



# AVAILABILITY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends of NTI,

Northwest Technical Institute is proud to announce its upcoming graduation commencement on February 21, 2008. We are excited about this because we take pride in preparing our students for careers in industry.

For those of you not familiar with NTI's programs, our graduates receive a Specialized Associate of Science Degree in Architectural Building Technology or Product Design & Engineering Technology. NTI offers a unique 16 month curriculum that prepares students for industry. We all appreciate the confidence you show in NTI by hiring our graduates and students.

Inside this newsletter you will find a brief description of both Architectural Building Technology and Product Design & Engineering Technology students who will be graduating next month. If you find students you want to interview, you can reach them directly at the number or email address listed, or contact me and I will follow up with the student for you.

I also want to remind you that we have current students who are eager to start their careers on a part-time basis while attending NTI. Their school schedule allows them to work for you approximately 24 hours per week. Companies have found this to be an effective way to accomplish additional work, as well as evaluate prospective employees for future full-time employment. The on-the-job experience benefits their educations as well.

I would like to thank the many firms who hire our students and graduates. Now it is my pleasure to introduce to you our upcoming graduating classes.

Sincerely,  
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Director of Placement

### JOB FAIR

Don't forget about our job fair on Thursday January 24 from 11-2.

We still have some tables available. Call me to hold reserve a space.

We will be contacting alumni next week, so please call now!

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## ARCHITECTURAL BUILDING TECHNOLOGY

During their tenure at NTI, these graduates have studied curriculum which includes over 930 hours of AutoCAD 2006, and 2007; as well as residential construction methods and building materials, I.R.C and energy calculations. Third and Fourth semesters focus on Revit 9.0 & Revit Architecture 2008, commercial design, construction documentation, commercial building materials, I.B.C, estimating, field documentation and Architectural Capstone. This along with mathematics and communications will make these graduates a valuable addition to your company.



### ERIC KOLLAUF


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I am pursuing a career in the field of Architecture that will both challenge me and allow advancement within the company. I am a punctual and detail orientated individual that always likes to stay busy. If it's work, school, or sports, I'm certainly someone that needs to be stay moving and learning. I see myself going back to school, to achieve a Bachelor degree in Architecture. I stand out from other individuals because of my personality, work ethic, punctuality, skill, and ideas. I plan to use all these skills in helping an architectural company improve and succeed towards their vision and goals.

- 4 years of AutoCAD skills
- Revit 9.0 & Revit 2008 experience
- 2+ months industry drafting experience - mechanical (HVAC and plumbing)
- 2 ½ years of Residential construction experience
- Highly skilled in wood working and machines
- Artistic & Creative
- Willing to travel or relocate



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As a Graduate of NTI, I believe that I would be an excellent addition to a company looking for an employee with strong work ethic. I have a desire to work as a drafter using the skills and knowledge I obtained at NTI. I am creative, honest, reliable, and detail oriented. I work well with others and have a strong desire to continually learn new things and grow professionally.

- AutoCAD 2005, 2006, 2007 & 2008
- Revit 9.0 & Revit 2008 experience
- Masonry Restoration Experience
- 3.80 GPA



### JEFF HOCHULE


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I am seeking a CAD drafting position in the architectural field that will allow me to apply and expand the skills that I have obtained through my schooling at Northwest Technical Institute, as well as my past job experiences. I am a reliable, dependable and and hard working individual that is eager to start a career offering responsibility, continuous learning and professional growth.

- 4 Years experience with AutoCAD 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008
- PowerPoint and Microsoft Word
- Innovative, creative and detail oriented
- Residential and commercial drafting
- 3 Month industry experience with field documentation and AutoCAD



### CORTNEY GAMLIN


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I am looking to obtain a challenging and rewarding position with the opportunity for advancement in the field of architectural drafting and design, while improving my skills as a drafter/designer. In addition to attending classes at NTI, I have worked part-time as a Curtain Wall CAD Engineer for 5 months. I have had a passion for architecture since I took my first drawing/design classes my sophomore year of high school. I am a hard working, quick learner who is creative, reliable and enjoys a challenge. I am looking for a rewarding career that will utilize my skills and experience.

- 5 months industry experience (Drafting Curtain Walls)
- Revit, AutoCAD 2005, 2006, 2007, & 2008
- Three years manual drafting and manual rendering experience at Chaska High School
- Residential and Commercial drafting experience

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After completing my degree from Northwest Technical Institute, I feel I am a qualified candidate for a career in the field of architectural drafting and design. I want a career that will not only broaden my skills, but will expand my knowledge in this field. I am a hard worker and can always be depended on. I am organized, pay close attention to details and am conscious of deadlines and goals. I am always eager to learn new things and very excited to apply my skills towards a successful career in the architectural industry.

- Manual drafting in High School
- 1 year Residential Construction experience
- Computer skills: AutoCAD 2005, 2006, 2007 & 2008/ Revit Architecture 2008/ Microsoft Word/ Microsoft PowerPoint

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I am in search of an entry level position in the Architectural field where I can be part of dynamic drafting & design team. During my time at NTI I have acquired many professional and technical skills. I am reliable, dependable, and easy to work with. I look forward to the challenges and working together towards company goals. I want to utilize my passion for architecture and have the opportunity for professional growth in the drafting industry.

- 2 years CAD drafting experience
- Revit, AutoCAD 2006, 2007 & 2008
- 3 years of work experience at a lumber yard
- Mechanical & Architectural Drafting, Woods, Metals & Building construction classes in high school

 **ANTHONY BATSCHE** [tbatsche@cpinternet.com](mailto:tbatsche@cpinternet.com) 763.923.3474

I am seeking a career opportunity as an entry level Architectural Drafter where I can apply my skills I have learned while attending NTI along with my construction experience. After graduation, I am open to relocating to an area if there are opportunities available. I am a motivated individual who is detail orientated.

- Experience working in residential construction, building foundation walls and frame work
- Worked 7 months in a hardware store
- Worked with a refrigeration company
- Architectural CAD I, II & III and CAD Technical Illustrations I, II & III classes in high school
- Revit 9.0 & Revit 2008 experience
- AutoCAD 1998 LT, 2005, 2006, 2007 & 2008
- Experience in drawing floor plans, elevations, sections and site plans

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With graduation on its way, I am excited to apply the skills I have learned at NTI. I am someone who works well under pressure and enjoys being challenged. For the past few months I have been working part-time in industry as a drafter. I am seeking a position as a CAD Drafter / Designer with room for advancement. I'm looking forward to sharing my strengths and skills with the architectural industry.

- AutoCAD 2006, 2007, 2008,
- Revit Building 9.0 & Revit Architecture 2008
- Detail orientated with ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines
- 5 months industry drafting experience

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While completing my degree at NTI, I have also been working part time as an Architectural Drafting Technician in the industry utilizing AutoCAD. I have gained immense experiences, and overcome many obstacles. I am excited to find a full time Architectural Drafting position upon graduation with a firm that has room for advancement. I am eager to start working on many exciting projects.

- Currently maintaining a 3.61 G.P.A
- 4-½ + months Architectural Drafting Experience
- Worked at Menards in Building Materials Department
- 3 ½ years AutoCAD experience
- Experience on AutoCAD 2004, '05, '06, '07, & '08
- Experience with REVIT 9.0 & REVIT 2008

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During my time at Northwest Technical Institute, I have gained much knowledge in Architectural Design. I would like to find a full-time position as an entry-level drafter in the industry where I could use the education that I have gained at NTI. I love having to face a challenge and enjoy the hard work to get the job done. I am very excited to start working in the industry and gain as much skill as possible.

- AutoCAD 2005, 2006, 2007, & 2008
- Experience in REVIT 9.0 & REVIT 2008
- Current G.P.A. is a 3.63
- Willing to relocate after graduation

## ✂ KURTIS SKLUZACEK

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I'm a hard working; extremely detail oriented and a very knowledgeable person. I know how to manage my time to get the work done with efficient precision. I work well in groups but can work alone when needed. I have excellent time management and organizational skills; tight deadlines are not a problem for me. Being in the Army has taught me to stay focused while paying close attention to detail and how to work fast and accurately.

- 3 years Army Reserve Experience
- Carpentry and Masonry Specialist in Army
- Ammunition Specialist
- 3 years of CAD, manual drafting and woodworking in high school.
- AutoCAD 1998 LT, 2005, 2006, 2007 & 2008
- Revit 9.0 & Revit 2008 experience
- Willing to relocate

## ✂ DOUG EIDEN

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I am excited to continue my career as a CAD Drafter/Designer. I have currently been working part-time at an industrial-construction company. As a new graduate of Northwest Technical Institute, I have developed many tools to advance my CAD skills and my knowledge about the architectural field. I am a hard worker that enjoys a challenge and always looking for the next project to work on. I cannot wait to start a successful career in the architectural world that utilizes my education from NTI along with my industrial drafting experience.

- 10+ months industry drafting experience utilizing AutoCAD
- Revit 9.0 & Revit 2008 experience
- AutoCAD 1998 LT, 2005, 2006, 2007 & 2008
- Experience with Electric Utilities services
- 10+ years farming experience
- Dependable, hard worker with a great work ethic
- Willing to relocate

## NTI's Architectural Instructors

Glenn  
Geissinger



### Architectural Instructor / Director of Education

Mr. Geissinger has been an NTI instructor since 1990. Prior to joining the staff at NTI, Mr. Geissinger worked for 4 years as a CAD Drafter with Sirny Architects and EOS Architects developing commercial construction documents and as-built drawings. Before entering the architectural field, Mr. Geissinger worked for 12 years as a counselor in the human services field.

Education Credentials: MA, United Theological Seminary; BA, Psychology, Goshen College, Indiana; Diploma, Architectural Drafting, Minneapolis Technical College. Allied Member, MN Society - American Institute of Architects.

Tim  
Cooney



### Architectural Instructor / IT Manager

Mr. Cooney, a veteran of the Gulf War, returned to NTI in 1999 after working as a Project Coordinator for Robert Rippe & Associates for 3 years doing commercial kitchens and as a Technician II for TKDA & Associates for 2 years doing commercial architectural, structural, and civil projects. He also has 3 years of construction experience.

Education Credentials: BS, Information Technology, Saint Mary's University, Twin Cities Campus; AS, General Studies, Mt. Aloysius College, Cresson, PA; AS, Architectural Drafting & Design Technology, NTI. Allied Member, MN Society - American Institute of Architects.

John  
Hartman



### Architectural Instructor

Mr. Hartman is a graduate of NTI and has been with the college since 1993. While in school, Mr. Hartman worked for GE Capital as an Architectural Facility Drafter. Upon graduation, Mr. Hartman worked for NU-Way in Wausau, WI as an Architectural & Engineering CAD Technician. Upon earning his Master's degree, he also taught at Saint Mary's while working as Director of Admissions for NTI.

Education Credentials: MS, Project Management, Saint Mary's University, Twin Cities Campus; BS, Psychology, Northwestern College; AS, Architectural Drafting & Design Technology, NTI; General courses, University of Wisconsin Stout.



## PRODUCT DESIGN & ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

During their tenure at NTI, these graduates have been exposed to a comprehensive study of drafting and design using SolidWorks 2005, SolidWorks 2006 and ProEngineer Wildfire 3.0. Each student has received training in sheet metal design and its processes, tool design (including plastic molds, jigs and fixtures), advanced modeling concepts (including surfacing, sweeps and lofts), a wide array of manufacturing processes, DFM and DFA, material properties and applications, conventional and geometric dimensioning and tolerancing, and ANSI Y14.5M (R2000) standards. This along with Mathematics and Communications make these graduates a valuable addition to any company.

### ✦ DAVE RHODES

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I am an experienced drafter who has been drafting for 6 years. I am a Certified SolidWorks Associate. I have 6 months of work experience as an intern working with sheetmetal and utilizing SolidWorks 2007. My job duties include making drawings, reverse engineering, inventory work, and some design work. I truly enjoy the engineering drafting / design field and enjoy learning and trying new things.

- SolidWorks, IDEAS, Pro/Engineer & Pro/Desktop experience
- 6+ months of industry drafting & sheetmetal experience
- Certified SolidWorks Associate

### ✦ KERRY SCHMIDT

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As graduation approaches, I am eager to find a full time CAD Drafter/Designer job that can be both fun and challenging. After using CAD for 5 years I have always been a fast learner and find it easy to adapt to new things. I am also a very hard working, reliable, determined, and easy person to get along with. I look forward to learning new and exciting things as my career begins.

- Drafting, CAD, engineering and mechanical technology, materials, machining, small engine, welding, CAM and math classes in high school
- 1 year AutoCAD industry experience
- Mason / concrete experience
- 8 months Solid Works training
- 8 months Pro/E training

### ✦ STEVE GUNDERSON

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Graduation is nearing and I am excited to continue learning the engineering drafting and design industry. I am currently working as an intern utilizing Mechanical Desktop. I enjoy working with large projects and assemblies. I hope to find a permanent position where I can exercise my skills and talents gained as an NTI student.

- 3+ month's industry drafting experience utilizing Mechanical Desktop
- CSWP Certificate
- AutoCAD, Mechanical Desktop & Manual Drafting
- SolidWorks & Pro/Engineer Wildfire
- Small Engine Repair
- Computer Technology / Web Design
- Power point, Microsoft Word & Excel
- Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Physics, Statistics & Calculus

### ✦ JOSH HAMMES-MURRAY

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I am a hard worker, and very creative. I am all about hands on work I've been a blue collar worker all my life and don't mind getting my hands dirty. I love to impress and strive under pressure. If hired I am willing to work with a team or individually. Public speaking is fine by me I love to please a crowd and to win them over. I'm always on time and willing to go that extra mile to satisfy the customer. I am looking for a full time drafting position in the metro area or somewhere near Eau Claire WI.

- 500+ hours on SolidWorks and 500+ hours on Pro/E
- 4 years AutoDesk Inventor
- Microsoft office and PowerPoint experience
- Metal shop experience

 CURTIS PETERSON xm5828@yahoo.com 763.464.8281

With a combination of skills, which include knowledge and interest in engineering and extensive training in the Computer-Aided Drafting (CAD) field, I would like to apply this to a rewarding full-time career which will allow for advancement into more challenging projects and positions in the engineering drafting and design field. Detail orientated, reliable, dedicated and hardworking are a few of the skills that will make me a valuable asset to your team.

- Mechanical and Architectural Drafting
- CNC Machine experience
- Experience with SolidWorks, Pro/Engineer, AutoCAD & Inventor software's
- CSWA Certification

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As a graduate of NTI, I am thrilled to utilize my skills and experience to contribute to a full-time career. I am seeking a full-time CAD Drafter/Designer position that offers areas for advancement. I have been working in industry as an intern for the past 11 months using Pro/E. I am eager to learn and take on new challenges that will help me succeed.

- 4 years combined education in Drafting, Woodworking, and Small Gas Engine
- 11+ months industry drafting experience utilizing Pro/E
- VectorWorks
- Pro Desktop
- Pro/Engineer Wildfire experience
- SolidWorks 2006 experience
- Management, Employee Training and Inventory experience

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When I first made the decision to go to NTI I knew I'd gain the knowledge necessary to succeed in the mechanical design and drafting industry. Since my third semester at NTI I've been employed for a company that has allowed me to gain a great deal of experience and skills essential to become well versed in the field. Through my current work experience I have realized the design and drafting industry is a field I am truly passionate about and hope to expand my knowledge as much as possible. I am looking forward to exploring all the opportunities that might become available to me.

- CSWA Certification
- 800+ hours Pro/E Wildfire
- 800+ hours Solid works
- 800+ hours Inventor
- 4 months in industry as a CAD Technician utilizing Inventor, assemblies, drawings, new parts, modifications to existing parts.

 NATHAN MEYER Nate\_Meyer@hotmail.com 651.564.0963

While attending NTI I also worked part-time in industry as a Drafting Intern utilizing Pro/E. I have acquired an enormous amount of knowledge that I am ready to use in a rewarding career as a full time CAD Drafter. I have over one year of Solidworks training and 8 months of PRO/E training with an additional 10 months PRO/E industry experience. I am a very creative and detail oriented person and pride myself on having a great work ethic.

- 1+ year SolidWorks experience
- 8 months PRO/E training
- 10 months industry experience
- Dependable & reliable

 ANTHONY KUSCHEL akuschel@gmail.com 608.385.2896

While attending Northwest Technical Institute, I have learned much about the drafting and design industry. I have gained many skills and have become very proficient with drafting. I have over 700 hours SolidWorks experience, 450 hours Pro/E experience, and some AutoCAD and Inventor experience. I also have 4 months industry experience as a Detail Drafter in a workplace that challenges my skills and teaches me new things every day. I greatly enjoy my chosen field, and am looking for a challenge.

- Hard worker who strives for detail in every project
- 4 months industry drafting experience utilizing SolidWorks
- CSWA Certification

**"DESIGN - IT'S A PROCESS THAT CREATES ORDER OUT OF CHAOS,  
THAT RENDERS TECHNOLOGY USABLE TO BUSINESS.  
DESIGN MEANS BEING GOOD, NOT JUST LOOKING GOOD."**

Author: Clement Mok

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Upon my graduation from Northwest Technical Institute, I am excited to find a full time position where I will be able to use the skills that I have learned from my education. I will have had about 500 hours on SolidWorks, and about 500 hours on Pro-E Wild fire 3.0 from school. I also have 6 months work experience in industry utilizing Pro-E. While working in industry, I have been doing ECO's, sheet metal models, and some detailing of sheet metal parts. I am looking forward to having a challenging position that will let me use the skills that I have acquired to better my drafting and the company.

- 6+ months industry experience utilizing Pro/E
- Pro/Engineer Wildfire experience
- SolidWorks 2006 experience

 **TOM AMPE** [tampe@student.nti.edu](mailto:tampe@student.nti.edu) 612.703.4081

Throughout my studies at NTI; along with working part time in the industry, I have learned many technical and professional CAD skills. I am looking for a full time career that will not only utilize my drafting abilities but also challenge my creativity skills as well. I take pride in getting my work done correctly and on time, I look forward to contributing towards a company's goal and being part of a dynamic team.

- Proficient in Pro/Engineer & SolidWorks
- Experience with computer programming using Visual Studio 2003
- 6 months industry drafting experience utilizing MicroStation and AutoCAD

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I am proud of everything I have learned from NTI. They gave me the CAD skills, and engineering knowledge that I believe will always give me the edge in the CAD jobs, paired with my 4 months of work experience in the CAD field. I am also very confident in my abilities to work with people of all types. My creativity and logical way of thinking will always be of use to me in whatever I do. I am looking forward to being able to utilize all of my skills and make the most of all of my knowledge in my work.

- 4 months industry work experience with SolidWorks
- SolidWorks (CSWA Certified)
- Pro-E Wildfire knowledge
- Artistic Ability (won awards)
- Understand, speak, write, and read German (well, but not fluent)

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After Graduating from NTI, I am looking forward to using my SolidWorks and Pro/E training to help further the goals for the company I work for. I am willing to travel and work on various types of products and materials. Dependable, hardworking with a great mechanical aptitude from maintaining family vehicles. I know that I have the abilities to help forward my career and life in a positive way.

- CSWA Certified
- 3 years AutoCAD
- 18 months SolidWorks
- 8 months Pro/Engineer Wildfire
- 3 months industry drafting experience at a precision sheet metal company

### Certified SolidWorks Professional (CSWP) Exam

On October 16, 2007, Northwest Technical Institute (NTI) officially became a Certified SolidWorks Associate (CSWA) Exam Provider. This is enabling the students in our Engineering Drafting, Design and CAD Technologies program to attain another industry recognized award for those companies utilizing SolidWorks as their design tool.

SolidWorks Corporation has designed several very difficult exams to test a person's aptitude in SolidWorks software and engineering design. The first of these exams is the CSWA followed by the Certified SolidWorks Professional (CSWP) Exam. SolidWorks is currently developing other certification exams for their vertical market applications such as surfacing and mold design. Students who leave NTI with the CSWA certificate are showing prospective employers not only can they use SolidWorks but also they have the ability to interpret sketches to create accurate designs as well as perform some rudimentary analysis on those items such as interference checking, mass properties, center of mass and simple linear static FEA analysis.

NTI is pleased to say that 67% of our students passed the first set of exams we offered, which is quite impressive when compared to the national average of 62%. We are looking forward to continually improving these scores and molding our student into problem solving machines! NTI will be scheduling these exams three times a year during our semester breaks.