

February - May 2023

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

Western Dakota Technical College (WDTC)



Upcoming Events

- 02.16** - CTA Sioux Falls School District Career Fair
- 03.01** - Black Hills Regional Job Fair at The Monument
- 03.09** - CTE Day at Spearfish High School
- 03.23** - One Day All-Program Camp at WDTC [Learn More](#)
- 03.23** - Electrical Trades Alumni Networking Event at WDTC [Learn More](#)

Graduations Ceremonies & Events

- 04.18** - Professionals Program Showcase & Graduation - WDTC Event Center | 5 pm - 7 pm
- 05.05** - Outstanding Graduates Banquet - WDTC Event Center | 5pm - 7pm
- 05.12** - Native American Honoring Ceremony - WDTC Event Center | 5pm - 7pm
- 05.13** - Law Enforcement Pinning Ceremony - Central High School Theatre | 8am - 9:15am
- 05.13** - Commencement Ceremony | 10am - 11:30am
- 05.13** - Nursing Pinning Ceremony - Central High School Theatre | 12:30pm - 1:45pm

Message from an Alumni

Greetings Fellow Alumni!

I am excited about these newsletters and keeping in touch with what is going on at WDTC.

Currently, I am serving on the Western Dakota Tech Foundation Board and on the Alumni committee, where I get to see the changes going on at Western Dakota Technical College first-hand. The school is constantly changing and evolving to keep up with the constantly changing and evolving industries. I graduated from the Industrial Electronics program in 2001, and the changes in that department are very impressive.

As an Alumni Committee, we are currently trying to reconnect Alum with the school and also host some upcoming mixers in various departments. The hope is for Alum to come and see the changes and be able to network with fellow graduates and industry partners. Please keep an eye out for upcoming dates this spring.

One of the benefits of being a graduate of a program at WDTC is there are resources available to you as you grow in your



Alumni: Sarah Bradley, Class of 2021, Practical Nursing, Registered Nursing

Where are you now?

I currently work as the nurse coordinator at Wellfully in Rapid City, an adolescent care center. We have an Addiction

Recovery unit, a Behavioral Care unit, and a Psychiatric Residential Treatment unit. I also work as needed at Avantara North, a long-term care facility, as a floor staff RN. I landed my job at Wellfully with my resume on indeed and have worked at Avantara North first as a CNA going to school for my LPN and continuing working there.

Why WDTC?

I went through both the Practical Nursing and Registered Nursing programs at WDTC. I chose WDTC's Registered Nursing program because my mother is an alumna of WDTC also. I started there for my LPN and loved the atmosphere. The instructors are willing to help you succeed. I loved all my instructors at WDTC.



professional career. Employment opportunity listings and resume assistance are just some examples. Please don't hesitate to reach out to the school for more information. Thank you for your time, and I hope to see you at some of the upcoming Alumni mixers!

Scott Hall, Class of 2001
Electrical Trades



Campus Store (aka. Book Store) has a great deal for you on these adorable teddy bears! Purchase one teddy bear and get the black t-shirt shown for your new little friend for free!

WDTC in the News

[High school students learn about healthcare careers](#)

[Western Dakota Tech students help to clean up graffiti across Rapid City](#)

[Western Dakota Tech helps to fill the need for truck drivers](#)

[Western Dakota Technical College has trouble finding space for local employers for career fair](#)

Electrical Trades Alumni Networking Event | March 23 | 5-7 p.m.

Connect with classmates, industry peers, and current students and faculty at the Electrical Trades Alumni Networking Event! Come tour the Electrical Lab space, see what's new in the program, and connect with others in your field. The event is free and open to alumni and their guests.

RSVP Here: <https://www.wdt.edu/foundation-alumni/alumni/>

Some Words for Potential Students

Keep moving forward and WDTC will help you succeed! Whether it is the instructors or the student success coaches there is always someone willing to help.

Share your story!

Contact: Chutima Supboon
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<https://www.wdt.edu/alumni/>

Ways to Give Back

Dental Assisting fundraising for toothbrushes and toothpaste for children: For more information, contact Chanin Hartnett, Dental Assisting Program Director, at dental_assisting@wdt.edu or 605-718-3057

Food pantry for current students. For more information, please get in touch with StudentSuccessCenter@wdt.edu or 605-718-2955.

Equipment and Program Needs

WDTC Off-Campus Apartments

For the first time, we are offering an opportunity for full-time students to lease a limited number of off-campus apartments. For more information, go to <https://www.wdt.edu/housing>

WDTC Site of Historic Conservation Reserve Agreement between USDA & Three Tribal Nations

Three Tribal Nations in the Great Plains are partnering with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to help conserve, maintain, and improve grassland productivity, reduce soil erosion, and enhance wildlife habitat through the [Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program](#) (CREP). The Cheyenne River, Oglala, and Rosebud Sioux Tribes are entering into CREP agreements with USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) to enroll eligible grassland, pastureland, and other agricultural lands within the boundaries of their reservations in this conservation program. [Continue Reading](#)

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