



# TCU/IAM Advanced Training

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## First Carman Graduate from St. Louis Carman/Machinist Program

In 2009, three TCU/IAM Advanced Training locations- Excelsior Springs, Gary and St Louis, began implementing a rigorous Carman/Machinist program in addition to the traditional training program. Students who have completed the Job Corps welding trade may apply. Brian Melero, a Bamberg JCC transfer, was the first Carman/Machinist program completer at St. Louis TCU/IAM. He began employment with Amtrak in September 2009 as a



Brian Melero at the Amtrak Ivy City yard, Washington, DC

carman making \$24.94 an hour plus great benefits. Over a year later, Brian, is still on the job, has earned about \$60,000 this year and says "As a mechanic for Amtrak I use many different tools everyday, but the first tool I had to use and take

advantage of was Job Corps and the TCU/IAM Advanced Training program. I personally think it is a great program and if you get the chance to attend don't let it go to waste. At times it was hard and I wanted to leave, but the best things in life are hard to reach and takes time to achieve. You have to be willing to put the time and effort in to go where you want in life. So remember, yourself and TCU/IAM equals a better you and life if you are willing to work for it!"

## Potomac Students Visit GreenGov Symposium



David Owens (left) and Shaneek Buckler with National Director Edna Primrose

Potomac students David Owens and Shaneek Buckler attended the 2010 GreenGov Symposium where National Director of Job Corps Edna Primrose was a

panel speaker for the workshop *Training and How "Green" Grows Jobs*. Panel members discussed emerging "green collar" jobs and how every company will be eventually affected by green technology. National Director Primrose discussed Job Corps role in training young adults and preparing them for up and coming positions in

green industries. When questioned on the diversity of Job Corps training for careers, Edna Primrose mentioned the TCU/IAM Advanced Training program as an example of students learning not only about the transportation skills but also being cross trained in computer and administrative skills to help them climb their career success ladders.

**TRANSPORTATION  
PLACEMENT  
HIGHLIGHTS**

**DIONTE DURHAM  
&  
ERIC MEREDITH**  
Gary TCU/IAM  
Amtrak  
Coach Cleaner  
\$15.01/hr

**JORGE GUZMAN**  
Shriver TCU/IAM  
Amtrak  
Coach Cleaner  
\$15.01/hr

**ADAM ORICK**  
Excelsior Springs TCU/IAM  
Midwest Railcar Repair  
Carman  
\$14.75/hr

**RAY HARRIS**  
San Jose TCU/IAM  
Greyhound Bus Lines  
Ticket Clerk  
\$10.50/hr

**ERIC JENKINS**  
Atlanta TCU/IAM  
Amtrak  
Train Attendant  
\$10.95/hr

**ANGELA GRIFFIN**  
Humphrey TCU/IAM  
Canadian Pacific  
Conductor Trainee  
\$18.48/hr

**EDWARD ANDOLINA**  
Potomac TCU/IAM  
Air Wisconsin  
Ramp Agent  
\$9.74/hr

**WILLIAM FLETCHER**  
Los Angeles TCU/IAM  
Amtrak  
Coach Cleaner  
\$15.01/hr

**TCU/IAM Transferred 64 Students this Quarter!**

**ATLANTA REGION**

Bamberg: 2  
Brunswick: 1  
Gadsden: 1  
Gainesville: 2  
Jacksonville: 3  
Jacobs Creek: 1  
Miami: 1  
Mississippi: 1  
Montgomery: 1  
Turner: 1

**CHICAGO REGION**

Atterbury: 1  
Denison: 1  
Golconda: 3  
Pine Ridge: 1

**BOSTON REGION**

Exeter: 2  
Glenmont: 1  
Hartford: 1  
Northlands: 1  
Oneonta: 2  
Westover: 4

**SAN FRANCISCO  
REGION**

Columbia Basin: 1  
Hawaii: 1  
Inland Empire: 3  
Long Beach: 2  
Timber Lake: 1  
Tongue Point: 2  
Treasure Island: 2

**PHILADELPHIA  
REGION**

Charleston: 1  
Earle C. Clements: 1  
Flatwoods: 1  
Harpers Ferry: 1  
Keystone: 2  
Muhlenberg: 1  
Old Dominion: 2  
Pine Knot: 3  
Red Rock: 1  
Woodland: 2  
Woodstock: 2

**DALLAS REGION**

Cass: 1  
Kicking Horse: 3

**San Jose TCU/IAM's Student's Careers  
Soar with the Airlines!**



**Manuel Minter**  
Transportation Security Agent  
Sacramento International  
Airport

Manuel, a Treasure Island JCC transfer, entered the TCU/IAM program in September 2009 and completed training in August 2010. He is currently serving at the Sacramento International Airport as a TSA securing all departing flights.

**Jeremy Barnes**  
SkyWest Ramp Agent  
San Francisco International  
Airport

Jeremy transferred into the program in May 2008 from Timber Lake CCC. He graduated from TCU/IAM in July 2009 and is currently working as a Full Time Ramp Agent with SkyWest Airlines at SFO Airport. Jeremy just came back from concert-hopping around the U.S. and recently became eligible for transfer opportunities!



# Atlanta TCU/IAM Getting Student's on the Track to Successful Careers at Norfolk Southern!



In October, three students from Atlanta TCU/IAM were hired at Norfolk Southern in Atlanta, Georgia as Central Yard Operations Clerks (CYO), thanks to some assistance from a former TCU/IAM student and current employee of Norfolk Southern, Mitchell Weaver, who is also a CYO. CYO's are responsible for performing administrative work involving customer and train crew communications. When several openings for CYO's opened up at Norfolk Southern, Mitchell contacted Atlanta TCU/IAM's LFER Dianne Rogers, and offered to come over on his "off day", to speak to students about his career with Norfolk Southern and the opportunities with the company. Mitchell is a great example of a TCU/IAM Alumni reaching back and helping others who are in the program that helped him get on track with his career!

- Norfolk Southern Railroad has employed 36 TCU/IAM students from Program Years 2001—2010
- Average starting wage was \$14.47an hour
- Students were placed as Yard Clerks, Crew Dispatchers, CYO Clerks, Conductors, Assistant Conductors, Yard Workers, and Operations Clerks



*Mitchell Weaver giving Oneckia Davis an overview of the Norfolk Southern's website.*



Oneckia Davis enrolled at the Atlanta Job Corps Center in December of 2009 in the Business and Finance trade, after completing in April of this year. She decided to enroll in the TCU/IAM Program to further her training. She completed training and was placed with Norfolk Southern as a Central Yard Operations Clerk earning \$23.35 per hour. Oneckia said when she came to TCU/IAM, "I stayed very focused on the reason I was there, which was to get a transportation job. I completed the program and had a job within six months."

Mackeia Anderson completed Business Technology at the Atlanta JCC prior to enrolling in the TCU/IAM program in October of 2008. Upon completing her training in the program in October, Kimberly was placed with Norfolk Southern as a Central Yard Operations (CYO) Clerk earning \$23.35 per hour. Mackeia, who was in training longer than her two coworkers, said she almost gave up. "I had been in TCU/IAM for two years and my time in Job Corps was about to expire. My advice to other students is to hang in there—it will pay off!"



Kimberly Harris enrolled at the Atlanta Job Corps Center in October of 2009 and was also a completer of the Business Finance trade before coming to the TCU/IAM program in February of 2010. Upon completing her training in October, she was placed with Norfolk Southern as a Central Yard Operations Clerk earning \$23.35 per hour. "I really like my job at Norfolk Southern," Kimberly states, "and I hope to make a career here. I already see the potential for advancement. I am grateful to TCU/IAM for giving me this opportunity."

## Transportation Industries On Board With the Green Movement

Our employer partners in the railroad and airline industries are making conscious efforts to take environmentally safe measures in everyday operations. The industries recognize the seriousness of their impact on the environment and are continually taking great strides towards doing their part in cleaning up and protecting it.

### Passenger & Freight Railroads

- **Amtrak's Auto Train has the capacity to hold up to 370 vehicles per train.** It emits only about half the greenhouse gasses that would be emitted if all the cars being transported were driven on the highway.
- **Norfolk Southern also is implementing sustainable operations throughout its facilities.** This includes the use of the state-of-the-art low emission cranes and tractors that will reduce the particulate emissions by 90% and nitrogen oxide emissions by 45%.
- **Union Pacific's operating equipment for fueling and maintenance have automatic fuel-nozzle shutoffs to prevent overflows, drip pans to catch any spills and separators to remove oil from wastewater.** UP also uses concrete to make crossties, which makes them more durable, resulting in less maintenance. Track ties that are no longer needed are refurbished and used elsewhere in the UP system.
- **Canadian Pacific equipped over 80% of their locomotives with some form of anti-idling devices which will shut down the trains to conserve fuel under certain operating conditions.**

### Airlines

- **Southwest Airlines recycles all cabin waste.** It was, also, the first airline to use electronic ticketing which cut down on paper consumption.
- **United Airlines published guidelines in their facilities to promote and enhance recycling, incineration and other responsible waste disposal methods to divert waste from landfills.** They also use cleaning chemicals that carry the Design for the Environment label which was established by the Environmental Protection Agency.



Tashina Thomas, a Potomac TCU/IAM graduate, returned to campus to speak to current students in the program.

Tashina Thomas was hired as a Coach Cleaner for the Auto Train in Lorton in August of 2007 making \$12.12 an hour. She started her career with Amtrak in a Work Based Learning Internship while in TCU/IAM. Tashina did such an amazing job during her first year

## POTOMAC TCU/IAM SUCCESS

that she was tapped to start the enrollment process for Assistant Conductor and by August of 2008 she started her nine week training and soon after began working in Washington, D.C. as an Assistant Conductor making over \$19 an hour. Just one year after that, in August of 2009, she was promoted to the position of Conductor where she currently makes \$25.62 an hour. She went on to tell the TCU/IAM students that "Sometimes you have to be that person, the one that stays late, cleans that extra toilet, helps coworkers out by cleaning an area that may not be yours to help get through the night faster. Someone is going to see that. It's going to get noticed." Tashina said she never thought in a million years that she would be where she is today. Tashina has also come back to the TCU/IAM Advanced Training Program at Potomac and works part time giving back to the students that are sitting in the seats she sat in not long ago.