Hard work pays off for HVAC-R students!

Harshaw Trane and the Ingersoll Rand Foundation committed $150,000 to create a scholarship program benefitting students in the Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration (HVAC-R) Technology program at SCTD. Since its inception in 2011, $50,000 per year has been awarded to outstanding HVAC-R students based on rigorous criteria, including a cumulative GPA of at least a 3.5 and a course completion rate of at least 67%. Those vying for scholarships must also complete a two-page application documenting progress in the program.

Harshaw Trane also offers on-the-job training. Currently about half of Harshaw Trane’s new technicians come from SCTD.

SCTD’s HVAC-R program is approved by the state of Kentucky and the Kentucky Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction, Division of HVAC. Students entering the HVAC-R field will have to sit for the Kentucky HVAC-R Journeymen’s license exam. They also must have at least two years of practical experience in the field before they can be licensed. Here’s the great news! With state approval of the college’s curriculum, graduates from the HVAC-R associate degree program will be able to count their time in the SCTD program for half of the practical experience requirement. Students graduating needing only one additional year of experience before they can obtain the HVAC-R journeyman’s license. This is a huge advantage for SCTD students, as the journeyman’s license is the ticket to greater responsibility and autonomy on the job, as well as higher pay.

Knowledge = success

DID YOU KNOW?

“I was drawn to the HVAC-R field since there are many opportunities for steady work. The fact that a license is required weeded out many competitors in the field. I am extremely grateful and proud of the scholarship I have received. Not only does it help financially, but it offers a significant token of achievement to share with family and friends.”

KEVIN WELKER
Class of 2014

The Energy Technology Building on the SCTD campus, completed in 2010, was designed to earn this Leadership in Energy Excellence and Design (LEED) certification. After an extensive evaluation process, the building received LEED Silver Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council.