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2017 Noel Levitz Retention Excellence Award Recipient

SOUTHEAST TECH RECEIVES NATIONALLY COVETED 2017 LEE NOEL-RANDI LEVITZ RETENTION EXCELLENCE AWARD

Southeast Tech is pleased to announce that it has been selected to receive the coveted 2017 Lee Noel-Randi Levitz Retention Excellence Award. Three institutions in the nation were chosen as winners through an exceptionally competitive selectin process. All colleges compete for the same award and are evaluated on the same factors, regardless of size or whether the institute is a two-year or four-year college.

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NOEL LEVITZ

According to Southeast Tech’s Vice President of Student Affairs and Institutional Research Tracy Noldner, “Southeast Tech is honored to receive this award. Noel-Levitz is the premier leader in student retention, and to have them recognize our retention achievements is a testament to the dedication and student focus of all Southeast Tech employees. The bottom line is we care about our students and their success, and this award affirms that. Receiving the award puts us in the company of major colleges who have received this award, like Purdue University and the University of Minnesota.”

Southeast Tech will be recognized in an award ceremony at the 2017 National Conference on Student Recruitment and Retention. This year’s conference will be held in Denver, Colorado, July 26 – 28. Over 1,400 representatives from more than 600 colleges and universities throughout North America will attend this comprehensive conference to share state-of-the-art enrollment and retention practices.

The Lee Noel-Randi Levitz Retention Excellence Award Program was established to honor the retention achievements of accredited postsecondary institutions throughout North America. Established in 1989, there have been 176 institutions recognized to date. Southeast Tech is the first South Dakota recipient of the award.

The purpose of the Awards program is to identify and recognize the most successful student success and retention programs in use from a variety of institutions serving a diverse range of students, and to share those programs nationally. These award-winning programs serve as models of retention excellence and offer other institutional leaders opportunities to emulate these programs on their own campuses.

Applications are reviewed by a national selection committee. Awards are given to recognize integrated and successful retention outcomes.

Southeast Tech Spring 2017 Graduation

Southeast Tech held its Spring 2017 Commencement Ceremony Friday, May 5th. There were 705 candidates for graduation.

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Student Networking Opportunities

Southeast Tech hosted 10 career fairs on campus this school year. Employers were invited to participate to showcase the job opportunities they have for students. All first year students are welcome to attend to gain experience with networking, communication, and professionalism.

The Media Design and Digital Media Production students capped the year off by celebrating its 16th annual Portfolio Show on April 27th. Thirteen students shared displays of their best work derived from their training at Southeast Tech. It entails digital media, graphic design and layout, advertising, print publications, websites, video production, etc. and targets the essence of what they intend to pursue for future employment. This specific event provides industry representatives and employers the opportunity to view the student's accomplishments and "show off" for potential employees. It's an ideal networking opportunity for the Media students to showcase skills, knowledge, and abilities.



For future career fair and networking opportunities, view <https://southeasttech-csm.symplicity.com/events/>.

High School Camps

Southeast Tech held various high school camps throughout the school year. To end the year, Southeast Tech hosted high school students to attend the following camps:

Get in the Garage Camp: Students were able to shadow Southeast Tech students, get their hands dirty with real demonstrations and tour Southeast Tech's amazing new facilities!

Write the Code, Solve the Problem Camp: Students were able to experience the exciting world of Information Technology through hands-on projects and get exposed to Southeast Tech's 6 Information Technology programs.

Car Repair & Safety Help for Teens (C.R.A.S.H) Event



Southeast Tech's Automotive Technology students participated in the C.R.A.S.H event in Sioux Falls. According to the Sioux Empire Safety Village, motor vehicle accidents are the #1 cause of death for teens. To better prepare them for the roadways, the Safety Village held a teen car care clinic on April 29 from 8am-noon at their campus on the WH Lyon Fairgrounds. This Car Repair and Safety Help clinic for teens educated on basic car maintenance, how to change a tire, insurance/budgeting, what to do in an emergency, laws of the road and the dangers of impaired and distracted driving.

According to Jason Merritt, Faculty member at Southeast Tech's Automotive Technology program who assisted in the previous event, "I thought the event was GREAT! It was well run and went smooth. Those involved in the organizing deserve some applause. The tire change was a lot of fun for my students and it looked like fun for the participants as well. It took less time than we expected, but it allowed for my students to share more basic maintenance with the participants."

The Safety Village is planning for 50 kids to be involved to educate them on basic car care and auto safety. The goal is to give teens a hands-on educational experience. There was eight stations set up for the kids to rotate every 30 minutes to do both hands-on activities and learning stations. Southeast Tech's Automotive Technology students and faculty participated in the event.

Visit www.safetyvillage.org or their Facebook page for more information about the event.

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Jumpstart Sponsor Opportunity

Southeast Tech requires all new students to attend a JumpStart session during the week before the Fall semester starts. Approximately 1,000 students will be on campus. Please consider becoming a sponsor and get our school year off to a great start!

As a sponsor, your company will be acknowledged by the Southeast Tech Foundation and a space available during JumpStart week to sell your services or an advertisement to run on our on campus electronic displays. If you are interested in a sponsorship, please complete the form online at [Jumpstart Sponsor](#) and the Southeast Tech Foundation will contact you with details.

Contact Chellee Nemec 605-367-7464 or chellee.nemec@southeasttech.edu for more information!

Professional Development Workshops – Join Us!

Southeast Tech Career Services is planning professional development workshops for students in the upcoming 2017 – 2018 school year. Tentatively, we are looking to host a workshop on resume development, job fair preparation, professionalism in the workplace, and mock interviews. We would like employer participation. If you have a demonstration or hands on workshop and would like to share with Southeast Tech students, please contact Career Services at studentjobs@southeasttech.edu.

President's View

It has been an eventful and exciting year! Southeast Tech continues to receive national recognition and awards that validate the quality and innovative education that we offer on our state-of-the-art campus and online. Recent honors received by our Registered Nurse program provides further evidence that we deliver the top associate's degree in Nursing in South Dakota. In addition, Southeast Tech has been selected as the South Dakota Career Preparedness Award recipient for the 2016-17 ACT College and Career Readiness Campaign. This award recognizes the outstanding education that Southeast Tech provides in preparing our students for career success.



In an effort to communicate and collaborate more effectively with our industry partners, we have started a Sector Breakfast initiative. Our intention through this initiative is to cultivate community conversations by industry sector (healthcare, construction, business, etc.) that will ultimately strengthen and sustain Southeast Tech and help guide how we serve our students, our industry partners and communities throughout the Sioux Falls region. To date, we have met with industry representatives from healthcare, transportation, construction trades and information technology and we are looking forward to hosting more in the upcoming year.

As spring graduation approaches, our campus is honored to be sending out hundreds of critically needed graduates in a wide variety of technical career fields. At Southeast Tech, we are extremely proud of our graduates and are confident that they are going to make a positive impact in the many communities they live, work, and raise their families. As we look forward to summer and a new school year next fall, I know the commitment and dedication I see from our outstanding faculty and caring support staff will ensure that we continue to deliver “educational excellence for tomorrow’s workforce”. Bob Griggs President, Southeast Tech

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