

## Welcome Rodney Brutton, New Campus President



Orleans Technical College is excited to welcome Rodney Brutton to lead our team as Campus President. Brutton brings over 20 years of experience overseeing post-secondary as well as career and technical education. Most recently he was head of the New Community Career and Technical Institute in Newark, NJ.

Mr. Brutton comes with extensive knowledge related to workforce development initiatives, as well as serving disconnected youth and working adult learners through funding opportunities such as Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), and Adult Basic Education (ABE).

## Celebrating Graduation 2021...In-Person!

Orleans held an in-person graduation ceremony on Wednesday, November 10, 2021, at The Philadelphia Ballroom in Northeast Philadelphia. The graduating class consisted of 209 students from our various building and construction trades training programs. On average, over 70% of the graduates obtained employment upon graduation. The event was livestreamed on Facebook for graduates' families in order to comply with Covid-19 restrictions regarding large in-person events.



## February Is National Career and Technical Education Month



Here are **seven** reasons to consider career and technical education at JEVS' Orleans Technical College:

- Job placement
- Learn by doing
- Industry-experienced instructors
- Job demand
- Affordable Cost
- Short Timeframe
- Rolling Admissions

## Industry Dates to Remember

### January 1, 2022

*National Cut Your Energy Costs Day*

### February

*Career & Technical Education & Financial Aid Awareness Months*

### March 6-12, 2022

*Women in Construction Week*

### March 11, 2022

*World Plumbing Day*

## Visit OTC

Stop by for just 30 minutes to see if job training in the building trades is the right fit for you.

Explore our Campus by taking a Virtual Tour on our website at [www.orleanstech.edu](http://www.orleanstech.edu)

Contact us at 215-728-4700 to schedule an appointment to tour the school and get information regarding Admissions, Financial Aid and Job Search Assistance.

### Try a Trade Tuesdays:

Schedule a visit anytime between 9am-4pm [orleanstech.edu/events](http://orleanstech.edu/events).



## Employer of the Month for January 2022



Orleans Technical College has been selecting an Employer of the Month since January 2017. Their hiring partnership with Orleans is recognized via social media and our web site. Orleans Tech’s longtime employer partner, Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (**SEPTA**) is our first Employer of the Month for 2022. **SEPTA** has been hiring our graduates for years, across different departments and from many different programs, and they have allowed many of our students to shine in new careers. **SEPTA** was featured during the month of January on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn and YouTube. Dennis McAnulla, Assistant Chief Mechanical Officer and head of Railroad Vehicle Maintenance, talked in a video about the partnership and some of the great electrical students they have hired.

## Employer of the Month for February 2022



**Meizinger Construction Services, LLC** is our February Employer of the Month! Owner Greg Meizinger, President of MCS, INC, served as the keynote speaker for the Orleans graduation ceremony held on November 10, 2021. His company has hired 17 Orleans Tech graduates over the past three years from the carpentry training program, filling such positions as Carpentry Apprentice, Carpenter, Estimator, and Cabinet Maker. **Meizinger Construction Services LLC** was also featured during their month on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn and YouTube. The profiles of all employers chosen for this recognition are filmed when they visit OTC for a Program Advisory Committee meeting or other event.

## Financial Management and OTC Students



Last November, Seyi Olagunju, MBA from Truist presented to a group of OTC students. The focus was on personal finance and entrepreneurship. Mr. Olagunju stated, “Many students are going into a

skilled trade, but few understand how to properly manage their finances or launch and run a business.” Partnerships with agencies like Truist are critical in providing the well-needed financial knowledge and resources

that are essential in bringing financial confidence to our students. Seminars and presentations that address the professional goals of our students lead to their increased success upon graduation.

## Program Advisory Committee Meeting

Orleans Technical College invited employers from the building and construction trades to join our in-person semi-annual breakfast meeting on December 9, 2021. Registrants met to discuss hiring and apprenticeship needs, as well as to discuss how we prepare our graduates to meet employer job requirements.



**Melissa, 47, Glenside**

The largest hug of HVAC graduate Melissa Elcheck's big day when she was honored as a JEVS Human Service's Strictly Business Inspiration Award honoree in November 2021, was with Tamika Gary, Career Employment Specialist at Orleans. Melissa is thriving at Christian Heating and Air Conditioning, and as they did with her, our Career Services Department helps to find graduates jobs and they oftentimes find friendship along the way too.



**Mercedes, 38, Philadelphia PA**

Mercedes worked as a Medical Assistant for 16 years and decided it was time to move on. When she came to register her son for Building Maintenance, she decided that everything the rep said was what she wanted for herself. Her son recently graduated from Orleans Building Maintenance program and is working for University City Housing as a Maintenance Assistant. Mercedes graduated in February 2022 and wants to eventually own her own contracting company and work together with her son.



**Penny, 34, Philadelphia, PA**

Penny worked at PENN Medicine as a Patient Service Associate, eventually becoming a Senior secretary in Pathology. Covid-19 and the purchase of her first home impacted her decision to leave. She became a realtor in 2021 and decided a trade would be beneficial. She chose Building Maintenance and was student of the month in November and December of 2021. She was also a recipient of a Home Depot scholarship to help fund her Orleans Tech education.



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Opportunities for  
career success

## About Orleans

In 1974, Orleans Technical Institute began with a simple idea to provide training and support to help put people back to work. And while our commitment to helping people hasn't changed in 40 years – our name has. In 2015 we became Orleans Technical College. We're still helping people like you get the skills training that employers want – skills that lead to new careers and new futures for our graduates!

## Mission Statement

Orleans Technical College, operated by JEVS Human Services, is a non-profit career school, is committed to providing: (1) high quality education through a program of continuous improvement; (2) a student centered environment devoted to helping adults develop the skills they need to succeed in today's workplace; (3) employer responsive training that changes as technology and the job market change; (4) a supportive work environment where our dedicated staff can develop to their fullest potential, while motivating students to succeed.

## ACCSC Accreditation

The Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges assesses and enhances educational quality, fosters innovation and creativity, and provides opportunities for collaboration and cooperation with accredited member institutions. Orleans has been an accredited institution since 1981.



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## Have You Seen Our Graduates on Billboards Around Town?

Orleans Tech's Admissions and Marketing departments have been showcasing graduates in a billboard campaign throughout Philadelphia and surrounding communities in 2021 and 22. The advertising theme is "Careers beyond the ordinary," which speaks to the in-demand and "recession-proof" nature of the building and construction trades careers that our alumni pursue. Have you seen any of these?

