August - October 2023

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

Western Dakota Technical College (WDTC)



Upcoming Events

- **9.13** Scholarship Info & Assistance Session
- 9.18 WDTC Suicide Prevention Walk
- 9.20 Alumni Committee Meeting

10.11 - WDTC Career Expo

10.18 - Alumni Committee Meeting

10.21 - College Visit Day

10.26 - 6th Annual Legends & Legacy Gala

10.27 - Fall/Halloween Festival

55th Commencement at WDTC



<u>Western Dakota Technical College</u> had one of its largest graduating classes this year - about 435 graduates! You can see the commencement program <u>here</u>. Former Rapid City mayor Steve Allender was the commencement speaker.

Build Dakota Scholarship Recipient Orientation & Signing Day

Congratulations to the students who were awarded fullride Build Dakota Scholarships during a special signing ceremony at the college on June 22, 2023. Thank you to our industry sponsors and all those who attended!





Dakota Dreams

June 26 & July 10 – WDTC hosted 8th grade students with Dakota Dreams. These students toured WDTC's Environmental Engineering Technician, Computer Science, and Nursing programs and participated in hands-on activities.

2023 Earth Day Expo

On April 25, WDTC hosted the Rapid City Earth Day Expo with an estimated 700 attendees during the 6-hour event. A big thank you goes to all volunteers, co-hosts, and sponsors for putting together such a successful event!

EchoWorks collected a total of 11,689 lbs. of electronic recycling during their free drop-off event during the Earth Day Expo. Wowza! <u>Read</u> <u>More</u>



Alumni Feature - Mitch Painter, Drafting and Machining Technology, Class of 2021



Western Dakota Technical

College Receives \$100,000 Joining 41 Other Colleges Across the U.S. as 'All Within My Hands' Metallica Scholars Initiative Expands in Year Five



RAPID CITY, SD — The rock band Metallica's foundation, All Within My Hands, continues its multimillion-dollar investment in critical workforce programs at community colleges nationwide. Among the schools, Western Dakota Technical College (WDTC) was selected from a competitive pool of applicants to receive \$100,000 to transform the futures of students in the community. <u>Read more</u>

WDTC in the News

<u>World famous rock band helping South Dakota</u> <u>college students</u>

Mayor Jason Salamun tours Western Dakota Technical College in Rapid City

<u>SD Statewide Nursing Partnership To Grow</u> <u>Student Opportunities And Healthcare</u> <u>Workforce</u> Share your story! Contact: Chutima Supboon 605-718-3064 Chutima.Supboon@wdt.edu

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More WDTC Highlights



Congratulations, Josh Dixon and Amanda Quinn on each receiving \$500 scholarships from Coca-Cola Bottling Company High Country for the Class A CDL Professional Truck Driving program.

Congratulations to the Diesel Technology Program for earning Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) accreditation!

Noting it "meets the strict industry standards," the Western Dakota Technical



College (WDTC) Diesel Technology program was recently informed it has received Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Program Accreditation. <u>Read More</u>



6 networking tips to help you forge lasting career connections

It's been said that the most successful people in the world look for and build networks, while everyone else looks for work. But that doesn't mean networking is reserved for the top one percent. <u>Watch Video Here</u>

In Celebration

Save the Date: 6th Annual Legend & Legacy Gala on October 26, 2023! For more information, contact <u>Nora.Leinen@wdt.edu</u>.

Sarah Ludes, Library Technician, Class of 2019. Sarah's twin daughters, Luna & Nova Ludes. Welcome to the WDTC Family!

New job? New business? Children? Newly married? Let us celebrate with you! Email: <u>Chutima.Supboon@wdt.edu</u>.

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