

NEMCC Iuka Graduates First Class of Achievers



From left to right, Remington Wilson, Instructor; Donald Brown; Ann Elrod; Erica Ivey; Joshua Carter; Paul Rodefer; and David Byram.

June 29, 2017, Iuka, Mississippi, USA. NEMCC Iuka Campus graduated the first class of achievers on June 29, 2017.

Paul Rodefer is one of those achievers. Paul reported that he has had several setbacks in life. "I was laid off from my old job and plan to go another direction in my career. I am looking forward to interviewing with Mississippi Silicon and hopefully starting a career with that company.

I would recommend this course to anyone who wants a job or who wants to improve the chances of getting a better job. A lot of people are afraid of the course and think they cannot learn, but the instructors have broken down the course into easy steps that anyone can learn. A lot of the course is hands on learning."

Ann Elrod is another achiever. Ann stated that she "was unemployed and wanted to continue working. I was in accounting for years but wanted to strengthen my skills. This course was very useful and I learned a lot of things that I was not familiar with. This type of training will help you regardless of what kind of job are you seeking. We get five certifications as a result of this course. Those certificates really look good on your resume or job application. More people need to take advantage of this free course."

NEMCC Workforce Instructor Remington Wilson stressed that “our goal is to empower people to be able to get a job anywhere, not just in manufacturing. The skills you learn in this course are applicable to every job.

Some of the topics we cover include health and safety procedures on the job, CPR, efficiency methods, precision measuring, interview skills, among others. Graduates of the program earn up to five certifications that employers look for when considering new hires.

This is our first course in luka, but in other locations, up to 90% of the graduates of this course find a good paying job. We urge folks who want to enter the workforce for the first time, unemployed persons, and underemployed persons to consider taking this short course.

The next course begins in August. The course starts at 8 AM and ends at 3 PM Monday thru Thursday for four weeks. A number of people have already signed up and we expect to fill the next class quickly. Other courses will be offered in the future, but don't wait to sign up.

The course is free compliments of grants from Mississippi Silicon, Rural Development Partners, Appalachian Regional Commission, Tishomingo County Board of Supervisors, and Tennessee Valley Authority. Gas cards are available to help pay for travel expenses.”

Tishomingo County Development Foundation Chairman Jackie Bryant commented “in the old days, you could get a job with a high school education or less. Nowadays, it often takes at least a year or two of technical training to qualify for a job that pays a living wage. We can blame trade agreements for the loss of the old type of manufacturing jobs, or we can blame the invasion of technology into the workplace, but blaming someone or something won't help anyone. It is up to us as individuals to prepare ourselves for work in the 21st century.”

Tishomingo County Chancery Clerk Peyton Cummings agreed and emphasized that “people in other areas pay thousands of dollars for similar training but the NEMCC luka course is offered for free, and NEMCC pays for your gas.

Tishomingo County Board of Supervisors President Greg Collier stated that “Tishomingo County has been fortunate over the past decade to be able to recruit many fine industries to our county, industries such as BMSI, Comfort Revolution, Contract Fabricators, G&G Steel, HAGO Automotive, KX Technologies, Max Home, Mississippi Silicon, Roll Form Group, Skyline Steel, Tiffin Motorhomes, Vanleigh RV, Villa International, and others. In addition, we have won several significant industrial expansions and are working on other projects as we speak. Virtually all of the industries that we have mentioned are seeking workers with skills. We urge our citizens to take advantage of NEMCC training, make a brighter future for yourself, and help us meet the needs of our businesses and industries for skilled and trainable employees.”

For more information or to register for the NEMCC luka campus job training program, call 662-696-2352 or email goodskills@nemcc.edu.