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**Students Recognized for Accomplishments in Healthcare Maintenance Training**

(PARK HILLS) – Industrial Maintenance Instructor Bill Sansagraw and support staff at Mineral Area College recently recognized students who completed the Healthcare Facility HVAC Technician 14-week Certificate Program.

The students started the training program in January 2014. The Healthcare HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Commercial Refrigeration) curriculum included thermal science, environmental applications, thermal troubleshooting, commercial refrigeration OSHA 30 training/ safety and EPA section 608 exam preparation. Twelve hours of college credit is awarded with this certificate program.

The students included: Dustin Lee, Doe Run; Michael Light, Desoto; Ramon Michel, Bloomsdale; John Couch, Fredericktown; Mitchell Weddle of Farmington; Kevin Hensley, Farmington; Keith Smith, Farmington; David Baskin, Farmington; Chris Pieper, Pevely; Jermarco Burse Sr., Annapolis; Doug Solberg, Doe Run; Joseph Kelly, Hillsboro; Kyle Green St. Louis.

All healthcare maintenance programs are offered as a combination of classroom study and hands-on skill application in MAC's Advanced Manufacturing Lab. A flexible and a convenient e-learning component is offered in addition to the classroom and lab study.

Tina Miller, MoWINS program support navigator said past students that have completed one, two or all three the MoHealthWINS maintenance certificate programs are getting interviews, and those interviews are leading to jobs. "In addition, the short-term training and the e-learning capability is unique," she said. "It offers students flexibility to learn at their own pace and review the skills with their instructor in a hands-on lab."

“Stackable credentials” offer training to students who seek an Associate in Applied Science in Industrial Maintenance degree, and to students who seek only a certificate in the healthcare maintenance field.

These students took advantage of no tuition costs, part of the MoHealthWINS grant. Mineral Area College is among the 13 colleges in the state of Missouri that were awarded federal funds from the Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training Grants Program. The federal awarding agency is the Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration.

Another eight-week Healthcare Maintenance Technician Program will be offered this summer from June 30 to August 30. Training includes OSHA 10 certification, electrical, rotating machines, basic carpentry, fluid power and mechanical drives.

“It’s not too late to register for the summer class – call today!” Miller said. To determine if you or a family member meet the MoManufacturingWINS grant eligibility requirements, call Alison Sheets or Tina Miller, program support specialist/navigators at Mineral Area College (573) 518-3820 or -3840. Applications and information about future programs are available at <http://www.mineralarea.edu/MoWINS/>

Interested participants may inquire at the Park Hills Missouri Career Center, located on Parkway Drive in Park Hills. Call the Park Hills Missouri Career Center at (573) 518-2431.

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**CAPTION:**

Students were recently congratulated by Bill Sansagraw, Mineral Area College maintenance instructor and Keith Green, Mineral Area College Advanced Manufacturing Director, for completing the stackable credentials program in healthcare maintenance, part of the MoHealthWINS program at MAC. They are: (front) Dustin Lee, Michael Light, Ramon Michel, John Couch, Mitchell Weddle, Kevin Hensley, Keith Smith, (back) David Baskin, Chris Pieper, Jermarco Burse Sr., Doug Solberg, Joseph Kelly, Kyle Green.