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Gary TCU/IAM Receives Union Pacific Model Railcar

This Union Pacific Freight Car replica was donated by TCU/IAM's Grand Lodge for use in the Carman/Machinist training program at the Gary Job Corps Center, San Marcos, TX. The model will be used to help students enhance their working skills and knowledge of how a freight car is constructed, parts identification, and how a freight car works. The students say that this is a great training tool to help assist in their carman training.

Clockwise, TCU/IAM Carman Program Students, Alexis Acevedo, Mark Marquez, Darnell Brooks, TCU/IAM FER Lane Shelton, and Jarvis Edmondson

It gives them a life-like understanding of the parts of a railcar as well as an idea of what steps might be taken in repairing a freight car at a repair facility. It also gives them an understanding of inspecting for defects and what it might take to work on a freight car out on the road. The staff and students at the Gary TCU/IAM program are extremely grateful and send their sincere appreciation to TCU/IAM International President Robert Scardelletti and Carmen Division General President and IVP Rich Johnson for the railcar and the continued support of the training program.

Job Corps National Director Visits Los Angeles TCU/IAM

Edna Primrose, National Director of the Office of Job Corps, visited the Los Angeles Job Corps Center on August 13, 2010. Ms. Primrose was vacationing in Los Angeles and honored our TCU/IAM program with a surprise visit. She was accompanied by her three sons. Ms. Primrose toured the LAJCC including a tour of the TCU/IAM Advanced Training Program where she greeted and spoke with all the TCU/IAM students who were present. The LAJCC tour was conducted by five Student Government Association (SGA) officers including three TCU/IAM students: Executive Board Members DayShonna Marshall, Student Body President; Indira Ramirez, Student Body Non-Res Vice President; and Samantha Tames, Honorary Member. TCU/IAM student William Fletcher presented Ms. Primrose with a Certificate of Appreciation thanking her for her visit. It was an exciting day in LA!

TCU/IAM student William Fletcher presenting Ms. Primrose with Appreciation Certificate, SGA Floor President Steven Green and LAJCC Center Director Jackie Honoré

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TRANSPORTATION PLACEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

DAPHNE DUHART
Atlanta TCU/IAM
Amtrak
Coach Cleaner
$15.01/hr

DOMINICK GORDON
St. Louis TCU/IAM
American Commercial Lines
Barge Deckhand
$16.70/hr

BETH CARTER
Excelsior Springs TCU/IAM
Amtrak
Lead Service Attendant
$14.25/hr

RALPH GOREE
&
ASHLEY KILKENNY
San Jose TCU/IAM
Greyhound Bus Lines
Ticket Clerks
$10.50/hr

BYRON STALEY II
Humphrey TCU/IAM
Regional Elite Airlines
Baggage Handler
$8.75/hr

LEONILA ALVAREZ
Los Angeles TCU/IAM
US Department of Transportation
Airport Security Screener
$14.17/hr

AMTRAK's Environmental Engineer, ARTE.

ARTE stands for **A**mtrak **R**ecognizes the **E**nvironment. Amtrak's mission for ARTE is to encourage environmental awareness — turning passion for the rails into passion for the earth.

TCU/IAM Transferred 83 Students this Quarter!

ATLANTA REGION
Gadsden: 2
Brunswick: 1
Miami: 1
Kittrell: 2
Mississippi: 1
Bamberg: 3
Montgomery: 1
Oconaluftee: 1

BOSTON REGION
Penobscot: 1
Delaware Valley: 2
Glenmont: 1
Loring: 1
Northlands: 3
South Bronx: 2
Westover: 4
Oneonta: 1

DALLAS REGION
Tulsa: 1
Little Rock 3
North Texas: 1
Clearfield: 1
Anaconda: 1

SAN FRANCISCO REGION
Columbia Basin: 1
Fred G. Acosta: 2
Inland Empire: 1
Sacramento: 4
Timber Lake: 2
Tongue Point: 1
Treasure Island: 5

PHILADELPHIA REGION
Charleston: 1
Earle C. Clements: 3
Flatwoods: 1
Frenchburg: 1
Harpers Ferry: 1
Muhlenberg: 6
Old Dominion: 3
Pine Knot: 1
Whitney M. Young: 1
Woodstock: 5

CHICAGO REGION
Atterbury: 3
Denison: 2
Dayton: 3
Joliet: 2

TCU/IAM and Amtrak's Auto Train Remain Great Employer Partners!

On a recent visit to the Amtrak Auto Train in Lorton, VA, Mr. Oscar Derderian, Jr. and Potomac Lead Instructor Jessica Witchoski were given a behind the scenes tour of this amazing facility by Ms. Geri Tolson, Manager of On Board Services.

Geri Tolson, Manager of Amtrak's On Board Services at Lorton, VA, (right) is pictured with TCU/IAM Regional Coordinator Oscar Derderian, Jr. during a visit to Amtrak's Auto Train in Lorton, VA.

Ms. Tolson has been very supportive of the TCU/IAM Advanced Training Program for many years. When asked why she likes our program so much she stated, "We have interviewed and hired many TCU/IAM students over the years. They come to Amtrak well informed, trained, and are always reliable. They show true professionalism and they easily become a part of the Amtrak family." Mr. Derderian, Jr. and Ms. Tolson are shown in the above photo proudly showing off the A. Phillip Randolph signage on an Auto Train car.

A. Philip Randolph had a tremendous influence on the labor and civil rights movement. Mr. Randolph was the founding president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters in 1935, which later merged with the Brotherhood of Railway and Airline Clerks (BRAC). BRAC is now known as the Transportation Communications International Union.

The Auto Train is an 855-mile long scheduled train service for passengers and their automobiles between Lorton, Virginia, and Sanford, Florida. The Auto Train is the only one of its kind in the United States.

TCU/IAM Training Puts Students On Track for Long Rewarding Careers!

The TCU/IAM Advanced Training Program in St. Paul, Minnesota has enjoyed a wealth of success placing their students with the Canadian Pacific. The training received and the partnership that TCU/IAM has developed with the company has paved the way for a successful relationship. It has given these students an opportunity to start at entry level positions and, with hard work and dedication, work their way up!

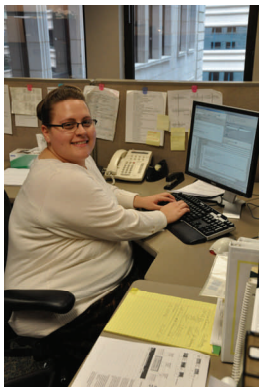
Look who's still onboard!

- CP has employed 32 TCU/IAM students from Program Years 2001—2009
- Average starting wage was $15.56 an hour
- Students were placed as Service Center Representatives, Yard Clerks, Receptionists, Crew Dispatchers, and Conductors
- CP offers a 6-8 week Work-Based Learning opportunity for TCU/IAM students
- CP provides job shadowing experiences and tours of their facility and shares information with students for future careers

Ms. Maria Norris, pictured here with Senior Executive Director Diane Dettmann, who at one time was Maria's Instructor at the St. Paul training site back in 1991. Maria, a transfer from Atterbury JCC, has been employed with CP for over 19 years! She has quite the employment record starting first as a Transportation Service Representative (TSR) and then moving into the Senior TSR position before being promoted into the Relief Supervisor for Customer Service Center position and finally, the position she currently holds, as Production Supervisor Minneapolis CSO. Maria states that she really "enjoyed the professional training environment and the program gave me the focus I needed to get and to keep a good job."

Mr. Devone Bolding, a recent graduate of our program, transferred from Gerald R. Ford JCC and completed in January of 2009. He was hired as a Transportation Service Representative with a starting hourly rate of $18.69. His salary is now over $40,000 a year! Not bad for a first job!

Ms. Lauren Grady transferred from Joliet JCC and graduated in April of 2004. She was hired as a Train/Industry Clerk working the 3rd shift. Now, 6 1/2 years later, she is a Billing Clerk and works the day shift. Lauren states that "students currently in the program are better off staying and waiting on the job with TCU/IAM rather than going back home and working a minimum wage job. Believe me, it's worth the wait."



Mr. Isaac Greenfelder transferred into the TCU/IAM program from the Flint/Genesee JCC in January of 2004. When he completed TCU/IAM, Isaac began his career with CP as a Conductor, making about $55,000 a year. He has since been promoted 3 times with 3 salary increases and currently works as a Relief Operations Manager, North East United States . His employment stretches back 6 years. Looks like he is staying right on track with his career!

David MacKenzie, Center Director; Kathy Meyer, President, Meyer Contracting; Betty McCollum US Representative, MN; Dan Cherryhomes, Director of Administration and Support Services; Diane Dettmann, TCU/IAM Executive Director; Jason Dreis, TCU/IAM LFER; Deborah Harvey, Project Manager, JC Chicago Regional Office

On September 9, the Hubert H. Humphrey JCC welcomed Congresswoman Betty McCollum to cut the ribbons and officially dedicate two ARRA funded building renovation projects on center. The renovations will provide housing for single parents as well as expanded classroom space for several career trades. TCU/IAM will be one of the vocations that will be moved into this new "green" facility. U.S. Rep. Betty McCollum praised students for leaving Job Corps "ready to go into the work force and succeed." She acknowledged the quality training they receive at Job Corps and was looking forward to the successes she would be hearing from students who took advantage of opportunities provided with these new facilities. We would like to thank Congresswoman Betty McCollum for her continued support of Job Corps.

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS TCU/IAM SUCCESS

Jarrett Brigham, pictured above with Amtrak's Andrea Eichler from Employee Development, came from Memphis JCC to the Excelsior Springs TCU/IAM with high hopes and a positive outlook for his future in March of 2006. Just 7 months later, Jarrett completed training and was placed with Amtrak Auto Train in Lorton, VA, as a Lead Service Attendant making $14.33 an hour. Jarrett was promoted within two years to Assistant Conductor. "TCU/IAM changed my life and Ms. Stanley put the job in Job Corps for me. The staff always believed in me and encouraged me to do more with my life which led me into my career at Amtrak."

LOS ANGELES TCU/IAM HOSTS AFL-CIO COLOMBIAN INTERNS

"Students in Colombia can only dream of an education like this because we do not get the kind of government assistance that the students have here in America." ~ Nora

From left- Colombian guests, Nora Escobar and Jenney Mayerly, TCU/IAM student DayShonna Marshall, Los Angeles TCU/IAM Instructor Paul Dickinson, and TCU/IAM students Hanna-Lisa Audain, Fredis Lopez, and Carina Padilla, touring the Amtrak Coast Starlight

Our Los Angeles Training Program was again the proud host of two interns from Colombia, South America. Working through the AFL-CIO, several groups of Colombians periodically visit the TCU/IAM offices in Rockville, MD, while participating in training to learn about labor and unions in the United States. Last month a group of visitors toured our Potomac facility and learned about our Advanced Transportation Program as well as the Job Corps vocational program. The group was thoroughly impressed with our students and program. The AFL-CIO continues this training by arranging internships for these individuals through their Solidarity Center. Two of the visitors in the group wanted to learn more about our specific program, therefore, TCU/IAM agreed to conduct a three-week internship. Training with the Los Angeles staff from August 16 through September 4 was Nora Angelica Saavedra Escobar and Jenney Mayerly Tellez Santamaria. Nora is the Secretary for Gender Equality for the Federation of Workers in the Cali Valley in Colombia. Jenney is the Assistant in the Department of Projects, National Organization with the General Confederation of Workers. With both of these individuals being interested in union education, this internship was very successful and a positive experience for all involved.