

# NTO

NON-TRADITIONAL OCCUPATIONS

Maybe Your Dream Job Is In A Place You Never Dreamed Of!

Western  
Technical College  
THE ESSENTIAL EXPERIENCE

## NTO Connection (NON-TRADITIONAL GENDER OCCUPATIONS)

### TEAMWORK

About this time in the semester it becomes very apparent that students are stressed. Tests have been given, projects are looming, and one's self-confidence is up and down like a roller coaster. Also, thrown in there may be a few mixed feelings as to whether or not the program you are in is the right one for you. Do you fit in with the men and women in your program?

That's OK... it's all part of the process ... just ask continuing NTO students. Fitting in and being a teamplayer is a softskill we all need to develop. Employers want people who can work with all personalities to be productive for their business. The only person we can control is ourself, but we cannot make changes if we do not own or take responsibility for our role as a member of the team.



I have learned that how I interact with others is pretty much what I have learned growing up. We must all look at ourselves and decide if we are healthy and supportive of others in our interactions or if we spend time making comments behind people's backs. It is human nature to have issues with our peers, but how we handle those issues is what is important. Make sure you are the kind of person you would want on your team and take action daily to build those types of relationships.

Rest assured, when you begin your job search and are interviewing you will be asked how you interact with others and handle conflict. Use your time in college as a way to learn, grow

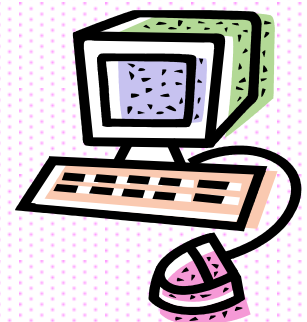
and develop those skills so you can site examples with positive results. We do not have to like everyone we work with, that is probably not a possibility. However, what we do NEED to do is treat everyone with mutual respect, recognizing we are not always right, and that everyone brings strengths to the team. You are more than half way through the semester, and my advice to each of you is to take responsibility for what you can change and learn how to work with everyone, no matter how different they may be from you.

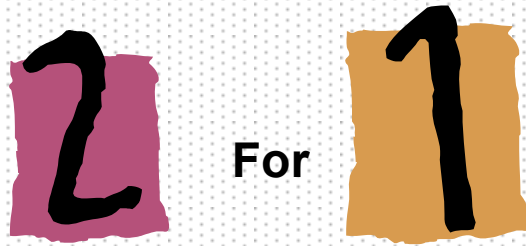
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### NTO WEB RESOURCES WORTH CHECKING OUT

<http://www.iseek.org/careers/nontraditional.html>

[www.westerntc.edu/nto](http://www.westerntc.edu/nto)





## Help Yourself. Help Your Neighbor. **VOLUNTEER.**

If you are looking for work and can't find anything **VOLUNTEER!** It is a wonderful way to build skills and network. In this competitive job environment your volunteering may give you the edge by showing you are a self-starter who who is willing to look for ways to use your time wisely.

**AND** you will be helping others and strengthening your community . You will receive more than you give as it just feels good to help someone else!

*... who knows who you will meet that might help you find a job ...*



A father brought his son into the emergency room, he broke his leg. When the surgeon came into the room to examine him the surgeon said, "I can't operate on this boy, he is my son."  
How can that be?

The Surgeon was his mother!!  
Just testing your gender bias and/or awareness!

**Did you assume the surgeon was a man?  
Think Again ☺**

### Internships

<http://www.internshipprograms.com/Pages/Internships/Search.aspx>

## What's goin' on?

- November 14 Spring registration begins for continuing students
- November 24 Thanksgiving Day
- November 25 NO SCHOOL Yea!
- December 13 Textbook buy back begins
- December 19 Last day of Classes YEA!
- December 23 thru January 2 COLLEGE CLOSED
- January 03 College OPEN to assist YOU!
- January 16 Classes Begin YEA!



## Career Expo 2011



(Darci Fradette, Amber Norris, Samuel Hill, Dana

Wood Tech student, **Darci Fradette's** message was "go for a career that is in your heart, not what someone else wants you to do."

**Amber Norris** loves plants and all things green so **Landscape Horticulture** was a natural choice.

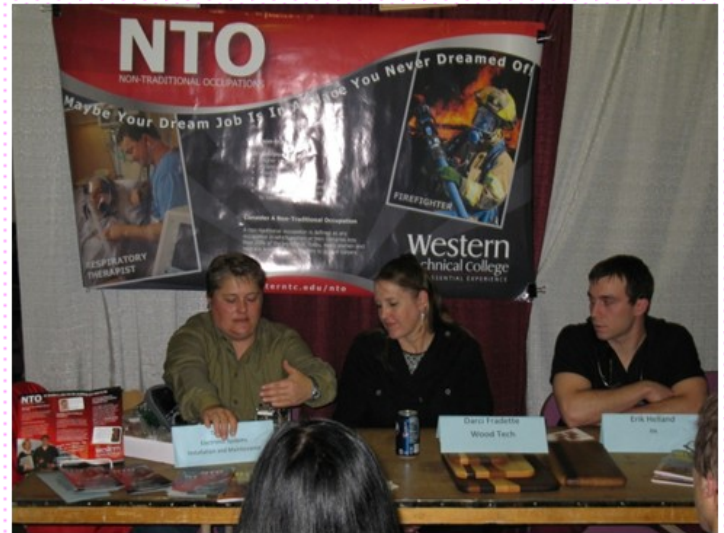
**Samuel Hill**, just relocated from Tennessee and is pursuing the **Nursing** program.

"I had fun!" was **Dana McNulty's** comment. Dana is an **Agribusiness** student who stayed for a second presentation to high school students. Dana's childhood on the farm attributed to her program choice. She shared all of the agricultural areas she could choose upon graduation.

What a Fun Way to Find out ...  
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**Teal Fuller** is an **Electronic Systems Installation & Maintenance** student that demonstrated a robot run by laser sensor. The robot was made by students in this program and proved to be very popular!! Teal has always worked with her hands & enjoys electronics. She is on the wait-list for **Bio-Medical Electronics** for Fall 2012.

**Erik Helland** is on track to graduate in December from the **Nursing Associate Degree** program. Erik is very happy with his career choice and will be working as an RN. He was unsure about his career path, until his aunt noticed how great he was with people and suggested he take a look at nursing. Erik took the Certified Nursing Assistant class and things took off from there!.



(Teal Fuller, Darci Fradette, Erik Helland)

**Katie Mulera** (not pictured) a second year **Electrical Computer Engineering Tech** student, brought equipment to measure resistance! Katie will graduate in May 2012 and continue her education at UWL in Computer Engineering in the Fall of 2012.

**Thank you all for sharing your time & talents!**

**RIDE—SHARE** Is anyone interested in carpooling from Houston, MN? Please email Jackie at [newmanj@westerntc.edu](mailto:newmanj@westerntc.edu) or (608) 785—9257 for more info.

## Mauston High School Academic FOCUS Day

On October 12th we traveled to Mauston, WI for the high school FOCUS Day. I was accompanied by **Mollie Ostrander**/ Paramedic Technician, **Amanda Coughlin**/Agribusiness, **Amber Norris**/Landscape Horticulture and **Teal Fuller** Electrical Systems Installation & Maintenance.

These women presented to over 30 high school students throughout the morning! Most of the high school students had no idea what a non-traditional occupation was, so they were very impressed by the career paths of these women! What a great day!



L/R: Jackie Newman, Mollie Ostrander, Amanda Coughlin, Teal Fuller



**Not Enough Hours in the Day for you to get everything done?**

<http://www.studygs.net/timman.htm>

## Career Services—resumes, interviews, sessions ... OH MY!

Do you have a resume ready to go? Are you ready for that interview? Get ahead of the job search by getting your resume and interview skills honed and ready. **Career Services** is offering walk-in resume review sessions and a mock interview session.

Seating is limited so sign up now at

<http://www.westerntc.edu/careerservices/events.asp>.



For Miscellaneous Jobs  
<http://westerntc.edu/careerservices/>