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TCU/IAM Senior Executive Director Addresses IAM Transportation and Human Rights Conference



Senior Executive Director Diane Dettmann presents at the IAM Transportation Conference.

The TCU/IAM Advanced Transportation Job Corps Training Program was a topic of interest at the recent IAM 2011 North American Transportation Conference. Executive

Director Diane Dettmann informed the participants of the mission of Job Corps and of the excellent placement opportunities provided to students through TCU/IAM training. Of special interest was the information shared on the wide variety of transportation jobs in the airline and railroad industries offered to Job Corps graduates and of its placement of students

across the country in high-wage, high-growth positions.

The TCU/IAM Transportation Program was also presented at the IAM First International Human Rights Conference held last month in which success stories and pictures of graduates were shared with the audience. In honor of the Program's 40th Anniversary, many alumni success stories were presented giving confirmation that jobs within the transportation industry truly provide a career path for a student's future.

Excelsior Springs Graduate Finds Success with Southwest Airlines Career

Ricardo Arroyo transferred to Excelsior Springs JCC in August of 2001 from the Business Administrative Support Trade at Flint Hills JCC.

Southwest Airlines had a hiring session for customer service agents for the Kansas City International Airport, Ricardo was hired on the spot. He began his career with Southwest Airlines in August 2002, later transferring to Orlando

where he is still working for Southwest Airlines.

"TCU/IAM was my second chance in life. I made the most of it and TCU/IAM didn't let me down. Now I'm working for one of the best companies in the world. It is just as hard to get a job at Southwest Airlines as it is to get into Harvard. Due to TCU/IAM, I have achieved this and now I live a dream life," Ricardo stated.



Excelsior Springs TCU/IAM graduate, Ricardo Arroyo

TRANSPORTATION PLACEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

GARY LOEFFLER
Gary TCU/IAM
AirTran Airways
Ramp Agent
\$9.25/hr

MARK NELSON
Los Angeles TCU/IAM
SkyWest Airlines
Ramp Agent
\$11.00/hr

SCOTT BOWLING
Potomac TCU/IAM
Air Wisconsin
Ramp Agent
\$9.74/hr

JOHANNA ASPIRAS
San Jose TCU/IAM
AirServ
Aircraft Cabin Cleaner
\$10.00/hr

CHRISTOPHER DUGAN
Shriver TCU/IAM
Amtrak
Coach Cleaner
\$20.68/hr

DENISIA DUKES
St Louis TCU/IAM
Amtrak
Train Attendant
\$18.01/hr

**EDWIN DAY
FULBERT MINGINFEL &
MATTHEW TAYLOR**
Excelsior Springs TCU/IAM
TTX
Carman
\$14.63/hr

THEODORE PERRY
Humphrey TCU/IAM
Amtrak
Lead Service Attendant
\$17.55/hr

THELMA MCCREARY
Atlanta TCU/IAM
Amtrak
Lead Service Attendant
\$17.80/hr

133 Students Transferred into TCU/IAM Since April!

CHICAGO REGION

Blackwell: 3
Cincinnati: 4
Denison: 1
Detroit: 2
Golconda: 2
Joliet: 2
Mingo: 1
Pine Ridge: 1

SAN FRANCISCO REGION

Fred G. Acosta: 1
Hawaii: 3
Inland Empire: 6
Long Beach: 2
Sierra Nevada: 1
Timber Lake: 2
Treasure Island: 5
Wolf Creek: 2

ATLANTA REGION

Bamberg: 6
Brunswick: 1
Gainesville: 1
Homestead: 3
Jacksonville: 2
Jacobs Creek: 2
Lyndon B. Johnson: 1
Mississippi: 2
Montgomery: 1
Oconaluftee: 4
Schenck: 5
Turner: 3

BOSTON REGION

Cassadaga: 1
Delaware Valley: 5
Edison: 1
Exeter: 1
Grafton: 2
Iroquois: 1
Northlands: 4
Oneonta: 1
Penobscot: 1
South Bronx: 1
Westover: 5

DALLAS REGION

Collbran: 1
Ouachita: 2
Roswell: 1
Shreveport: 1
Trapper Creek: 3
Treasure Lake: 1

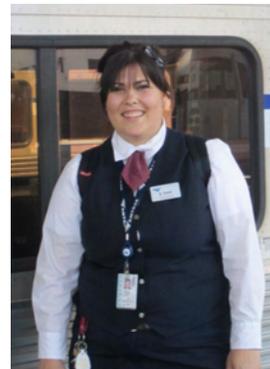
PHILADELPHIA REGION

Blue Ridge: 1
Carl D. Perkins: 1
Charleston: 2
Earle C. Clements: 2
Flatwoods: 4
Frenchburg: 1
Harpers Ferry: 4
Keystone: 2
Muhlenberg: 7
Whitney M. Young: 5
Wilmington: 1
Woodland: 1
Woodstock: 1

Los Angeles TCU/IAM Graduates Landing Successful Careers in Transportation Industry!



Mark Nelson
SkyWest Airlines
Ramp Agent
\$11.00/hr



Samantha Tames
Amtrak
Train Attendant
\$17.22/hr



Kelly Moreno
Swissport North America
Receptionist
\$12.55/hr

Los Angeles Work Based Learning Program

Los Angeles TCU/IAM is currently working in partnership with Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) to utilize students as part of their VIP Volunteer program at the LAX airport for a Work Based Learning experience.

Heidi Huebner, Director of Volunteers and LFER Paul Dickinson are excited about working together for the benefit of travelers and TCU/IAM students. Currently nine students and two TCU/IAM staff (Carmen Estrada and Paul Dickinson) are trained and assigned to this program. The students completed a six week training course and are looking forward to gaining valuable knowledge from this experience. TCU/IAM thanks Heidi and the LAWA staff for graciously inviting the students to join this program.



(L to R) Back row: Raus Ruth-Gibson, Heidi Huebner-Director of Volunteers, Aida Reynaga, Harlene Sandoval, Janette Zavala, Front Row: Paul Dickinson-LFER, Gail Gaddi-Program Manager, Maricela Sanchez, Henry Lopez, Cristina De Los Santos, Carolyn Nelson-Office Manager

Potomac TCU/IAM Students Placed with Federal Railroad Administration



Dion LeSure began his Potomac TCU/IAM Advanced Training Program in April of 2010. He completed his Office Assistant trade at the Jacob's Creek Job Corps Center prior to entering Advanced Training. Before he entered Job Corps, Dion gained experience as an Auto Mechanic Assistant working in an automotive repair shop in Memphis, TN.

While in TCU/IAM, he was given the opportunity to tour the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) headquarters in Washington, DC, during Groundhog Job Shadow Day, February of 2011. He made such a great impression at the office that they offered him the position of Student Trainee Safety Inspector in Kansas City, MO, with a starting wage of \$15.05/hr. Dion relocated in July to begin his new career, and he says he loves it.

FRA Student Trainee and Potomac TCU/IAM graduate, Dion LeSure with FRA Deputy Regional Administrator, Steve Fender

Danielle Thrower entered the TCU/IAM Advanced Training program in June of 2009. She completed her trade in Carpentry at the Old Dominion Job Corps and transferred to TCU/IAM Advanced Training unsure of what path in transportation she would take.

She was able to go on a tour of the Federal Rail Administration department in Washington, DC, for Groundhog Shadow day in February of 2011. She impressed management so much she was offered the position of Student Trainee Safety Inspector making \$16.06/hr in Crum Lynn, PA, through a government internship program. She started on July 5, and so far she says she loves the classroom phase of her training. She is looking forward to beginning her hands-on training in the field, where the exciting part really begins.



FRA Student Trainee and Potomac TCU/IAM graduate, Danielle Thrower



Michael Logue, FRA Deputy Associate Administrator at the 2011 TCU/IAM Manpower Training Department Staff Meeting in Washington, DC.

What is the Federal Railroad Administration?

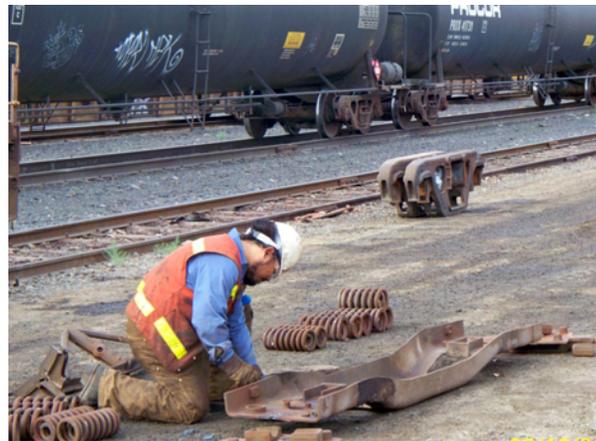
The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) was created by the Department of Transportation Act of 1966 (49 U.S.C. 103, Section 3(e)(1)). The purpose of FRA is to: promulgate and enforce rail safety regulations; administer railroad assistance programs; conduct research and development in support of improved railroad safety and national rail transportation policy; provide for the rehabilitation of Northeast Corridor rail passenger service; and consolidate government support of rail transportation activities. Today, the FRA is one of ten agencies within the U.S. Department of Transportation concerned with intermodal transportation. It operates through seven divisions under the offices of the Administrator and Deputy Administrator.

TCU/IAM Breaks Ground with New Employer Partner



TTX Company is the top provider of railcars and related freight car management services to the North American rail industry. Their fleet of railcars support shipping in the intermodal, automotive, paper and forest, metal, machinery, wind energy, and other commodity groups.

Excelsior Springs, Gary, and St. Louis TCU/IAM locations currently offer the Carman/Machinist program available to qualified students. Since this rigorous program was implemented in late 2009, TCU/IAM has placed 19 carmen at TTX with a starting wage of \$14.63-\$15.09/hr. When asked about the job readiness of our students, a TTX representative stated that the company is very impressed with the confidence our students have as new hires. They are much more prepared and one step ahead of the game compared to anyone off the street.



*Lao Lemari, Carman at TTX in Spokane, WA,
and Excelsior Springs TCU/IAM graduate*

Safety is Top Priority on the Railroad

Graduate Darnell Brooks Recognized with Major Safety Award

Darnell Brooks completed the TCU/IAM program in January of 2011 and was placed as a Carman

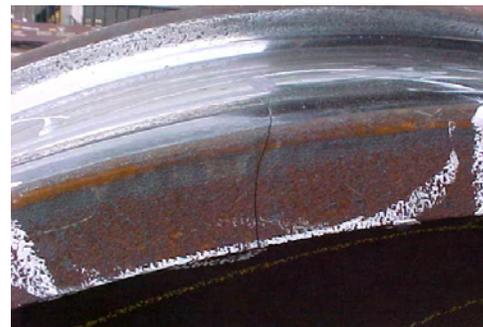


*Darnell Brooks, Gary TCU/IAM graduate
and Carman at TTX*

at TTX in Denver, Colorado, earning \$14.63 an hour. Just nine months after beginning his career, during a routine inspection of the wheel sets, Darnell identified a broken wheel set. This was an extremely significant event for Darnell in his new career.

Many problems occur with wheels, but seldom do they actually break in this manner. If this wheel had been kept in service, it more than likely would have caused a derailment, resulting in astronomical costs to the company.

Darnell will receive a special monetary reward and a plaque



Broken wheel set that Darnell identified

from the company recognizing his accomplishment. He is now a member of the elite TTX "Wheel Club." Congratulations to Darnell on utilizing the rigorous safety training received through the TCU/IAM Carmen Program.



TCU/IAM Advanced Training Program Celebrates 40 Years With Job Corps!
TCU/IAM graduates sing praises of success for Job Corps training
Our graduates have been the strength of our reputation...
for a long time.

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Atlanta Success



Station Manager Anella Griffith-Popo, with recent TCU/IAM graduate, Nicole McCreary

Anella Griffith-Popo transferred to the Atlanta JCC from the Edison JCC in January of 1995. She completed the TCU/IAM program in November of 1995 and was hired as a Coach Cleaner at Amtrak Auto Train in Lorton, Virginia.

Since being hired as a Coach Cleaner, Anella has held many other various positions such as dishwasher, coach attendant, sleeping car attendant, chef, LSA, and, dining car attendant. She is now the Station Manager at Union

Station, Washington, DC, and is responsible for managing and directing all passenger safety and train-related activities involving the station operations.

Anella said she is proud to be a Job Corps graduate and completing Job Corps was one of her greatest achievements. Her advice to current TCU/IAM students is to, “have a goal, have good work ethics, and even if you fail-never give up, hard work does pay off!”

St. Louis Success

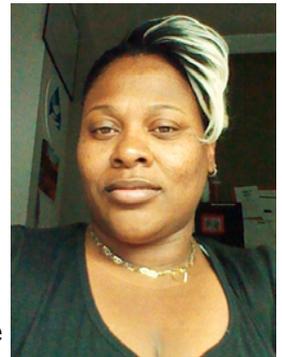
Dalberta Dunn is getting close to her “15 year” anniversary of working for Amtrak. She began her career journey with the St. Louis TCU/IAM Advanced Training Program in St. Louis, MO. Ms. Dunn found herself unemployed in 1996 and decided to take advantage of Job Corps. Dalberta knew very little about the TCU/IAM Advanced Training Program when she entered it. As she progressed in her training, she decided to try for a railroad position with Amtrak. In March of 1997, she was awarded a

position in the Maintenance of Way Department in New York City.

Since then, Ms. Dunn has qualified and worked in a number of positions qualifying in three types of welding, equipment operation, and truck driving. She has worked on stationary and traveling gangs and currently is working with a wooden tie replacement gang.

Ms. Dunn expressed that Job Corps is certainly worth the effort and that young people today should take advantage of the opportunity in

front of them. Ms. Dunn gives back by helping young people at a local program called Covenant House. She has also continued her education attending college to obtain an Associates Degree.



*Dalberta Dunn
1997 St. Louis alumna*



Isela Alanis, 2008 San Jose graduate and Amtrak Lead Agent

San Jose Success

Isela Alanis graduated from the San Jose TCU/IAM program in 2008. She began her career with Amtrak as a Ticket Agent with a starting salary of \$15.85/hr.

Since then, Isela has been holding the position of Lead Ticket Agent

temporarily while her fellow co-worker is out on leave.

Isela expressed that TCU/IAM helped her become more responsible, accountable and reconstruct her attitude, which helped her grow as a professional. “Since I work in customer

service, I contribute to other people’s smiles throughout the day, which makes me feel good. It’s very rewarding at the end of the day for me knowing I have a career and job security. Amtrak is exciting. Stay positive and you will succeed!”



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Gary Success



Dionte Durham, Gary TCU/IAM graduate, placed at Amtrak in Washington, DC, as a Coach Cleaner making \$15.01/hr

Dionte Durham is from Washington, DC, and was placed with Amtrak as a Coach Cleaner in DC last year. He went into Job Corps as a way to find a better life. Dionte came to Gary from Whitney M. Young Job Corps Center in Kentucky, where he trained in Facility Maintenance. He was always a very serious student in class and was determined to make it for himself. When Dionte was offered the opportunity to return to Washington, DC, and work for Amtrak, he jumped at the chance.

"I enjoyed having Dionte in my class because he made sure that I gave him what he needed 100% of the time. He held me accountable for his success. I could not have asked for a better student. I am extremely proud of him and his success." -Ms. Christie L. Scott, Gary TCU/IAM FER

Shriver Success

Lamar Oten joined the Shriver TCU/IAM Manpower Training Program in November of 2009 after transferring from the Westover Job Corps Center where he studied Brick Masonry and Plumbing. While at Shriver TCU/IAM Lamar thrived. His college experience and "can do" attitude helped him get through the TCU/IAM curriculum. Lamar impressed his teachers with his communication skills and likeable personality. It was clear that although Lamar had a hard

trade background he would also do very well in a customer service position. The Shriver TCU/IAM staff convinced Lamar to apply for Lead Service Attendant and Assistant Conductor positions.

After several interviews with Amtrak in Washington, DC, and Boston, MA, Lamar Oten finally got the break he was looking for. He was hired by Amtrak in Boston, MA, as a Lead Service Attendant with a starting wage of \$17.55/hr. Lamar started his

position with Amtrak in November of 2010, and continues to work there today.

Whenever Lamar is asked about TCU/IAM, he replies with the same phrase, "It saved my life".



Lamar Oten, Shriver alumnus and Amtrak LSA

Humphrey Success



HH TCU/IAM Staff, Jeanene Zimdars, Carmen Parr-Darnes and Jason Dreis with Theodore Perry

Theodore Perry came to the Humphrey TCU/IAM in March of 2010 as a transfer from the Detroit JCC. A little less than a year later he completed TCU/IAM and was placed at Amtrak in Washington, DC, at Union Station as a Lead Service Attendant with a starting salary of \$17.81/hr.

"TCU/IAM helped prepare me for my career at Amtrak by cross training

me in different career paths and the staff never gave up on me and encouraged me all the way." stated Theodore. One piece of advice that he has for current students, "Stay focused."

The Humphrey TCU/IAM staff met Theodore at Union Station during the department's All Staff Meeting this July in Washington, DC.