

# Career Tech Matters

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While our Adult Education colleagues relocated last year to the new campus on Industrial Drive, we still have a large presence of Adult Education programs here.



Because of adult students who are taking Auto Mechanics, Electrical, HVAC, Maintenance, Power Line-man and Welding in and around the main campus, there is a need for an Adult Education staff presence.

Shawn Kellough recently was named Adult Education Trades Program coordinator to provide that.

Shawn has about 10 years' experience teaching HVAC at Pickaway-Ross, combined with about 15 years in the field.

After graduating from Huntington High School, he started a Ranger Services program at Hocking College. But after a year he decided to enter the workforce and was hired as a service tech with a heating and cooling company.

At 22, he decided to take what he learned and open his own company – Kellough Heating & Cooling.

"It takes ambition and drive," he said of embarking on the entrepreneurial venture at such a young age. And it was while running his company that he applied for a teaching position at Pickaway-Ross Adult Education.

"I've always enjoyed the education side of my profession," he said, and thought that working with others would be enjoyable.

"At that point, a majority of our students were older – ranging from 19 years old to 68. It was a time when a lot of industry was closing.

"It went well but it was definitely a learning experience for me," he said of teaching.



Shawn Kellough demonstrates a soldering technique to Maintenance student Terry Hamilton of Lancaster.

Julie Bolen, Adult Education program specialist, said Shawn had great program outcomes, in regard to credential attainment, job placement and student retention as the HVAC instructor.

This will be Shawn's first year that he won't be teaching and he will miss it.

"I've always been about giving back. Seeing where students start and where they end is the most important part of teaching."

But as the Trades Program coordinator, he is happy to be able to guide students.

"I've always had a good grasp of the different programs and I'm looking forward to helping students."

Julie said the job is a great fit for Shawn.

"He really understands our programs and the needs of our students," Julie said. "He understands what it takes to run a great program and is focused on the success of the students.

"His experience and passion for the students are an asset for Adult Education."

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