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### **HEAD: Johnson College Announces New HVAC Program**

Johnson College, a two-year technical college located in Scranton, PA, will offer a new associate's degree program in Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning (HVAC) Technology, according to Dominick A. Carachilo, Vice President of Academic Affairs.

Today's announcement is the culmination of more than three years of planning for the program. According to Mr. Carachilo, the process of introducing the new program began in 2004 with a survey to determine whether a need exists for HVAC technicians. With responses from more than 50 regional companies and contractors indicating there will be jobs for graduates of the program, an application was submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education. After receiving preliminary approval from the Department in the early part of 2007, construction of new instructional space was begun in the fall of 2007.

The final step in the process was achieved recently when notification was received from the College's accrediting agency, the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges of Technology. Recruitment of students for HVAC Technology will take place during the 2008/09 academic year and classes will begin in the fall, 2009 semester. Graduates will earn an Associate in Applied Science degree. The program will be housed in the recently completed addition to the campus's Woolworth Building.

In addition to courses in heating, ventilation and air conditioning, the program curriculum includes refrigeration, electricity, and business courses such as Microcomputer, Introduction to Business, and Communications. The program culminates in an internship and graduates will qualify for entry-level positions with contractors, manufacturers and retail businesses.

HVAC Technology is the third new program Johnson College has introduced since 2000 and reinforces its position as the provider of quality technical education to the NEPA region. The other new programs were Distribution & Supply Logistics Technology and Radiologic Technology. The College now offers 13 programs.

The new program will be the only degree program in HVAC in the region. According to Melissa A. Ide, Director of Enrollment Management, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics anticipates a 9% national increase in HVAC related jobs over the next ten years. In addition to job openings created by retiring baby-boomers, the increasing complexity of HVACR systems as well as a growing emphasis on improving indoor air quality and reducing pollutants used in older systems will contribute to the increase in job demand.

“We’re looking forward to welcoming our first class of HVAC students for the 2009/10 academic year,” she stated and encouraged interested individuals to attend an Open House on campus on August 6, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. in the Moffat Building. Potential students and their family members or friends may register for the Open House by contacting the Admissions Office at (570)702-8900. Individuals who are not able to attend the event or who would like further information on admissions requirements, program curriculum, financial aid or a campus tour may contact the Admissions Office or e-mail admissions @johnson.edu.



PHOTO CAPTION: Harold Neulle, left, a member of the Program Advisory Committee (PAC) for Johnson College’s new Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning Technology program, joins Melissa A. Ide, Director of Enrollment Management, PAC member Dr. George Ebert, and Dominick A. Carachilo, Vice President of Academic Affairs, to celebrate the announcement.

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