

UPPER VALLEY JVS

Heating/Ventilation/Air Conditioning/Refrigeration
12th Annual Advisory Committee/Employer Recognition Meeting

Troy Country Club
May 16, 2007
5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Minutes

Mr. Kerry Ward, The Habegger/Bryant Corporation, served as chairperson for the evening and officially opened the meeting for business. Mr. Ward welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the reception and for their continuing support of the HVAC/R program.

Mr. Ward highlighted the activities and events of the past year in the HVAC/R program:

- Ongoing updates of lab equipment to keep it current
- Two training seminars by Emerson/Copeland with student help
- The annual Carrier/Bryant tour of the Indianapolis plant
- OSHA, Bobcat, Lockout/Tagout certifications
- 95% attendance rate resulting in pizza parties sponsored by employers
- Scholarships totaling over \$74,000 in eight years
- \$1000 Sidney VFW scholarship awarded to Nate Pellman, who will attend Northwestern college
- An excellent employment rate (%100 this year) due to the employability of the students
- An all new state-of-the-art lab offering 40,000 sq.feet of work space
- The development of the www.uppervalleyhvacr.com website

Mr. Ward followed with the introduction of special guests Mr. Karl Wilson, Superintendent of the Upper Valley JVS; Mr. Mike Shellabarger, Director of the Upper Valley JVS; Mr. Terry Krogman, Upper Valley JVS Supervisor; and guest speaker Mr. L.L. Woody Hayes. Mr. Ward gave special thanks to Mr. Dave Waibel, District Manager of Dayton Trane, who sponsors this annual event but was unable to attend. Mr. Ward then introduced HVAC/R students currently employed, going into the military, or to college and congratulated them for their hard work and determination. These included:

- Luke Barhorst, Wells Brothers Heating & Cooling
- Jesse Curtner, Wells Brothers Heating & Cooling
- Josh Jackson, Morris Heating and Cooling
- Josh Nelson, Morris Heating and Cooling
- Justin Seigal, Tom and Jerrys Heating and Cooling
- Zane Garrison, G.M Mechanical
- Ed Larck, G.M Mechanical
- Justin Trittschuh, G.M Mechanical
- Josh Kline, TUNS Heating
- Dan Oman, Mr. Dills
- Eli Pack, Sinclair College
- Joe Wackler, Slagle Mechanical
- Nate Pellman, Northwestern College/ Slagle Mechanical
- Keagan Aukerman, Emerson Climate Technologies
- Brandon Emerick, Emerson Climate Technologies
- Jordan Frantz, Bovards Heating and Cooling

- Mark Sweitzer, Sweitzer Heating and Cooling
- Justin Ingram, Slagle Mechanical
- Lee Adams, Slagle Mechanical
- Michael Taylor, Morris Heating

Superintendent Karl Wilson offered advisory committee members a warm welcome from the Upper Valley JVS Board of Education, staff, and students. Mr. Wilson stated that the UVJVS HVAC/R Program is known nationwide and has an excellent partnership with business and industry. He stated that it is where people come to learn how to build a great program.

Mr. Ward introduced the next speaker, Russ Marks, professor with Sinclair Community College, spoke about creating educational pathways. Professor Marks, who has been with Sinclair for 18 years, stated that Sinclair has 26,000 students and is a member of the League for Innovation, which includes the top 12 community colleges in the country. Sinclair houses the third largest Engineering Technology division in the country. Professor Marks shared that Sinclair now has its first full-time HVAC/R program that includes 120 students, 4 full-time faculty members, and a 30,000 sq. foot lab. It is one of only three TAC/ABET accredited programs in the U.S. This accreditation is important, as it will allow the program to go further. Program goals include: 1) maintaining the highest quality, 2) building strong industry partnerships to remain relevant, 3) creating educational and career paths for students, 4) being strong supporters of and partners with high schools, 5) forming meaningful articulation agreements with high schools and colleges.

Professor Marks stated that Sinclair, in partnership with UVJVS and Emerson, is currently working on a project proposal to develop an Asynchronous Hybrid Delivery Model for HVAC/R education. As part of this project an on-line TAC/ABET accredited interactive career path will be developed. This will be offered as a 2-year program through Career Tech centers. A \$400,000 Emerson Foundation Partnership Grant proposal has been submitted and the hope is that the HVAC/R Distributed Hybrid Model will be an accredited program by 2011.

Mr. Ken Monnier, Vice-President of Engineering for Emerson Climate Technologies, spoke about the Emerson/Upper Valley JVS partnership grant and gave a 2007 expenditure update. Key expenditures to date include:

- Professional development activities that include the development of a website to be used as a student resource center, for employer communication, for departmental marketing, and for the exchange of information among HVAC/R educators
- The development of a computer based informational learning center to be used as a technical on-line resource for trouble shooting and lab communications
- The development of a pilot on-line class in partnership with Sinclair that will allow senior UVJVS HVAC/R students to earn college credits before graduation to use as a technical assessment opportunity
- The purchase of a Technical Audience Response key pad that allows instant feedback to the teacher and provides automated testing technology
- The purchase of the Elmo Visualization Aid
- The purchase of a compressor calibrator

Mrs. Carol Baer, UVJVS Supervisor, gave an enrollment update for the 2007/08 school year. She stated that HVAC/R enrollment is in good shape with 20 students currently enrolled for next year. The maximum is 22. Mrs. Baer spoke about the importance of retention. Activities such as letters from advisory committee members sent to students during the summer and employer involvement in Explore Careers Day and the annual Open House are effective tools in helping to retain students.

Mr. Tony Sherry, School to Apprenticeship Coordinator, presented the Apprenticeship awards to:

- Luke Barhorst, Wells Brothers Heating & Cooling
- Jesse Curtner, Wells Brothers Heating & Cooling
- Josh Jackson, Morris Heating and Cooling
- Josh Nelson, Morris Heating and Cooling
- Justin Trittschuh, GM Mechanical
- Zane Garrison, GM Mechanical

Mr. Sherry stated that there are currently 19 students in the Apprenticeship Program. Six Apprenticeship seniors earned a total of \$71,000 this year, with one student alone earning \$29,000. There are 7 junior students, who have qualified to be in the program next year.

Ms. Joanne Elliott, Career Advancement Coordinator, presented Early Job Placement awards and information on the Early Job Placement Program. Ms. Elliott stated that these students, working an average of 15 hours per week, have earned \$80,000 this year. Over the last six years Positive Post Program Placement has been 80% from full programs. The Career Advancement Center provides lifetime job placement assistance and resume updates to all UVJVS graduates.

- Ed Larck, GM Mechanical
- Josh Kline, TUNS Heating
- Dan Oman, Mr. Dills

Mr. Dirk Aikin, President Dickman Supply; Mr. Doug Borchers, Sales Representative Dickman Supply, and Mr. Kerry Ward, Territory Manager Habegger Corporation presented HVAC/R awards. The Top Junior award, a 5-piece tool kit, was awarded to Justin Siegel of Ft. Loramie. The Top Senior award, a 14-piece tool kit, was awarded to Luke Barhorst of Anna. Mr. Ward presented a complete tool kit to incoming junior, Brian Stanley. Mr. Don Lowden, Northwestern University of Lima, presented a \$1,000 scholarship award to Justin Ingram who placed 3rd in the National Northwestern Scholarship Test.

Guest speaker, L.L. Woody Hayes, Roger Thomas of Tipp City, is finding fame now in the college football world of the late Buckeyes coach. This is due to the amazing resemblance between Mr. Thomas and the former Buckeyes' coach. Mr. Thomas shared with the crowd the history of Woody Hayes and gave attendees a positive message on teamwork.

Senior HVAC/R Class President, Nate Pellman, thanked all present for their attendance, support, advice, and ongoing donations of time and equipment. He thanked Carrier for the annual trip to the Carrier plant in Indianapolis, Copeland/Emerson for their partnership and support in all areas, and Dayton Trane for the donation of equipment. He thanked everyone there for helping the Upper Valley JVS be one of the best programs in the country.

Mr. Krogman presented the annual Trapp/ Naill award to Mr. Kerry Ward with the Habegger Corporation. This award is presented each year to an advisory committee member who best emulates Mr. Trapp and Mr. Naill.

Mr. 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
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