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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Yes, you're in the right place! Becoming a student at Cape Coral Tech was a good decision and one you can count on to help you reach your career goals. Our many partnerships with local businesses and hospitals provide our students with work experience, hands-on skills and ultimately a higher-wage job after graduation.

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Since we opened in 1993, our students are still the most important element we have here at Cape Coral Tech. So to our new students I say, "Welcome to our school, it's an excellent one and you'll be glad you're here."

Michael Schiffer, Director

Cape Coral Tech Programs

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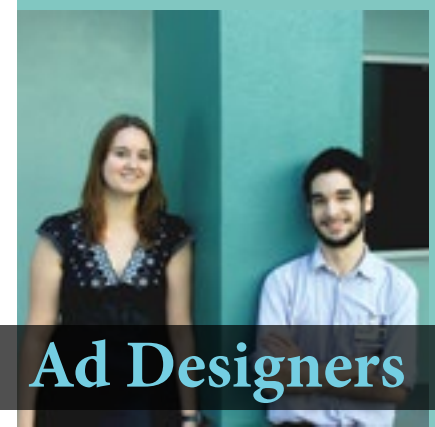
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I propose a question that mankind has asked itself for eons: Why? Why are we here? Were we placed here by some higher being, or are we simply the byproduct of the cosmic accident we call “life”?

Instead of pondering this, I decided to write an article about returning to school. Let’s think about it for a minute: you slaved away at school for 13 years (or maybe a few more... I don’t judge), and then you finally graduated, never needing to come back ever again. But...

you do anyway. Why is that? It’s not like we learned much in high school. Look me in the eyes and tell me you use calculus on a daily basis! I dare you!

Now I COULD tell you my own reason for coming here, but instead, I decided to ask a bunch of students I didn’t know. Reasons spanned from simple to heartwarming. Just goes to show that everybody has his or her own story. As it turns out, many of the students decided to come back to school to pursue their own dreams and passions. Good for them; too many people give up on their dreams before even trying to catch them. Other students I asked were actually parents, who decided to get an education so they could provide better lives for their children. Now that’s pretty admirable, it’s not always easy juggling school and kids. I hope everything turns out well for these individuals.

Oh yeah, I have to thank everyone who decided to answer my questions: Sam Rieger, Julio Martinez, Bryan Martinez, Diana Bonet, William Holmes, Tamar Walters, and Brittany Williams.

Geez, I hope I spelled all that right. It’d be pretty embarrassing if I didn’t.

by Tyler Worden

INTRODUCING GERA

Gheraldine Arias graduated from Cape Coral Tech with a passion for the industry. She is a talented young stylist who specializes in hair color and is highly skilled in nail and facial services.



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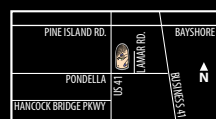
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FINANCIAL AID BAND-AID

AN ADHESIVE ARTICLE

by Bethany Burhoe

The dreaded Financial Aid Band-Aid. The thing we all know we need to get over with sooner than later, but end up avoiding. The main reason I avoided filling out my Financial Aid forms was because I simply didn’t know how. Doing some research, and in talking to Financial Aid advisors here at CCIT, I have attempted to break down the un-break-down-able. Here is a list I compiled to hopefully help you get it over with, or have what your “parent or guardian” is doing, make sense.

1. PIN it to win it

Go to **www.pin.ed.gov** and apply for a PIN number. This number will allow you to sign these forms electronically. No papers to misplace or keep organized. If you are providing parent/guardian information, they will need one too. (2 sets of info, 2 numbers. Got it?)

2. Prepare or Perish

Get your stuff together before you begin filling these forms out. The government doesn’t play, why should you? Have handy:

- Your **Social Security number** (if filling out parent/guardian info, grab theirs too)
- Your **Driver’s License number** (if you have one)
- Your **Alien Registration Number** (green card) or Permanent Residence card *if you are not a U.S. citizen*

3. DO the DEED

Complete and submit the forms you are now well prepared for. FAFSA stands for **FREE** Application for Federal Student Aid. So if you have filled out a form, get to the end, and they ask you for money; bail. That is the wrong form. With FAFSA, you have nothing to lose, but a whole lot to gain!

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A Pharmacy Technician is a health care provider who performs pharmacy-related functions, generally working under the direct supervision of a licensed pharmacist. They help licensed pharmacists dispense prescriptions to customers or health professionals.

Pharmacy Tech

by Chelsea Startt

Ms. REISINGER, THE PHARMACY TECH INSTRUCTOR, has had twenty years of experience in the pharmaceutical field. This class is a great choice especially if you are interested in the fields of medicine, chemistry, and math in the medical field. In this class you learn pharmacy math, medical terminology, pharmacology, and the administration of drugs. You also learn how to make ointments, creams, and capsules.

Studying the way the body functions will lay down the foundation for pharmacology, during which you will learn how medications affect the body. Our Pharmacy Tech facility has affiliation agreements with many local pharmacies, which is great for future positions such as: pharmacy aide, prescription entry, pharmacy clerk, pharmacy cashier, pharmacy customer service representative, and a pharmacist assistant.

The computer skills needed for this class are minimal. If you are a hands on type of person, enjoy helping people, and love a fast paced environment, then this is the class for you.

Ms. Reisinger is working on an accreditation that no other school in our area has which is the American Society of Health System Pharmacists (ASHP). After students have graduated and have acquired a job in this field, they must continue their education every two years because the world of medicine is always changing.

Certifications in Pharmacy Tech include the Florida State Licensure, and the National Certification Exam, which is encouraged but not required. This program runs for a total of 1050 hours, which incorporates clinical hours in local pharmacies.



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Nursing Students Volunteer

PRACTICAL NURSING

by Charles Kerby



>> Nine Practical Nursing students volunteered at the Freedom & Family event sponsored by the VA Museum in Cape Coral. The event was held at Jet Blue Park the weekend of September 23, 2014.

The nursing students monitored the crowd, looking for signs of heat exhaustion and dehydration. The safety and health of those attending the event were their first concern because of the heat and thunderstorms.

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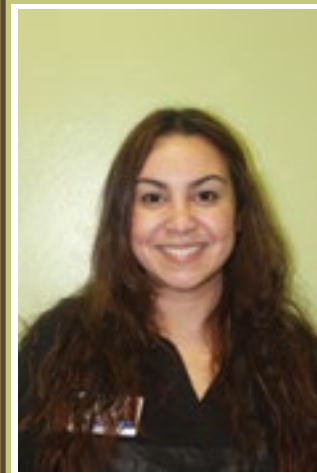
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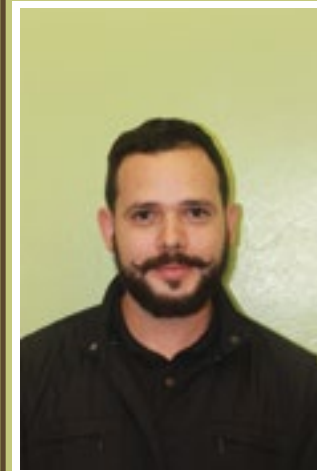
Cosmetologists

The Modern Artists



"I've always loved doing hair. I've been styling since I was young... making others happy makes me happy."

-Michelle Hernandez



"Styling and cutting hair, to me, is an art form... I'll definitely continue in this field. I love it."

-Andrew Alberto

There are currently 8 cosmetology students who are going to school and working in the field at the same time. I have spoken with several of them and they all agreed they are doing it for the love of it, and the desire to make people feel beautiful.

This profession is much more than just cutting hair and doing nails. Clients come to a salon to feel better about themselves, their week, and their life. To fully develop as a stylist, nail artist, or make up artist, you need proper training and experience. This is exactly what those same 8 students are doing as they learn at CCIT, gaining experience while possessing jobs at salons and spas in our area.

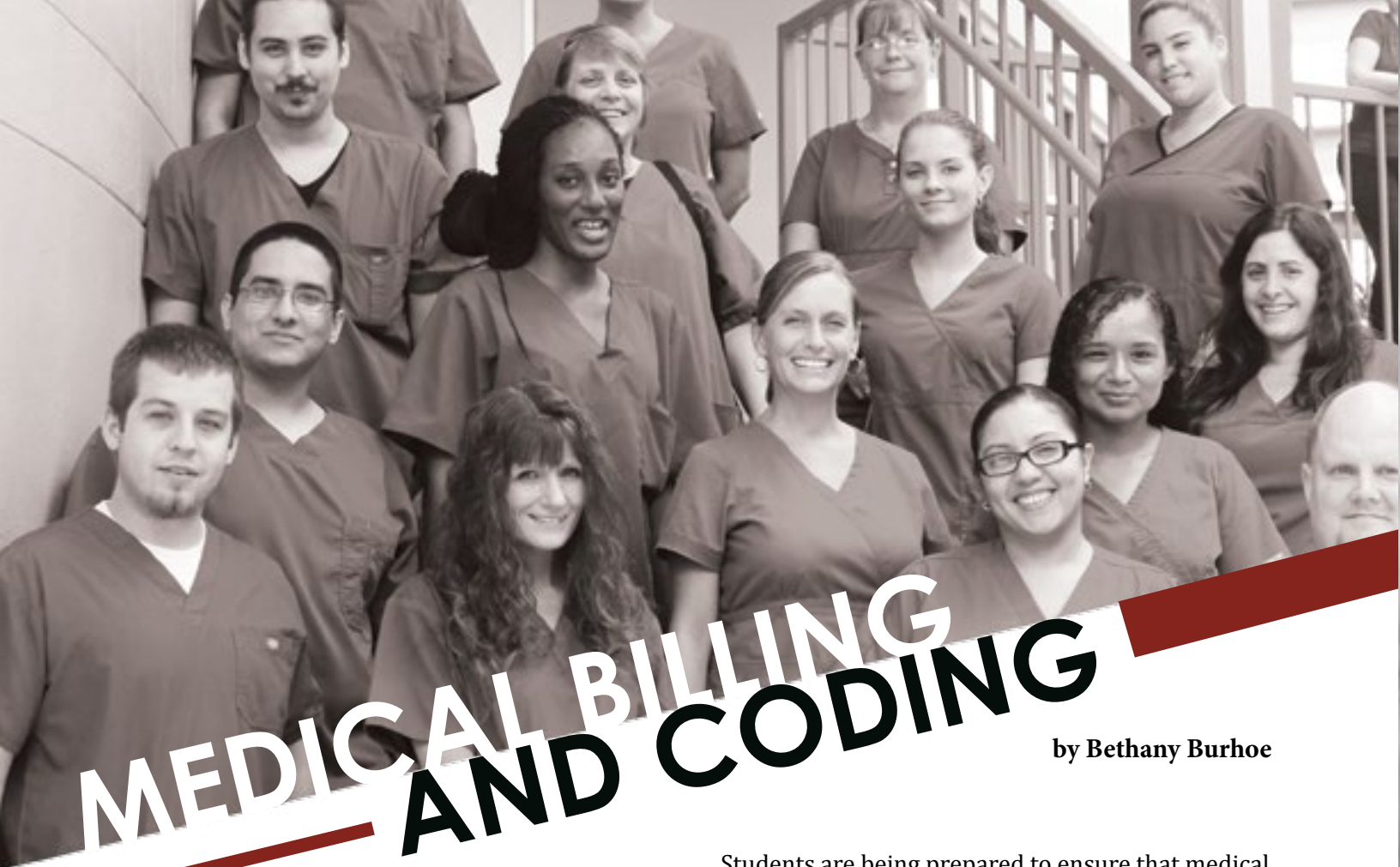
Some of the students work as receptionists in local salons such as Studio RK, The Hair Gallery, Profiles on Pine Island Rd, Salon Santana, and Mio's Salon.

The recurring theme with these students when asked, "when did you decide on cosmetology" seems to be that they always knew. When you have strong passion for something, it is like that. You may be working in another profession for years before you finally decide to follow your calling. Which is what happened with students Michelle Hernandez and Andrew Alberto.

Hernandez was working as a dental assistant for 10 years before she decided to take the steps to pursue her dream. Always loving to do hair and enjoying pampering people made coming to a technical school near her an easy choice. She is currently working as an esthetician at "Escape to Sparadise" (yes, Sparadise) in Cape Coral, where she will hang her license and implement her new skills. Hernandez's kind mannerisms and experience with people will ensure her success in this field.

Alberto had been working as a medical assistant when he felt like he needed a change. He chose cosmetology at CCIT. Now he will be able to help through his talents while doing what he loves. As a paid intern at Neff Studio Salon, Alberto will learn the ins and outs of the business all before he graduates. Helping people surpass their visions for themselves, boosting confidence, and making potentially long lasting relationships: these are benefits of being a cosmetologist.

- Bethany Burhoe



MEDICAL BILLING AND CODING

by Bethany Burhoe



KERRY TRENKAMP IS TRAINING HER STUDENTS IN HER medical billing and coding course to be productive in the work force. This program is very important to all hospitals, private practices, and anywhere they give a diagnosis.

Students are being prepared to ensure that medical office revenue cycles run smoothly. Jenny Phillips, a student in the course, brings up the point that the population is growing: more people, more bills to send out to insurance companies. The medical field is one associated with job security, and medical billing and coding falls right into that category.

Office settings are what you can expect; no blood or guts, but still have the benefits of working in this field. If you have a knack for computers, like Orebis Carbonell; a previous freelance web designer, this program will suit you. You are able to work at your own pace, with an occasional informative lecture. Expect to learn outpatient physician coding, it is the main focus of the course. That main form of coding does not limit your options, by any means.

Why Choose Medical Billing and Coding?

Most of these reasons will be personal ones. Following are a few common reasons people choose billing and coding:

- *Organized and detail oriented work.*
- *No requirement for direct contact with patients or bodily fluids.*
- *Easy transition from another office job, or to the insurance/mortgage industry.*

Web Development

The Web Development program teaches students how to design and develop websites and other web-based projects, such as blogs, for the internet and company intranets.

by Charles Kerby

In the Web Development program, students learn to use and earn certifications in both front end and back end software. This software includes Flash, HTML, CSS, Adobe Photoshop, Java and JQuery. The front end programs make a website look good and stay interesting. The back end programs will keep an effective web site running and interactive via coding that makes the site work the way it is supposed to work.

Nelson Occean and Samuel Stoerke are two of the students currently in the Web Design course. Stoerke chose this course because he wanted to work with computers while working with others on projects. He enjoys being able to bounce ideas off of others while designing websites. Occean was already working with computers but wanted to learn back end coding programs to create websites to further his career.

The self-based program takes approximately 10 months to complete. Training includes interactive teaching in the classrooms, and a hands on computer lab, as well as a variety of textbooks and video training. During class, students will create a resume and portfolio with actual client web design projects to help them get a job upon graduation.

Course graduates have found employment and free-lance opportunities as web designers, graphic artists and writers, web masters, and marketing professionals.



<Samuel> </Stoerke>



<Nelson> </Occean>

Hair Care



Haircut	10
Women (includes quick blow dry style)	
Men (includes clipper cut and facial hair trimming)	
Children	8
Shampoo & Style	10
Roller set or thermal iron.	
Hot Shave	5
Color Camo	10
Custom gray camouflage, low maintenance.	

Color	20
Redken's collection of exceptional color options.	
Highlight	30
Special effects coloring and highlights.	
Blonde Icing	30
Exclusive Lumisilk Technology lightening.	
Corrective Color	Consultation Required
Texturizing Perm	30
A chemical curling treatment.	
Chemical Relaxer	30
Thermal Hair Smoothing	45-95
Variety of systems to achieve temporary or permanent results.	
Special Occasion & Updo's	15-30



Hair Add-ons	
Steam Infusion	(add) 3
Flat Iron, Curling Iron or Roller Set	(add) 5
Cut With Perm or Color	(add) 5
Long Hair Perm or Color	(add) 5
Dual Color	(add) 5
A second color to glaze, refresh, correct or add shine.	
Roux Color Rinse	(add) 1
Temporary color change rinses out the next shampoo.	
<i>*Prices vary depending on the texture and length of hair.</i>	

Treatments	
Pre-Art	5
Equalizes porosity before a chemical service or removes build-up from swimming pools, hard water, and styling products.	
Redken Chemistry Shot	5
Custom Shot Phase formulas for needed strength, moisture, color protection, softness and frizz control.	

Time Reset.....	5
Age defying service improves manageability for younger, healthier looking hair. Results last up to 10 shampoos.	
Scalp Relief Dandruff Control	5
Pyrithione zinc controls dandruff flaking, itching and irritation. Purifies scalp and leaves hair shiny.	
Intra Force Scalp Stimulate Service	8
Microdermabrasion treatment cleanses to accelerate cellular turnover, followed by the treatment to nourish and strengthen the hair. Recommended once a month, followed by the Intra Force 3-step care at home.	



Hand Care & Foot Care

Almond SpaManicure	10
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Citrus SpaManicure	10
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Marine SpaPedicure	15
A system born of the sea with marine botanicals and sea salts to smooth and energize. Quartz crystals and menthol cool to refresh and revitalize.	
Shellac UV Color Coat	12
Smoothing Shellac	18
Paraffin Dip (Hands)	5
Warm scented paraffin covers the skin to deep condition.	
Nail Art or French	(add) 3



Deep Cleansing Facial	10
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Hydra Dew Moisture Mask Facial	20
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Four Layer Facial	25
Two soothing massages apply the smoothing serum and hydrating cream, followed by a cooling seaweed mask, all covered with a mineral-rich thermal mask for cleaner, healthier, radiant skin.	
Seaweed Treatment Facial On The Go	20
A quicker alternative to the Four Layer Facial minus the thermal mask. A soothing massage with C-Serum followed by a cooling and soothing fresh seaweed mask. Skin is clean, refreshed, healthy and vibrant.	
Hydra Medic Facial	25
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Vita Cura 5 Phase Firming Facial	35
An Enzymatic Micropeel uncovers a more vibrant complexion. Two massages and a cooling Spiralina Seaweed Mask with Pentapeptide firm and smooth the skin. Opti-Lift Serum is applied for immediate visible lift. Long term benefits preserve elasticity, improve oxygenation and help prompt cell renewal.	

Biolight Miracle Facial	40
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Nail Repair (per nail).....	(add) 1
Artificial Nail Removal	5
Treat and Polish For Hands	5
Clip, file, push back cuticles, buff, and finish with a hand massage and polish.	
Treat and Polish For Feet	7
Warm foot soak, followed by a clip, file, push back cuticles, buff, and finish with a foot massage and polish.	
Shellac Polish For Toes	12



Face Care



Face Care Add-ons	
RapideX Marine Exfoliator	(add) 5
Enzymatic Micropeel	(add) 5
Glyco-Sea Glycolic Peel	(add) 5
Opti-Firm Eye Contour Treatment	15
Combats signs of aging, sleep deprivation, and environmental damage with natural extracts of Ginko Biloba, Gotu Kola and firming Aosa Seaweed.	
Mineral-Rich Seaweed Makeup Application	5
False Eyelash Application	5
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Lash or Brow Tint	5

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Eyebrow Shaping	5
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Alright, everybody. Have any of you heard of the global energy crisis? You know, how we are running out of fossil fuels and are polluting the Earth beyond repair? Not fun stuff. We need to start switching to a renewable source of energy one of these days. But it's not as easy as plunking down a few windmills and slapping on some solar panels like a bumper sticker; those suckers are expensive to install and maintain. It's all one big, messy issue.

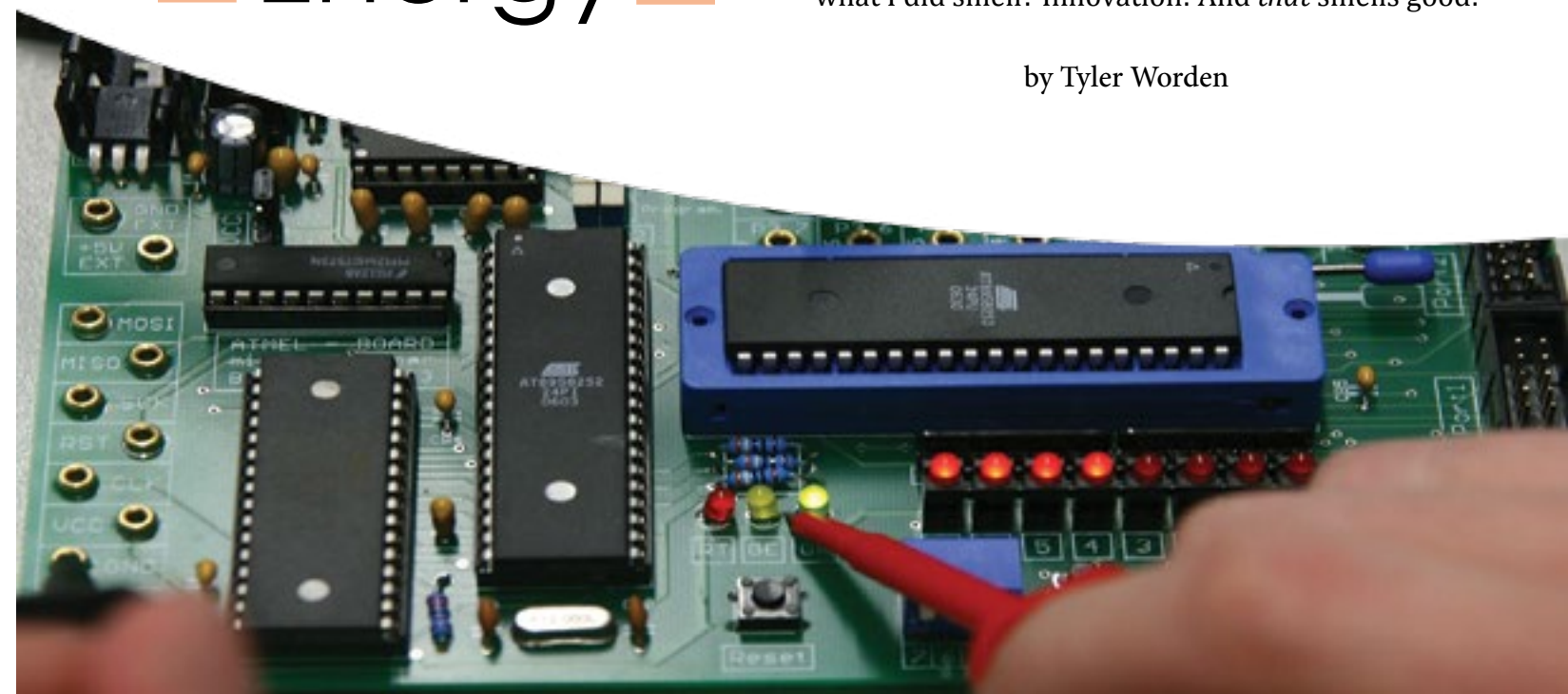
It's a good thing that we have an Electronic Technology program here at CCT! Students are learning about the history, fundamentals, installation, operation, maintenance, and servicing of alternative energy systems. Someday, when the world runs on solar and wind energy, these guys will be there to keep it all up and running!

In fact, they have this neat workbench-looking contraption that helps demonstrate the application of energy from solar and wind sources. It's called the "Solar/Wind Energy Training System". Just rolls off the tongue, doesn't it?

It's actually a pretty cool device; it has a small windmill and solar panel attached to it, and a myriad of sockets and light bulbs to read exactly how much juice it's pumping out! And it all happens without a single trace of carbon dioxide. Seriously, I went into their room, and I did not smell a hint of Earth-rotting gases. But you know what I did smell? Innovation! And *that* smells good!

by Tyler Worden

Squeaky Clean Energy



LIFE AFTER SCHOOL

Digital Design instructor Kevin Hawk remembers Shannon coming into the course as a “young driven professional,” he knew would go far. “He learned the software very quickly;” which is saying a lot considering the difficulty level of the Adobe Suite Software. Shannon designed the first ever ‘High Tech North’ website, which was up and running for roughly 8 years before being changed to Cape Coral Institute of Technology. Mr. Hawk went on to say he was not surprised by Shannon’s current success and he knew Shannon had a bright future ahead of him in graphic and web design from his first few days in the Commercial Art/Digital Design class.

I STARTED MY WEB DESIGN CAREER AT AGE 14, which began with Macromedia Flash 4 (Macromedia was later purchased by Adobe). Through flash animation and the introduction of the internet via my high school class library session, I quickly began investigating the process of creating web pages. Over countless Google searches and self-training, I was able to become a decent (but rough around the edges) web designer by my senior year.

I wanted to continue my studies of web design at Cape Coral Tech (formerly known as High Tech North) but since the class was not offered during the years I was attending, this lead me to take a course called “Commercial Art Technology” (now known as Digital Design). This class allowed me to fine tune my creative eye and establish principles, which I would later not only apply to web design, but other creative venues as well.

After I received my certificate of completion, combined with my diploma, I was able to land my first position as a professional web designer. I now have over 15 plus years as a professional web designer, and along the course I’ve worn many hats such as: graphic/print designer, video & sound editor, web developer, and iOS app developer. I’ve created and designed dozens of websites from concept to completion, and as small as single landing pages to fully developed social networks. I have a thorough passion for web design, and I’m always keeping up-to-date on latest trends and technologies. I currently have a full-time position as a Front-End Developer II at Lightmaker and also run my small business on the side, RecaMedia.



Shannon Reca: Professional Web Designer

<http://www.recamedia.com>

WORK HIGHLIGHTS

2006: Web Designer at Multisoft Corp

At Multisoft, I was able to design and construct MLM company sites. At the time, flash animation was very popular and this was highly incorporated within the site. Within that timeframe, I designed and developed four different sites.

2006 to 2014: Web Designer at Rich Dad Education

When working at Rich Dad Education, I designed and created over a dozen of our company’s brand sites. I was in charge of coming up with the design concepts and fully constructing the front-end aspect of the sites. The sites needed to be updated with latest trends and standards. Technologies were composed of JavaScript, jquery, HTML5, and CSS3. Many of these sites still exist and are available online.

2014 to Current: Front-End Developer II at Lightmaker

Working at Lightmaker has taken me to a whole new skill level. Not only have my talents been refined, but also introduced to newer technologies, which optimize workflow and improved quality of the final product. I’m currently working on projects for high-end clients.



Be a Sponge, Soak Up Knowledge

I was thinking about a sponge and how it works to absorb. I thought about the empty spaces in a sponge and compared them to our weaknesses. We have to recognize our flaws, target our weaknesses then we have to soak up knowledge. Focus more and more on what we want to learn.

According to this short introduction, I believe the most important part of learning is to be focused and be clear on what we want to learn. There are many ways to stay focused, but I will come up with 5 practical methods that work for me.

1. FIND YOUR PURPOSE

While you are studying, remind yourself why it is important for you to study. Are you going to take a test? Is this learning process affecting your future and career? That helps you to stay focused on the subject you are studying because you know it is something important in your life, and it is not only an assignment.

2. MAKE A TO-DO LIST

At the beginning of every session of your learning process, highlight the topics you are going to learn. That helps you to know the goal is reachable and helps you stay focused.

3. MINIMIZE EXTERNAL DISTRACTIONS

Whatever makes you distracted has to be eliminated. Turn off the TV or wear earplugs. Clean up and organize the desk or place you are studying. That makes you more focused because distractions can make you think about other things.

4. MAKE TIME FOR A BREAK

I know you like this one and it’s true! Studies show that every 45 minutes you need a five minute break to stay focused and learn better.

5. DRINK WATER

If you are going to soak up knowledge like a sponge you need liquids. That was a joke, but researchers hypothesized that drinking water could improve students’ thinking or help students stay calm.

All of us have the ability to learn. So, be like a child and enjoy the learning process, act like a sponge, and absorb whatever you want to learn. So, dear sponges: ***Do not let anything squeeze knowledge out of you!***

by Mitra Shaffy

“Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young.”

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SURGICAL

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by Bethany Burhoe

When a life is on the line in surgery, the doctors and nurses are not the only ones keeping the person alive. A crucial piece to any operation puzzle is the surgical technician. At CCIT, surgical technicians are thoroughly trained by Dona J. Hoyt (CST, RN), who has over 20 years experience in the field.

This program is designed to develop well-trained, clinically, and socially responsible surgical technicians with a deep understanding of operating room procedures. The approach to the curriculum is rigorous. The first 6 months you are learning the material and procedures from the books. You also work with the basic set up of doctors' instruments, doing mock procedures and observations. "The best part is when it comes time to be hands-on in the hospital," says CCIT Surgical Technology student Herman Erickson. The hands-on part is what students prepare for and it comes in the second half of the program.

Surgical Tech students work with live patients, in hospitals assisting doctors at Lee Memorial Hospital, Cape Coral Hospital, and Gulf Coast



Medical Center. Erickson also lets us know that "every doctor has a different way of doing things," while in the operating room. These students must be on their toes and ready for what may be thrown their way. This program is undoubtedly intense. There is a lot to learn in a short time, as with all programs at CCIT. If you enjoy fast paced,

"The best part is when we get to be hands-on in the hospital."

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The Learning Center

Imagine it's 5 o' clock in the afternoon and after a long day at school you have to go to the learning center. That sounds like a very long day! It is a nice place to go when you come across instructors at Cape Coral Tech who have the kindness of pre-school teachers, yet are wise enough to be college professors.

The Learning Center at Cape Coral Tech has an open attendance policy. Students attend at their convenience, anytime during the office hours. They help you achieve the scores you need for the TABE and GED tests. The scores are not as important as the learning process. The learning center is the place to learn more and improve scores.

by Mitra Shaffy

TABE TESTING REQUIREMENTS

Tests of Adult Basic Education (TABE) Information

Please bring the following before testing:

- \$15 fee (checks are NOT accepted)
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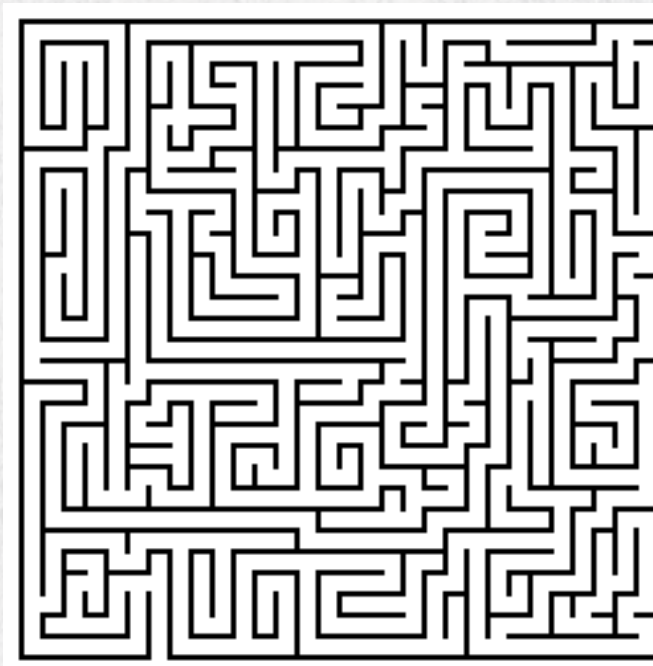
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