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Ecotech in the News!

Extra! Extra! Read **and see** all about Ecotech Institute in the news. We are greatly appreciative of the continued support from our community and the local and national media focusing on our campus and unique programs. As our student population grows, this exciting time allows us to share the success. Ecotech Institute was recently featured on Martino TV, which airs weekday mornings on Fox 31 KDVR from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Our Academic Dean, Glenn

Wilson, was interviewed by the show's host and talked about environmental jobs and what is happening in the industry today as well as what we can expect in the future. Check out the link to see the full interview and a couple of familiar faces! <http://www.martino.tv/business/martinotv/>. Ecotech Institute was also featured in the Electrical Construction and Manufacturing Magazine, EC&M, for the March 24 issue. Academic Dean, Glenn Wilson discusses

the history of our campus, what programs are offered, who is attending our campus and the environment that we learn in day to day . You can read more of this great article here at: <http://ecmweb.com/construction/renewable-energy-training-20110301/>. Ecotech will continue to inform our students and staff of upcoming featured articles and newscasts.

New Campus Grand Opening Event

In celebration of our new campus, Ecotech will be having an Open House event on Thursday, April 28. The grand opening will be held as an all day event with the ribbon cutting ceremony from 4:00– 6:00 p.m., campus tours and information from industry

experts. There will be several guest speakers including, the City of Aurora Mayor, Ed Tauer, Carol Tombari from the National Renewable Energy Lab, NREL, Doug Neib from ResAmericas and executives from ECA. Students are welcomed

and encouraged to attend. Please invite friends and family to share the growing success and great environment that Ecotech has to offer. With great pride, we look forward to seeing all of you there to celebrate and enjoy.



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2011 SPRING QUARTER CALENDAR

April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

May

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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June

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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Spring Quarter 2011

- April 4Term 2 Class Start
- April 4-8Drop/Add
- April 13 - 14Student Assembly
- April 22Good Friday (campus closed, no school)
- April 28Open House Grand Opening of New Campus
- May 30Memorial Day (campus closed, no school)
- June 1Student Appreciation
- June 2.....Student Appreciation
- June 3Last Date to Drop with WP
- June 15-17Final Exams
- June 20-28Term Break (no school)

Meet Ecotech Staff member Janet Cavanaugh



Welcome Ecotech Institute’s new staff member., Janet Cavanaugh. Janet is a native of Colorado living in Littleton. She has 3 children and a new granddaughter. Janet enjoys boating, skiing, and knitting. Her work history comes from the financial

services industry where she worked at US Bank for 7 years as a Banker, Branch Manager, and a Financial Consultant. Janet came to Ecotech Institute because her daughter wanted to attend school. After enrolling her in the Electrical Engi-

neer Technician program, she decided that it would be a nice place to work. Janet is pleased to have accepted a position as the Admissions Support Coordinator and is very excited to be a part of the future in renewable energy.

Frequently asked questions from First Term students

“How can I be successful and get good grades in school?”

Starting school is different for every student. Many questions arise in the first months of student life at Ecotech. Therefore, we decided to speak with incoming students and get a real view of what are the most common questions and appropriate answers from the experts themselves... our students.

How can I make it easier to adjust to school?

The most important piece of advice to offer is to try to get to know your classmates. Over the first couple of weeks, meet and talk to every person in the class during breaks and outside of class. You will find out that they are just like you, and have some of the same common interests.

How can I be successful and maintain good grades?

No procrastinating! Start your assignments early and break the old habits of finding other things to occupy your time. If you need help, ask your program director or instructor as they are here to help. Most importantly, set aside time every week to do homework.

What should I do to prepare for math?

Get help from the tutors and start with good study habits. Math is learned by doing repetitive problems. Don't expect to fully grasp the material in your math test on the first pass. Read the material several times and work similar problems repeatedly.

Take good notes in class and ask questions if you don't understand the concept. Our instructors believe no question is a bad question. Most importantly, pay attention in class and use your resources.

Will I need to buy a laptop for school?

The library and learning success room have computers for students to use for learning purposes. Students are not required to purchase a laptop for any of the programs offered at Ecotech.

Ecotech encourages all students to deliver feedback or questions to the Student Services Center for student stories and suggestions.

Student Success Student Success

Start with good study habits... Take good notes...pay attention in class!

Ecotech hosting Clean Economy Network Private Engagement

The Ecotech Institute will be hosting the Clean Economy Network (CEN) Rocky Mountain Chapter inaugural spring event with special guest, former Governor Bill Ritter on the evening of Wednesday, April 20. The event will be a private

meeting for the CEN members and will include Ritter’s initiatives in the cleantech industry. The CEN Executive Director, Jeff Anderson, will speak on national renewable energy policies, growth, efforts and strategies as well as the chapter’s relation-

ship to national and regional efforts in the cleantech industry. There will be several industry leaders attending this event with exposure to our programs and understanding of the expertise students will gain upon graduation.



Scholarship information

Scholarships are a great way to fund your degree program at Ecotech. The following two scholarships are available to apply for with deadlines this summer. Also included are tools to search for scholarships that might be appropriate for you.

For questions, please see Financial Planning.

Castle Ink Green Scholarship <http://www.castleink.com/ink-scholarship.html>

Deadline: June 30, 2011

Gen and Kelly Tanabe Scholarship

<http://www.gkscholarship.com/>

Deadline: July 31, 2011

Good luck to those applying!

Student Mentorship Program

Many of our students are now in third and fourth terms and the expectations and unknowns are now part of the weekly routine. As an effort to continue support of our students, we are initiating a student mentorship (buddy) program for incoming first term students. We have many students that have moved here from other parts of the country, some as far as Florida and Maryland!

The student mentorship program is an opportunity for our more tenured students to help the newer and incoming students in getting acclimated to the student life at Ecotech or perhaps getting to know the Denver Metro area. If you are interested in becoming a student mentor please contact Kim Stromire in Student Services by April 29 for interviews.

The requirements for the program are:

1. A minimum of two terms complete.
2. Cumulative GPA of 3.5 and above.
3. Good communication skills.
4. Meet with student one day per week.
5. Be available for ongoing mentorship throughout term.

Scholarship tools

Scholarship Matching Wizard
<https://studentaid2.ed.gov/logon.asp?nextpage=/>

Careers and Colleges
<http://www.careersandcolleges.com/tp2/cnc/login.do>



Congratulations to Joe Kellogg on the Perfect Attendance Contest!



In recognition of perfect attendance, students at Ecotech participated in the drawing for the quarterly prize of a 32" television. Each week students received tickets for the quarterly end drawing for a chance to win. A big congratulations to Joe Kellogg for achieving perfect attendance and taking

home the grand prize! Joe is in his fourth term at Ecotech and is in the wind program.

We encourage students to continue perfect attendance for a chance to win this quarter's grand prize of an Xbox 360 ! Receive your tickets in the business office with Diana Graham. Good luck to all!

Security

Campus safety provided by Dave Martinez

An aware and watchful community is one of the strongest deterrents

against crime. We all must do our part and stand up. Be aware of your surroundings and watch out for each other. Whether you are a student or staff member, make sure that you and those around you are wearing your Ecotech shirts and or I.D. Badges. There was a recent incident where a student had exited the building on the northwest side through the student entrance. At the same time another person was trying to enter the same door. This person was not wearing any type of I.D.(an Ecotech shirt, lobby guard badge, or a student/staff I.D) The student held the door open for him then turned and walked away. So we must all do our part to Stand up. Ask them to go to the front lobby to obtain proper access to the campus. Doing your part ensures the safety of our students and staff, the campus, and all it's contents.(information from Americas Guard Vice)



Ecotech's First Quarterly Awards Ceremony

Congratulations to all of the Ecotech students that achieved Academic Excellence for the past quarters. On April 13 and 14, we honored those students that achieved President's List of a 4.0 GPA, Dean's List of a 3.5- 3.99 GPA and perfect attendance for Summer 2010, Fall 2010 and Winter 2011. We were proud to hand out over 300 awards! Congratulations and keep up the great work. We look forward to next quarter!



New Library Hours

**Monday, Wednesday and
Thursday**

7:30– 12:30 and 1:30– 8:00

Tuesday

7:30– 12:30 and 1:30– 6:30

**The Learning Success Center is available for
students during closed library times**



**New Spring 2011 catalog
has been released. To view
copy please go to:**

<http://www.ecotechinstitute.com/>



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and Mississippi.

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Announcements

- **Welcome Wind Program Director Shawn Lamb.**
- **Mark your calendars for the Student Appreciation Day barbecue!**
**Wednesday, June 1, 11:50– 12:30 for Monday and Wednesday
Students**
**Thursday, June 2, 11:50– 12:30 for Tuesday and Thursday
Students**
Thursday, June 2, 5:15– 6:00 for evening students
Food and drinks provided.