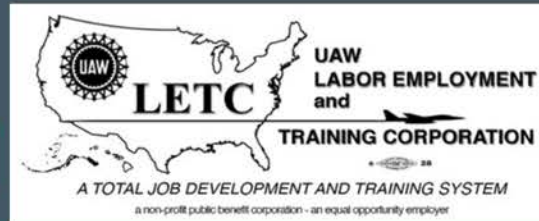


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# MOVING FORWARD



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## THE HEAT IS ON !!



As the summer heat comes into full swing, we hope that you find our newsletter a **cool** addition to your day. Our students and staff have been **burning** with desire to tell you whats been going on. Sit back and relax as you read our latest news from UAW-LETC at Earle C. Clements Job Corps Academy.

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# Center News and Updates

Representatives from MTC recently came to the center to congratulate us on the center being ranked **19th** in the nation for Job Corps centers.

In the All-Staff meeting they told staff to continue to strive to reach number one in the nation and that we could count on them for the support we need to make it there. The pandemic hurt centers across the country and they are more invested than ever in getting our On-Board Strength back up to pre-pandemic levels.



Pictured left to right: Jeff Barton, Sr. Vice President, Education and Training, MTC  
Tessa Gough, Center Director, Earle C. Clements Job Corps Academy, MTC  
Amanda Curry, Vice President- Eastern Region Education and Training, Job Corps Operations, MTC  
Cathy Sims, Wellness Manager, MTC. Miranda Wolfe, Human Resources Manager, MTC.

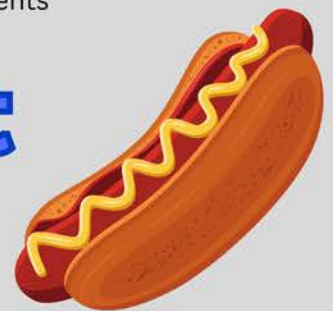
## UAW-LETC Bicycle Drive for Students

Recently our Deputy Director Tammy Sampson asked our students a seemingly simple question, Who needs a bike? The response was overwhelming. Seeing a need she asked all staff if anyone had a bicycle to donate and the outpouring from our staff to our students was amazing. All together UAW staff donated 10 bicycles with more to come, and with them we started a new loaner bike program. For as long as the student is on center they may use the bikes we provide and we will teach them how to do the maintenance and repair them so they are ready for the next student in need. Its a Win Win situation and just another example of our Deputy Director going the extra mile for our students

A big thanks to Recreation for the helmets. (\*Photos on page 8)



## UAW-LETC Student Appreciation Day



We are always looking for unique and special ways to reward our students for all of their hard work and their commitment to our program, So once again Mrs. Tammy and Mrs. Laura organized a fun and rewarding afternoon for our students. We combined our Advanced trade uniform ceremonies with a hot dog cook out for the students. No better way to enjoy the summer than a hot dog and a soda. Special thanks to Mr. Hall for allowing us to have this time to recognize our advanced trade students and to Mrs. Tammy for organizing and always making the students feel like they are at home. (\* More photos page 8)



*Students  
of the  
month*

## MLR



## Heavy Truck



1. Brandon Pierre
2. Chris Shetler
3. Cornell Jones
4. Tyler Bradley
5. Ethan Young
6. Calvin Todd
7. Harry Tucker
8. Desmond Cook
9. Ryan Karr

## T-Ten



## Mercedes-Benz



## 110% Award

# MLR PROGRAM UPDATES



## MLR Customer Testimonial

### A LETTER FROM EZEKIEL OLUBUMMO

EZEKIEL OLUBUMMO IS MY NAME. I USED TO WORK HERE IN UAW-LETC. I STARTED WORKING HERE ON JUNE 3RD, 2003 AND RETIRED ON MAY 31ST 2022. MY PERIOD OF WORK HERE WAS A LIFE EXPERIENCE. WORKING WITH STUDENTS REQUIRES HONESTY, KINDNESS, PATIENCE, AND GENUINE CONSIDERATION.

THE IMPACT OF THESE QUALITIES FINE-TUNE THE MAJORITY OF STUDENTS IN THEIR LIFE JOURNEY.

WORKING WITH THE STAFF JUST MAKES YOU FEEL AT HOME. YOU FEEL EASY, AS IF YOU ARE WORKING WITH YOUR OWN FAMILY MEMBERS. I EXPERIENCED HUGE COMRADESHIP, KINDNESS, COMPASSION, AND GENEROSITY EVEN UNTIL THE TIME OF MY RETIREMENT.

WITH THIS ATMOSPHERE OF FRIENDSHIP I EASILY FEEL FREE TO BRING MY CAR FOR SOME TECHNICAL REPAIRS.

WITHOUT ANY DOUBT I RECOMMEND UAW-LETC FOR THE COMMUNITIES AROUND HERE AND FAR-AWAY TO SEND THEIR SONS AND DAUGHTERS FOR THEIR EDUCATION.

IT IS CERTAIN THAT THE STUDENTS WILL BE SECURED WITH JOBS AND OUTSTANDING LIVELIHOOD.



## Former Student Testimonial



### CHRISTOPHER VELAZQUEZ

CHRIS WAS SURPRISED AND VERY HAPPY WITH OUR VISIT. CHRIS HAS BEEN WORKING AT ROMAIN BUICK FOR 12 YEARS NOW AND WE WERE EQUALLY HAPPY TO SEE HIM STILL THERE. HE REMEMBERS ENTERING OUR UAW-LETC PROGRAM WITH NO PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE OF VEHICLES AND WHAT THAT WAS LIKE FOR HIM.

INITIALLY CHRIS LEARNED ABOUT TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT, AND THEN CAME THE HANDS ON PART OF THE TRAINING; THE SERVICE JOB. CHRIS SAYS THE FIRST TIME HE CHANGED THE OIL AND FILTER IN A CAR IS A MEMORY THAT HE WILL NEVER FORGET.

CHRIS PROGRESSED VERY QUICKLY IN OUR PROGRAM AND COMPLETED IN 2011. NOW CHRIS IS, IN THE WORDS OF THE DEALERSHIP, "A TOP TECHNICIAN AT THE ROMAIN DEALERSHIP".

### CONGRATULATIONS ON 12 YEARS WITH ROMAIN!

STORY BY JIM MELTON

# T-TEN PROGRAM UPDATES



## T-Ten starts our fifth cohort!

July 3, 2023

Our classes are finally getting up to full operating capacity and our students are feeling motivated and thriving. We have worked very hard to get up to this point and starting this full class is the icing on the cake. Welcome to the Team!



JAMEIREZ DANIELS  
DARREN DUFF  
WILLIAM FIELDS  
JOSE GIL  
DE'SEAN HARDMAN  
ANTONIO HURTT  
CORNELL JONES  
RYAN KARR  
KEATON RITTER  
MICHAEL RIVAS  
CHRIS SHETLER  
CALVIN TODD  
DAVID TOOLEY  
ETHAN YOUNG

OUR AMAZING DEALER SUPPORT IS ONE OF THE THINGS THAT MAKE OUR T-TEN PROGRAM SUCH A SUCCESS. WE WANTED TO TAKE A MINUTE AND RECOGNIZE THEM FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PROGRAM AND THANK THEM FOR ALL OF THE WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITIES THAT THEY GIVE TO OUR STUDENTS WITH INTERNSHIP AND WBL OPPORTUNITIES.

## A HUGE Thanks to our dealer partners!!

Kenny Kent Toyota, Evansville, In.

Watermark Toyota, Madisonville, Ky.



## T-Ten Instructor Conference

Laconia, New Hampshire

We were very fortunate to send two representatives from Earle C. Clements to the conference this year. Jody Hartley and Jason Krueger. Our Instructor Jason Krueger was asked to give the closing remarks at this years conference. His speech earned him a standing ovation.



## Next T-Ten Advisory Date

December 15th, 2023 at 10am



**AUTOMOTIVE  
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EXCELLENCE**

## Newest ASE Achievements

- Nia Holt - A6, A4, 609
- Dante Rivera - A6, A7, A4, 609
- Kaleb Thompson - A4, 609
- Joseph Talamante-Resendiz A6, 609
- Chimdindu Ojiako A4, 609

# HEAVY DUTY TRUCK PROGRAM UPDATES



Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be an aspiring diesel technician? If so come along with us on a journey through the UAW-LETC Medium/Heavy truck repair program. In this program aspiring technicians receive hands-on training along with complex lectures in the art of truck repair. Students perform routine maintenance all the way to the most advanced diagnostic repairs. Learning the systems and how they interface with each other is half the battle, the other half is the hands on repair of these systems. Our students recently found out that a simple repair is not always so simple. A 2015 Volvo VNL came in with a complaint of a squealing belt, upon inspection it was determined that the idler pulley and tensioner were also in need of replacement. Combine this with the fact that the hood and radiator had to be removed for access and you've got yourself a real job. Our students tackled this with great enthusiasm and vigor!!

Story By Clyde Vos



The City of Madisonville Kentucky recently became a WBL partner for our Heavy Truck program and we are very excited to give this opportunity to our students. We are always looking for the opportunity to increase the visibility of our program and the opportunities for our students! Thank you to The City of Madisonville!!!



All of our advanced trades now have trade specific uniforms to let everyone know what program they're representing. The Heavy Truck students are no exception. Looking Sharp!!



# MERCEDES-BENZ PROGRAM UPDATES



Mercedes-Benz

Representatives from the Mercedes-Benz education program recently came to center and checked out all of the hard work that our instructors have been putting into the Mercedes program. While they were here they performed an inventory and helped with any issues that the team had while rolling out the new curriculum and giving guidance on curriculum best practices. Our newest cohort for the Mercedes program started in July, Making it our first cohort integrated with the newest Mercedes curriculum and ready to perform the task of becoming the next generation of Mercedes-Benz technicians. With the new equipment that we have coming for the shops and the new curriculum that is being delivered to the students, this program is definitely making moves. Stay tuned for more progress.

## Mercedes starts a new cohort! Morganfield, Ky.



PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT: MYATT CRAWFORD, HARRY TUCKER, DESMOND COOK, ANTOINE JOHNSON, DAVID GARCIA-SIMON, CHRISTOPHER MINCHUK. INSTRUCTOR: BILLY STACY

## Mercedes expanding to more centers Morganfield, Ky.

Working behind the scenes for a while now, Mercedes has been gearing up towards an expansion within the Job Corps network. They will be opening up several smaller basic programs very soon and we are proud to support their initiative in any way that we can. Our students deserve the best education that can get and with a partner like Mercedes-Benz anything is possible for them.



# UAW-LETC PHOTO ALBUM





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## Our contract renews with Job Corps

Washington, D.C.

Since UAW-LETC became a contract holder with Job Corps to provide advanced automotive training, we have enjoyed the privilege to say that our tenure has been uninterrupted. Recently we received news that our contract has been renewed and we are so fortunate to continue on the tradition of providing the best automotive training that we can provide to our valued students.

## T-Ten Instructor recognized by Students

Morganfield, Ky

The Student Government Association on center takes nominations from students to recognize instructors who they feel go above and beyond in their daily duties and this time our very own Jason Krueger was recognized and nominated by his entire former class. In his words he says "its an honor to even be nominated by your students".

# NOW ENROLLING

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## Dates:

### Next T-Ten Advisory Date

December 15th, 2023 at 10am

### Next LETC Advisory Date

To be Announced

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