UNOH Alumni Newsletter
Fall Quarter 2012 Edition

Headlines

UNOH Alum Starts Booming Pennsylvania Alt Fuels Business

Dennis O’Donnell studied Automotive Technology and Alternate Fuels Technology at the University of Northwestern Ohio and completed classes in 2007. One year later, he was living in Lima, unhappy with his current job, and he decided to do something about it. After hearing that Natural Gas was big in Pennsylvania, O’Donnell sold everything except his truck and tools and moved east.

O’Donnell wasn’t always intrigued by Alternate Fuels. In fact, he added those classes on before graduation because he thought it could be useful in the future. His instincts were right, and once enrolled in the classes, he was bit by the alternate fuels bug. After relocating to Pennsylvania, O’Donnell bought his own shop and was his first employee at Alternative Fuels Solutions of Pennsylvania.

“I convert vehicles to run on Compressed Natural Gas (CNG). I have an impact on the country’s dependency on foreign oil,” said O’Donnell. “It’s patriotic. It is our own fuel. Every penny stays stateside.” Now, three years later, O’Donnell employs 45 people at his shop and they are booked solid converting both personal and corporate floats to run on CNG.

O’Donnell returned to UNOH in August 2012 to teach a class at the UNOH Annual Update Seminar. One question asked during the seminar, “You say that you are patriotic, but what percentages of the components of your systems are made in the United States?” O’Donnell said without hesitation, “80% of our components are made in the U.S. from the fuel to the processing to the stations. It is a benefit to our country to convert your vehicle to natural gas. Not only is it cheaper than gasoline, natural gas is found here and processed here.”

Specializing in the conversion of gas and diesel engines to CNG, Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) and Liquid Propane (LP), O’Donnell’s company is making a huge impact in the alternative fuels industry. To date, Alternative Fuel Solutions of Pennsylvania has completed more than 500 different types of conversions for both on and off-road engines. These conversions, says O’Donnell, are a low-cost, low-emissions solution for reducing our nation’s dependence on foreign oil and saving money at the pump. Natural gas-powered vehicles in use today are even helping to improve air quality by displacing petroleum-powered vehicles. Alternative Fuel Solutions offers EPA certified CNG conversion systems for Ford, GM, and Chrysler motor vehicles and they are fully licensed, insured, and qualified Alternative Fuel Specialists.

For more information about Dennis O’Donnell and Alternative Fuel Solutions of Pennsylvania, visit http://www.driveonnaturalgas.com

Alumni News

UNOH Working With Nationwide for Affinity Program

UNOH is working closely with Nationwide Insurance in order to get an Affinity program started for our alumni and employees. The Affinity program will allow our alumni and employees to purchase insurance policies at a discounted rate. The Affinity program has a wide product breadth, allowing our alumni and employees to choose from a large variety of available programs:

- Vehicle
  - Cars/Trucks
  - Boat
  - Motorcycle
  - RV
- Property
  - Home Insurance
  - Renter’s Insurance
  - Condo Insurance
- Specialty
  - Veterinary Pet
  - ID Theft
  - Specialty Travel
- Life
  - 10 years
  - 15 years
  - 20 years
  - 30 years
  - Whole Life
- Banking
- Health

Keep an eye out for more information on UNOH’s partnership with Nationwide on our Facebook page, our website, or in our next newsletter!
**Professional News**

**Successful alumni sharing their stories**

**UNOH High Performance Graduate Kyle Nuest Wins Best Engineered Award in St. Louis**

Kyle Nuest, graduate of the University of Northwestern Ohio Class of 2009 recently won the Best Engineered Award in the NHRA Midwest Nationals in St. Louis. The award is chosen by the Tech Team to showcase the vehicle best exhibiting ingenuity and craftsmanship at each division and national event. With St. Louis being a national event, the competition was much tougher. Kyle won the award with his 1982 Dodge Rampage.

**UNOH High Performance Graduate Adam Mestemacher Gets Article Published in Racing Magazine**

Adam Mestemacher, graduate of the UNOH Class of 2012, recently had an article published in the popular racing magazine Speedway Illustrated. The article was published in the September 2012 issue, and in it, he covers the High Performance Steering and Suspension class at UNOH. In the article, he illustrates how to properly collect data for entry into the Performance Trend’s Roll Center Calculator using the skills he learned at UNOH.

**Alumnus Spotlight**

**Alumni enjoying a moment in the limelight**

**Christopher Barnett**

Christopher Barnett, graduate of the UNOH Diesel Technology Class of 2002, has quite a bit of experience when it comes to the Technology and Maintenance Council (TMC) National Technical Skills Competition. Chris participated in four other TMC SuperTech events, with his crowning achievement placing third in 2009. That is, until this year.

Chris was named Grand Champion of the 2012 TMC National Technician Skills Competition. Competitors are judged on their performance in a written test and at 16 different skill stations. These stations include Electrical, Brakes, Starting and Charging, Tires and Wheels, Wheelends, Trailer Alignment, Engine Hardware, Engine Electronics, Suspension, PMI, Drivetrain, Service Information, Repair Order, Fasteners/Fastener Repair and HVAC. In order to place first, the competitor must show a high degree of skill in each station as well as the written test. Chris did not place first in any of the individual stations, but he still performed well in each event. In the end, he placed 1st over 113 other finalists.

Chris works for Ryder System Inc. in Hebron, KY and has been for the past nine years. He began showing an interest in the automotive field at the age of 15, even getting a scholarship through the Ford/AAA Quality Care Challenge which let him attend school here at UNOH in the Diesel Technology program. After graduating from UNOH, he moved on to work for a Freightliner dealership in Cincinnati before signing on with Ryder. He says he specializes in electronic diagnostics, but dabbles in a broad range of truck maintenance areas which definitely worked in his favor at this year’s competition.

For being crowned grand champion of SuperTech 2012, Chris not only demonstrated he has the skills to succeed in his industry, he also walked away with the loot to prove it. He was awarded with a trip for two to the 2013 Daytona 500 and a Snap-On rolling tool cabinet with the SuperTech 2012 logo, a cash value estimated at more than $10,000.
Personal News

Nathan Nance - 2011 [Bachelor’s - Business Admin]
Nathan is now engaged to Deana Burdg. They will be holding their wedding sometime in 2013. They are also expecting their first child in May, 2013. Nathan is currently employed with the United States National Guard, holding the rank of Private First Class. He intends on continuing his education and may transition to active duty at a later date.

Have your own personal news you would like to share with your fellow alumni? Send your Personal Stories to: zasnryder@unoh.edu

Racergang Shoutouts

We’re looking for Racergang Shoutouts for our next newsletter! Have a quick shoutout to an old roommate? Want to say hi to an old classmate? Send us your Shoutouts!

Send your Racergang Shoutouts to: zasnryder@unoh.edu

UNOH History

You are a part of UNOH History. See the parts you may have missed.

Dr. Cheryl Mueller
Dr. Cheryl Mueller is currently the Vice President for Academic Affairs/Provost at UNOH, but throughout the years, she’s held much more than one position. She began working for the school back when it was called NSC-Tech in 1975. She originally planned on teaching for 5 years and moving on, but instead, she decided to stay, becoming a major contributor to UNOH’s growth throughout the years.

Dr. Mueller worked with Nancy Meyer in 1985-86 to help the university become regionally accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. In 1992, UNOH was approved as a private, not-for-profit institution, requiring all of our instructors in the College of Applied Technologies to have minimum of a baccalaureate degree. That same year, she helped UNOH to start offering College Without Walls, which today is known as our Virtual College.

During her time at UNOH, she served as a Professor of English, Director of Education, Director of Academic Affairs, Vice President for Academic Affairs, and finally, Vice President for Academic Affairs/Provost.

In recognition of Dr. Mueller’s dedication and work through the years, the library inside the Student Commons building was named the Dr. Cheryl A. Mueller Library.

UNOH Trivia

How much do you think you know about UNOH?

Question 1: When was the UNOH High Performance Motorsports Program founded?

Hint: • This is the same year the 27th Amendment was ratified to the US Constitution.

Question 2: How many foreign countries does UNOH currently have students from?

Think you know the answers? Find them on the bottom of Page 4!
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Alumni Association Registration

Alumni Association Advantages:

University Updates
Connections
Networking Opportunities
& Local Discounts such as:

American Pennzoil • Bellacino’s • Burgundy’s • CarQuest • Papa John’s • & More!

Free for the first year! - If you have graduated within the past 2 years!

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The University of Northwestern Ohio
Attention: Zacharie Snyder
1441 N. Cable Rd.
Lima, Ohio 45805

Name ____________________________________________ Address ____________________________________________
City ____________________________________________ State ___________ Zip Code ____________________________________________
Phone (____) ___________________________ Student ID Number (if known) ____________________________________________
Alternate Email (NOT a unoh.edu address) ____________________________________________ Major __________________ Graduation Year ________

Membership Details

1 year membership: $20.00

Alumni that have graduated within the past 2 years (from 2010 onwards) may register for a free one-year membership.

Method of Payment

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