

UPPER VALLEY JVS

Heating/Ventilation/Air Conditioning/Refrigeration 11th Annual Advisory Committee/Employer Recognition Meeting

Troy Country Club
May 11, 2006
5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Minutes

Rodney Rhoades, Dayton Trane Company, served as chairperson for the evening and officially opened the meeting for business. He thanked everyone for attending the reception and for his/her support of the program.

Mr. Rhoades highlighted the activities and events of the past year in the HVAC/R program and shared that in the last seven years the HVAC/R students have been awarded over \$73,000 in scholarships to advance their training. Recently, Chad Peeples, a senior from Bradford High School placed second last year in the HVAC/R scholarship test given by University of Northwestern Ohio, Lima and received a \$1,500 scholarship for his efforts. Don Lowden, Admissions Representative for the School of Technology at Northwestern was present to make the scholarship presentation to Peeples.

Mr. Rhoades introduced special guests Karl Wilson, Superintendent; Mike Shellabarger, Director; Terry Krogman, Supervisor; Dr. Richard Adams, first Superintendent of the Upper Valley JVS and former Miami County Commissioner, State Senator Jim Jordon, representing the 12th District; and Dave Waibel, District Manager of Dayton Trane and the sponsor of this annual event. Mr. Rhoades also introduced current HVAC/R students and past graduates attending the meeting. These included:

- Tyler DeBrosse, Rieck Mechanical Local 24
- Tony Detrick, Reliable Mechanical Local 24
- Josh Morton, Morris Heating & Cooling
- Jordy New, Rieck Mechanical Local 162
- Chad Peeples, Tom & Jerry's Plumbing, Electric, Heating & AC
- C.J. Pence, Regal Plumbing & Heating
- Nathan Rowell, G.M. Mechanical
- Kyle Wilt, Noll-Fisher, Inc.
- Josh Nelson, Dayton Trane
- Luke Barhorst, Wells Brothers, Inc.
- Nick Watkins, University of Northwestern Ohio
- Ken Sharp, U.S. Marines
- Zane Garison, Eligible for Apprentice Program
- Rob Schwartz, Rose Heating & Cooling
- Jay Hoying, Wells Brothers, Inc.
- Josh Jackson, Eligible for Apprentice Program
- John Davy, U.S. Air Force

Karl Wilson, Superintendent of the Upper Valley JVS, welcomed everyone and thanked all advisory committee members for their strong support of Mr. Naill's program and students. Mr. Wilson gave credit to supporters for making this an exemplary program and one that has become the prototype for many other programs across the U.S. He expressed his personal pride in the HVAC/R Advisory Committee and program. Mr. Wilson thanked Emerson for the \$200,000 donation that resulted from the Emerson Trust Fund Grant and thanked Dave Waibel and Dayton Trane for sponsoring the meeting again this year.

Mr. Wilson then introduced the next speaker, Dr. Richard Adams, who was one of the founding fathers of the Upper Valley JVS and its first superintendent. He referred to Dr. Adams as his mentor and the person who set the style for the JVS for years to come.

Dr. Adams recognized the Upper Valley JVS as a great school and the HVAC/R program as an exemplary one that has received state and national recognition. He stated that employment is our product and that we must continue to produce quality workers. Dr. Adams encouraged students in the HVAC/R program not to coast but to reach higher and try to be even better. He recognized the HVAC/R Advisory Committee as an ideal for all advisory committees, told committee members how important their support is to its past and future success, and told the students that they have the responsibility of maintaining the quality of the HVAC/R Program.

The next speaker, Bob Labbett, Vice-President of Marketing for Emerson Climate Technologies and a former vocational school graduate, spoke to the students about employment opportunities in the HVAC/R field. He credited his vocational training as a significant help to him during his career in the field. Mr. Labbett stressed to the students not to narrow themselves in the field. He spoke of changes in the industry and great employment opportunities in manufacturing, wholesale, contracting, and end users. He encouraged students to think big, have fun, and be passionate.

Mr. Labbett recognized the efforts of Ken Monnier, Vice President of Air Conditioning at Emerson, in facilitating the Emerson Trust Fund Grant. This grant will result in a generous donation from Copeland/Emerson to the Upper Valley JVS HVAC/R program over the next five years. The first \$40,000 installment was presented in December 2005, with additional donations planned for the next four years for a total of \$200,000. Monnier is a former JVS Machine Trades student and was recognized as a JVS Distinguished Alumni in 1995. Assisting Mr. Monnier with the grant were Bob Labbett; Pat Gibson, UVJVS Business Operations Director; and Larry Banas, Director of Educational Services at Emerson Climate Technologies.

Terry Krogman, Supervisor, gave an enrollment update stating that currently there are 43x students enrolled in the HVAC/R program for the '06/07 school year. This includes 21 juniors and 22 returning seniors. Mr. Krogman stated that the cap for the program will be raised from 22 to 25 to accommodate interested students. He thanked employers, students, friends and family, the JVS Administrative Team, and State legislators for their support. He stressed the importance our support for our State legislators as well.

Tony Sherry, School to Apprenticeship Coordinator and Joanne Elliott, Career Advancement Coordinator, presented student awards. Mr. Sherry recognized five seniors who have completed their first year in the Apprenticeship program:

- Nathan Rowell with GM Mechanical
- Kyle Wilt with Noll-Fisher Inc.

- C.J. Pence with Regal Plumbing & Heating
- Josh Morton with Morris Heating & Cooling
- Russell Voris with Howard Heating & Cooling.

Juniors entering the Apprenticeship program are:

- Josh Jackson with Morris Heating & Cooling
- Jesse Curtner with Wells Brothers
- Zane Garison with GM Mechanical
- Justin Trittschuh with GM Mechanical
- Jay Hoying with Wells Brothers
- Luke Barhorst with Wells Brothers
- Josh Nelson with Morris Heating

Ms. Elliott presented Early Job Placement awards to Tyler DeBrosse, Tony Detrick, Chad Peeples, Rob Schwartz, and Jordy New. These students combined grossed \$4267, worked 210 hours, and 33 weeks.

Don Lowden of Northwestern College presented Chad Peeples with a \$1500 scholarship. Mr. Lowden stated that no other school has placed students as consistently as the JVS and thanked employers for helping students be successful.

Senior HVAC/R student, Rob Schwartz, thanked Copeland for the equipment they have donated, which allows the program to be state-of-the-art. He thanked employers for their support and for the donation of their time to help the HVAC/R students prepare for joining the workforce.

Rob introduced special guest speaker, Senator Jim Jordan. Senator Jordan complimented the Upper Valley JVS on 31 years of successful career technical instruction and spoke of the tremendous job the JVS and the HVAC/R are doing to educate students and prepare them for employment and higher education. He stated he feels that the taxpayers are getting a great return on their money. He encouraged everyone to keep up the good work, not to coast, and to keep on pedaling. Senator Jordan addressed the students about the impact a coach or teacher can have on them by challenging them to do better. He said that discipline is “doing what you don’t want to do when you don’t want to do it.” He encouraged students to keep a positive attitude to get things done and told them never to be afraid to take the risk to reach the challenge. He stated the only way to accomplish worthwhile and great things is to stay in the game. He closed with the statement “if you don’t run, you can’t win. Take the challenge.”

Tony Trapp, HVAC/R Para-professional, thanked everyone for coming and concluded the meeting with door prizes donated by area employers.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by Cindy Graham
HVAC/R Advisory Committee Recorder