DAVIES JOINS NEW RIVER FACULTY AS VISITING INSTRUCTOR OF WELDING

Sean Davies has joined the faculty of New River Community and Technical College as a visiting instructor of Welding on the Greenbrier Valley Campus in Lewisburg, W.Va.

Davies has worked in the field of welding, fabrication and installation of structural steel and industrial piping for 23 years. In addition to his extensive work experience, he previously taught welding at Massanutten Technical Center in Harrisonburg, Va.

“The addition of Sean Davies to the faculty is allowing us to expand our growing Machine Tools Technology program at the Greenbrier Valley Campus,” noted Roger Griffith, campus dean.
“We have assembled an all-star team of instructors and assistants to instruct what is probably the best Machine Tools Technology curriculum in the state community college system,” explained Donovan Rhodes, visiting instructor of Welding, who has been with the program since its beginning in a crowded temporary shop in Caldwell. “We now have the beginnings of a state-of-the-art facility.”

The faculty also includes Steve Bostic, who has been an adjunct instructor for several years; Mike Wilson, adjunct instructor of Mathematics; and Bill Graham, part-time assistant.

“Most of our classes are customized programs of study aimed to train needed workers in heavy industry like the mills in Covington and Giles County, Va., as well as the heavy construction and fabrication industry,” Rhodes added. “These are well paying jobs, and the properly workers trained we produce will fit right into the positions available.”

When the Machine Tools Technology program moved from Caldwell to its new Houfnaggle Road location last year, the student enrollment jumped from 20 to 80.

“We have been growing ever since,” Rhodes said. “Many of our former students return to refresh their training or take new training we are able to offer at our new facility.”

For information on this and other programs of study offered at New River Greenbrier Valley Campus, telephone (304) 647-6560. Classes for the fall semester begin Aug. 16.

Friday, Aug. 20, is the last day of the late registration period.

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