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ABERDEEN AREA HUMANE SOCIETY DONATIONS

CSR Brittany Cooper and Internet Specialist Jordan Balster are pictured below as they dropped by the Aberdeen Area Humane Society to deliver: cleaning supplies, food and treats donated by our employees & customers, a \$100 check from our T-Shirts for a Cause Fundraiser, and a \$300 check from our National Pet Day Promotion.



They also met Jane, an 8-year old Pug/Beagle mix who is adorable and available for adoption.

Also pictured is Jaymie Overacker, our National Pet Day winner! Jaymie and her son Huntley stopped in to pick up the \$50 Target gift card they won.

Thank you to all who participate in our events so we are able to give back to the community.



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The NVC offices will be closed Monday, May 28. Happy Memorial Day!

KEEP MTI IN MIND

If you have a high school student you have probably been discussing what the future means to them in regards to “what do I do after graduation?”

Besides what jobs/career students find interesting, the decision of where to go to pursue those can be daunting.

One option right here in South Dakota is Mitchell Technical Institute.

Eighteen students are on track to graduate in May from MTI with degrees in telecommunications. About 90 job opportunities await them.

“Last year we graduated 17, and they had 110 job opportunities,” said Mike Benjamin, a telecommunications instructor at the Mitchell school.

The pay awaiting graduates of the two-year program is good, too. Last year’s graduates averaged starting pay of \$18.50 an hour. That’s more than double South Dakota’s minimum wage of \$8.85 an hour.

As MTI points out on its website, the U.S. Department of Labor and Bureau of Labor Statistics list the median annual wage for telecommunications workers as \$47,150.

Good pay and plentiful job choices are expected to remain available in the telecom field for years to come. That’s an inviting situation – one that high school students, recent graduates, their parents and other career advisers should keep in mind.

There are a few other schools in the multistate region that offer telecommunications programs but not many. Employment recruiters from several states routinely pursue MTI graduates.

Last September, a general manager from upstate New York visited

MTI and offered to hire the entire graduating class, he said. In addition to South Dakota, employers in states that include Nebraska, Wyoming and Montana recruit these telecommunications graduates.

It almost goes without saying that the job placement rate for graduates of MTI’s telecommunications program is 100 percent.

Students in the telecom program study the art and science of getting information from one point to another, regardless of whether the information is in the form of voice, video or data. In addition to examining state-of-the-art telecommunications technology, the program provides students with a solid foundation in mathematics, electronics and general education, according to the school.

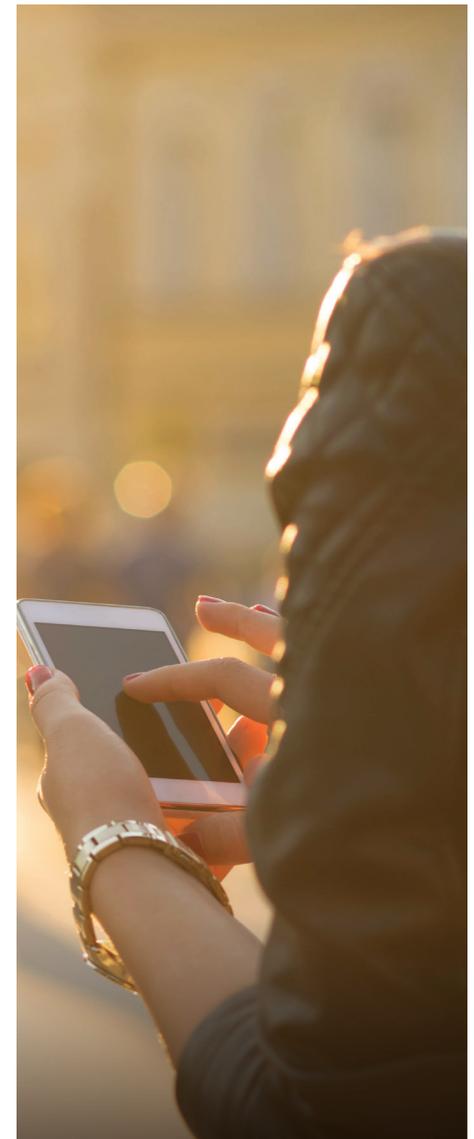
Students are prepared to pursue jobs as programmers or technicians who work in telephony, cable, networks, outside plants, or central offices.

At one time, telecommunications was MTI’s flagship program. However, students have drifted into other technology-related fields. The school also offers programs in areas such as health sciences and construction, which also are tempting career options for students.

Overall enrollment at MTI has been at about 1,200 students for the past three years, according to Dean of Enrollment Services Clayton Deuter.

A two-year investment in education would significantly increase students’ longer-term earning potential. Tuition, fees and related costs for the 18-month telecom program total about \$17,000, but financial assistance is available.

Visit MTI’s website at mitchelltech.edu to learn more about its telecommunications program.



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GRAND GIVEAWAY

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GUARD BASE TOUR

Sales and Marketing Manager/MSgt Jeff Evenson and Outside Plant Manager Pat Schumacher were among a group of North Dakota National Guard members and their employers that were invited to a mission briefing and an interactive, hands-on tour of the North Dakota Air National Guard Base in Fargo.

"This is an event that's going to help solidify continued support of Guard members by employers," said Lt. Col. Chris Domitrovich, 119th

Maintenance Squadron commander. "In my opinion, for our Guardsmen to be successful, we need that support from their employers."

Jeff and Pat are pictured with the MQ-9 Reaper, an unmanned aerial vehicle (drone) capable of remotely controlled or autonomous flight operations.

We thank Jeff for his nearly 20 years of service to the North Dakota Air National Guard and are proud to have him on our NVC team!



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May 11

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May 13

The Arrangement - E!
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May 15

Black-ish - ABC
NCIS: New Orleans - ABC
New Girl - FOX
Rise - NBC

May 16

Riverdale - The CW
Seal Team - CBS
The Blacklist - NBC

Modern Family - ABC
Designated Survivor - ABC

May 17

Supernatural - The CW
SWAT - CBS
Grey's Anatomy - ABC
Station 19 - ABC

May 18

Dynasty - The CW
Agents of SHIELD - ABC
Hawaii Five-0 - CBS

May 20

The Simpsons - FOX
Brooklyn Nine-Nine - FOX
Madam Secretary - CBS

May 21

American Idol - ABC

May 22

NCIS- CBS

Roseanne - ABC
The Middle - ABC
For the People - ABC
The Voice - NBC

May 23

Survivor - CBS
Empire - FOX

May 27

State Track - ch 63 & SDPB 66

May 30

The Americans - FX

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