

## TEC Students are World Class CAD Certified by Charles Robbins, World Class CAD



Twelve students at Technology Education College (TEC) in Columbus Ohio are the newest World Class CAD certified professionals using Computer Aided Design programs. Eleven undergraduates have earned at least one of the Two Dimensional Drawing Using AutoCAD 2007 certification this term. There are level 1 for single view orthographic drawings, level 2 for drawings with multiple views and level 3 for assembly drawings. This is quite an accomplishment for the TEC students, because they must draw very quickly and accurately to earn the World Class title.

The morning students at the college are Brian McCall, Channing Bland, Chuck Tucker, Gabriel Ludaway, Ivan Burley, Natasha Jones, Nate Womack, Paulina Ellis and Ryan Fuqua. The night students are Allen Peterson, Brian Gibbs, and Westley Kirby. Westley Kirby, a 20 year-old student, who is a 2005 graduate of Whetstone High School and holder of two World Class CAD certificates says "I wanted to get a college degree and a career in Engineering sounded the best for me and I am able to build on my number one strength which is discipline." In his second term, Westley shows over twenty finished projects, which include drawings, templates and LISP programs.

The Engineering / CAD Department chairperson Tom Neuzil is very impressed with this class that started September 4, 2007. He told us that their motivation is very strong, with the day class working on individual and group projects and night class having 100% attendance since day one. "The men and women in our department are excited about their future in design." Each week, staff members in the career placement department are asking for names of students who are close to graduation or are ready to apply for drafting and design jobs.

The Engineering / CAD program at TEC is 16 months in duration and concentrates in 2D computer drafting, 3D work, automation and design. There are hundreds of TEC trained designers working in many Midwestern companies. Daytime CAD students attend classes from 9 am to 1 pm, Monday through Friday. Night students are in class from 5:30 pm to 10:30 pm, Monday through Thursday. Allen Peterson, a 31-year-old fulltime construction worker, family man and student says, "the evening classes fit my schedule perfectly. This program definitely is for me."

World Class CAD, the certifying entity is an organization that publishes architectural, engineering and design textbooks, training films and support programs on the Internet for the entire profession to use. They release at least one online textbook each month. Mark Bughman, a World Class CAD co-founder believes TEC is on the right track with design training. "TEC students and graduates are leaders in the CAD field and their employers appreciate their professional talents and innovation."