

Project COMPLETE Interview: Parker Hipp



Q: What drew you to the Instrumentation Program at Delta?

A: I would have to say the main thing that drew me to the Instrumentation program at Delta would be the hands-on training. It is difficult for some students to sit in a classroom and listen to lectures and read out of a book for days on end. So I knew something with hands-on training would benefit me the most.

Q: What elements of instrumentation and control systems interest you or come naturally to you?

A: The thing that interests me the most in this field of work would be the troubleshooting aspect. People's brains are "wired" differently and I know with me it is hard to walk away from an issue and it not be fixed or working better than it was before.

Q: What was the most interesting or surprising thing you learned?

A: It is hard to pinpoint certain things as far as being interesting or surprising. It is just crazy how certain things work and the technology we have at our fingertips from electrical to instrumentation and even the capabilities of controlling machine centers from a computer screen.

Q: What are you now doing in the field of instrumentation?

A: I am a night shift lead electrician.

Q: How did your education at Delta prepare you for your current work?

A: My education at Delta gave me the knowledge and skills I needed to start my career. Delta provided me with a basic knowledge of main tasks that was needed to extend my on the job training.

Q: Did the classes you took change your goals from what they were when you started the program? If yes, how?

A: I wouldn't say my goals changed but I will say I wasn't sure what my goals were when I was in school. Everyone wants to be the best they can be and the only way to make that happen is to learn new stuff but not only learn new stuff but having the desire to learn new stuff.

Q: What do you wish your high school self had known about this program or field?

A: I wish my high school self was more aware of different trades and the benefits of trade school. There are a lot of people that don't understand the demand for men and women working with a trade such as Instrumentation.