer to a four-year institution.

Mountwest's small classes, comprehensive services and caring teachers are here to help you learn – and change. Not sure what's next? Take a look at this A-Z listing of Mountwest programs. You never know, something unexpected might catch your eye. And change your life.

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Area of Study	Degree	Prepares You For
CAREER AND TECHNICAL STUDIES DIVISION		
ALLIED HEALTH >>		
Allied Health Occupations	Certificate	work in educational services, federal, state, and local governments, or pharmaceutical and medical facilities
Certified Coding Specialist	Certificate	becoming familiar with coding systems, medical terminology and medical background of anatomy and diseases; prepares student for National American Health Information Association exam
Dental Assistant	AAS	preparing patients for treatments, assisting dentist with procedures, taking x-rays, developing film, and preparing administrative office duties
Dental Laboratory Technology	AAS, Certificate	making and repairing dental appliances such as dentures, crowns, and braces
Exercise Science	Certificate	direct employment within a Health club or Fitness Center or for individual private pay consultation
Health Information Technology	AAS	technical knowledge and skills necessary to handle medical, administrative, ethical, legal accreditation, and regulatory requirements of the health care delivery system
Health Science	AAS	allows those with allied health industry specialized certifications to pursue a degree in their field
Massage Therapy	AAS	employment in doctors' offices, chiropractors' offices, hospitals, physical therapy offices, medical clinics, and massage therapy practices
Medical Assistant	AAS	administrative duties and clinical duties in physicians' offices, clinics, and hospitals
Paramedic Science	AAS, Certificate	providing emergency medical treatment and stabilization, rescuing of persons entrapped in life-threatening situations, transporting critical patients, supporting and assisting law enforcement agencies, and public education and training
Pharmacy Technician	AAS	routine tasks to help prepare prescribed medication, counting tablets, labeling bottles, administrative duties, stocking shelves, and operating cash registers

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Physical Therapist Assistant	AAS	home health care, rehabilitation hospitals, nursing homes, acute care hospitals, skilled nursing skills, outpatient departments, private practice offices, and school systems positions
Radiologic Technology	AAS	employment in hospitals, clinics, commercial radiological laboratories, physicians' offices, mobile radiological services
Respiratory Therapy	AAS	employment in nursing homes, nursing units, outpatient centers, rehabilitation hospitals, acute care hospitals, home health, and physician's offices
Surgical Technology	AAS	working in hospitals, physicians' offices, dentist offices, outpatient care centers, and ambulatory surgical centers
APPLIED SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY >>		
Biomedical Instrumentation Technology	AAS	maintaining, troubleshooting, and repairing medical equipment
Electronics Technology	AAS	installation technician, electronics technician, electronic sales, biomedical technician
Engineering Design Technology	AAS	engineering technician, product design technician, CAO specialist, computer modeling specialist, graphic designer, digitalar
Machinist Technology/CNC Technology	AAS	rigorous demands of the manufacturing sector, manual machinist, CNC machinist, industrial sales, auto plant worker, machinist shop, and fabricator
Occupational Development	AAS	after completion of a US DOL approved Apprenticeship Program, can be ready to be apprenticeship, Job Corps, career and technical center instructors; and positions of increasing responsibility within the union
Technical Studies	ASS, Certificate	jobs with increased levels of responsibility by building upon approved employer training
Welding Technology	AAS	building equipment contractor, school maintenance, repair shop, self-employment, manufacturing industry, construction industry, and utilities industry positions
BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY >>		
Accounting (Management Technology)	AAS, Certificate	entry level accounting, auditing clerk, bookkeeper
Administrative Technology - Executive	AAS	business offices, problem solving, computer software
Accounting/Bookkeeping	AAS	entry level accounting, auditing clerk, bookkeeper
Administrative Technology - Legal	AAS	legal offices, problem solving, computer software
Administrative Technology - Medical	AAS	medical offices, problem solving, computer software
Banking and Finance	AAS	bank and finance terminology, computer software for financial institutions
Business Administration (Management Technology)	AAS	business management, sales, project planning
Call Center Supervisor (Management Technology)	AAS	entry level positions that lead to supervisory and management positions
Industrial Management (Management Technology)	AAS	position of supervisory leadership such as assembly supervisor, machine shop supervisor, operations supervisor
Interior Design	AAS	employment with architectural firms, interior design firms, kitchen design firms, department stores, and furniture stores

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HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT >>		
Culinary Arts	AAS, Certificate	a variety of culinary establishments as a sous chef, garde manager, kitchen supervisor, and restaurant manager
Hotel/Lodging Management	AAS	hotel and resort management, tourism and travel services, and recreation services industry
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY >>		
Animation and Game Developer	AAS	design software, programming, modeling and animation, designing and developing games
Geospatial Studies	AAS	technical skills with image and image-processing software products, working in business, communications, defense, education, engineering, government, health and human services, natural resources, transportation, and utilities industries
Microsoft Certified IT Professional	Certificate	prepare students for the Microsoft Certified IT Professional (MCITP) Certification examinations
Network Systems Administration (Microsoft)		network administrator, network engineer, systems support technician, network designer, and network security systems designer positions
Network Systems Development (CCNA)	AAS	network administrator, network engineer, systems support technician, network designer, network security systems designer
Network Systems Security	AAS	network administrator, web designer, systems support technician, network designer, security solutions designer, help desk technician, hardware technician, software technician, and software applications
Web Development	AAS	network administration, web designer, systems support technician, network designer, security solutions designer, help desk technician, and hardware technician positions
LEGAL STUDIES >>		
Criminal Justice	AAS	current law enforcement for advancement into supervisory positions, probation, parole, retail security, private security, and private investigations.
Paralegal Studies	AAS	interviewing, case investigation, preparation of pleadings, and legal research
TRANSPORTATION >>		
Aviation Technology	AAS, Certificate	aircraft pilots and flight engineers
Intelligent Transportation Systems	AAS	working in the transportation industry to use computer and communication technology to solve transportation problems that run the gamut from road congestion, parking, and route selection. Jobs are software engineer, transportation security, roadway management
Intermodal Management	AAS	working in the transportation industry to use computer software technology to solve freight movement problems to ensure that freight is picked up and delivered in time to meet manufacturing needs. Jobs are freight coordinator, dispatcher, and transportation management
Maritime	AAS	rigging barges, maintaining barges once underway, and performing routine maintenance on towboats and barges
Railway	AAS	placement into jobs of increasing responsibility such as supervisory positions, conductor, and engineer by building upon railroad training taught by the employer
Roadway	AAS	placement into jobs of dispatcher, customer service, freight and distribution

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LIBERAL ARTS & TRANSFER STUDIES DIVISION		
COMMUNICATION >>		
Advertising	AA	advertising, marketing, promotions, public relations and sale management
Internet Journalism	AA	online newspapers or magazines, local papers and news station
Public Relations	AA	advertising, promotions and marketing managers
Radio/Television Production Management	AA	audio/video equipment technicians, broadcast technicians, sound engineering technicians, communications equipment operation
HUMAN SERVICES & EDUCATION >>		
American Sign Language, Deaf Studies	AAS, Certificate	interpreter training program, effective communication with deaf persons, translator
Assistant Teacher	Certificate	employment as teacher assistant in early education classroom
Child Development Specialist	AAS	childcare work, child daycare services, and preschool employment
Early Childhood Education	AAS	childcare work, child daycare services, and preschool employment
Public Library Technology	AAS, Certificate	employment as a library assistant, library technician
ADDITIONAL DEGREES >>		
Board of Governors	AAS	adult learners to meet occupational goals
General/Transfer Studies	AA, Certificate	transferring to a four-year institution

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Finding Pride and Purpose through Education and Career

Jack Maynard loves to help people. That is one of many reasons he loves working at Alcon. Alcon is the number one manufacturer of intra-ocular contact lenses in the world and serves eye care professionals and their patients in more than 180 countries, spanning 90% of the globe. Jack believes in Alcon's mission to provide innovative products that enhance quality of life by helping people see better.

"I enjoy helping people and being part of a company that gives people the ability to regain sight," Jack said. "Our products help people so they can live a normal life, and this truly gives me a sense of purpose and pride."

Jack has been employed by Alcon for 15 years and has been promoted several times during his tenure. He is currently the Quality Control Supervisor for the Advanced Optical Device Centers at both the South and North facilities.

Jack is a recent graduate of Mountwest where he earned an Associate Degree in Applied Science and says that his education has improved his ability to perform his daily tasks at a much higher level. Education is important to Jack, and that's why he decided to continue learning by taking advantage of an articulation agreement between Mountwest and Ohio University that is allowing him the opportunity to apply his first two years at Mountwest towards a Bachelor's Degree in Technical and Applied Science.

In addition to working at Alcon and continuing his education, he is a member of the American Society of Quality and a Certified Quality Improvement Associate, as well as a Persian Gulf Veteran. He attributes his strong work ethic from his time serving in the United States Air Force.

"Education gives you the ability to, not only learn and understand, but to also better yourself, your families, and your community," Jack said.

Jack is a graduate of Symmes Valley High School and has resided in the Tri-State area the majority of his life. He enjoys spending time with his wife, their two sons and being outdoors.

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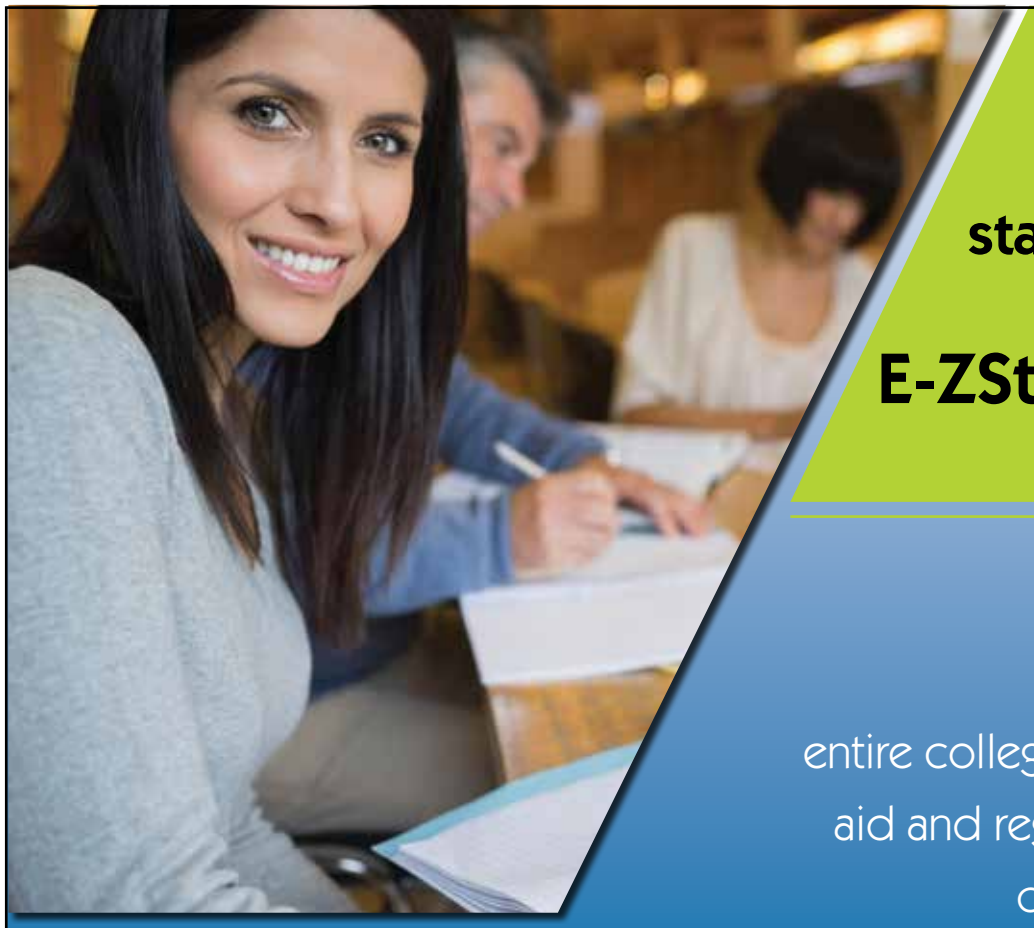

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