

# Alumni Newsletter

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*Mission Statement:* Auburn Career Center provides an innovative career and technical education that empowers all learners to excel in the emerging workplace and enrich their community.

## Professor Christina Cites ACC for Head Start of Her Construction Career

Christina Butler entered the Construction Technology program at Auburn in 2001 from Riverside high school. "Auburn instructor, Bob Hill, taught the basics in the junior year and as a senior we built a custom home." Her first experience in the trade was a job with Millersburg Homes as a builder's assistant in Ohio. Her next accomplishment was a degree in Historic Preservation from College of Charleston in S. Carolina.

While a college student, Christina interned in restoration carpentry, completed a Master's degree in American History and began teaching the Historic Preservation Program at College of Charleston. She recently became a professor at American College of the Building Arts where students learn historic trades such as iron forging.

Christina Butler also owns and operates a restoration and research company in her spare time. She credits Auburn for giving her the head start into construction and restoration. She adds that through her teaching career... she is sharing her skills with the next generation.

*Christina Butler — 2002 alumna*



*Professor Christina Butler*



The Auburn Alumni Newsletter would like to include success stories of all Auburn Alumni...if you know of a good success story, please email to: Jim Brown, Editor at: [jbrown@auburncc.org](mailto:jbrown@auburncc.org)

## Partnership had Beginnings as ACC Welding Student

### Auburn Graduate's Career Grows

James Bennington graduated from Auburn's welding class in 1991. His instructor was Carl McSween. James was a Riverside student who began Occupational Work Experience at Auburn as a sophomore. During early days, he worked for R.W. Sidley, Concord Road Equipment, Bentley Excavating, and VanCuren Tree Service.

In 1998, he became a partner and Vice President of Midwest Landclearing. James boasts the company has grown to a 5+ million dollars in sales. The business is at 10555 Kinsman Road, Newbury, Ohio.



*James Bennington— 1991 Alumna*



Auburn Career Center

### **OPEN HOUSE**

November 30th - 6:30pm - 8:00pm

### **ATTENTION ALUMNI!**

There will be a special alumni reception in the Auburn Room Restaurant - Munchies and punch!

***Come and tour the school.***

# Welding Graduate Builds Very Cool Choppers



*Jesse Srpan: class of 2009*

Jesse Srpan, 2009 graduate from our Auburn welding program, is the owner of Raw Iron Choppers LLC. He built his first chopper while in welding class with the help of his welding instructors.

Jesse's company is not your normal bike or welding fab shop. The company is a licensed NHTSA custom motorcycle manufacturer, complete motorcycle service facility, and precision welding and fabrication shop. Based out of Chardon, Ohio.

Jesse has been building bikes since 2003. He fully believes only in the highest of quality when it comes to his work no matter what the project is. Raw Iron Choppers is a shop that believes in giving the customer only the highest of quality of workmanship with 100% attention to detail.

The company is not limited to just custom motorcycles, but service and mild custom-

zation on any and all types of motorcycles. Raw Iron does everything from handrails, frames, paint/restoration work, and R&D of custom parts as well as repair work on any ride are possible.

Jesse values consistent creativity to always keep people guessing what he will do next.

For more info: [www.rawironchoppers.com](http://www.rawironchoppers.com)

## Superintendent's Message

Hello Alumni,

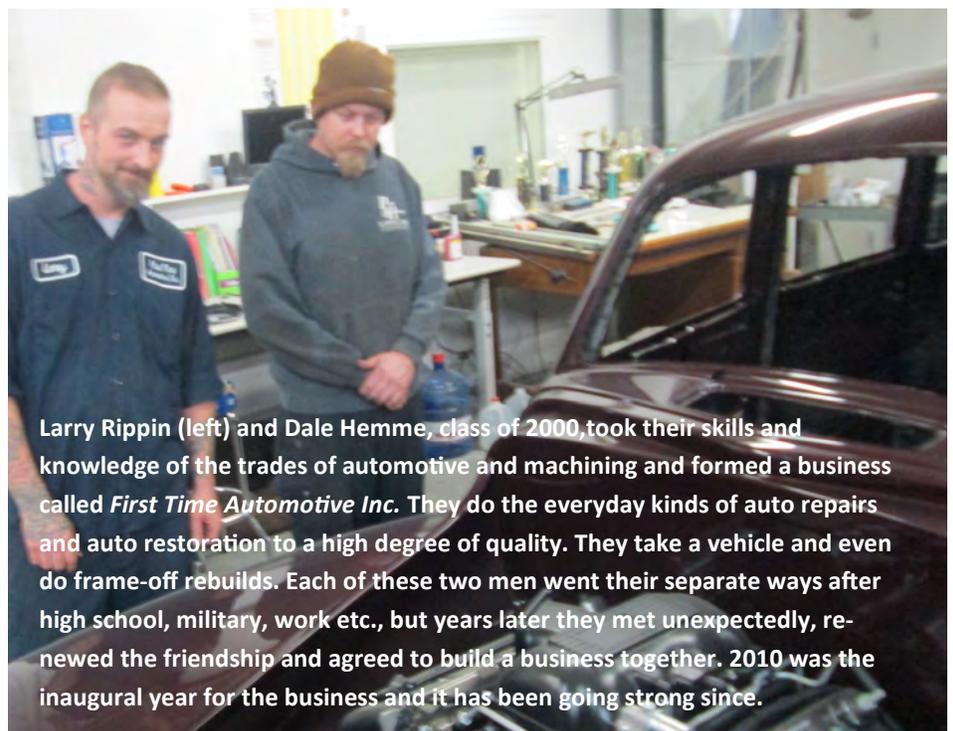
I am extremely honored to be connecting with you. There are so many great things happening at Auburn Career Center. As you know so many of Auburn's graduates are doing great things locally, around the country and world.

We continue to grow our programs and enrollment numbers as people recognize that Auburn is a great opportunity for all students. Next year we are planning to open a Criminal Justice program to meet the needs of our security and first responder community. Our enrollment in the junior class is at its highest point ever and we continue to look for ways to offer more opportunities for students to meet the needs of our local workforce.

We are in the process of rolling out a large public relations/marketing campaign in early 2018. More information will be coming to you soon.

Happy Holidays!  
Brian Bontempo

## Two Guys Take Their Auburn Skills and Form Business



Larry Rippin (left) and Dale Hemme, class of 2000, took their skills and knowledge of the trades of automotive and machining and formed a business called *First Time Automotive Inc.* They do the everyday kinds of auto repairs and auto restoration to a high degree of quality. They take a vehicle and even do frame-off rebuilds. Each of these two men went their separate ways after high school, military, work etc., but years later they met unexpectedly, renewed the friendship and agreed to build a business together. 2010 was the inaugural year for the business and it has been going strong since.

Community & Parents Welcome

JOIN  
US

# AUBURN CAREER CENTER OPEN HOUSE

NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2017

Thursday, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.



**AUBURN  
CAREER CENTER**

## WINTER WONDERLAND CRAFT FAIR & BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**FREE ADMISSION TO THE CRAFT FAIR!**

Pancake Breakfast 8-11 a.m.  
Adults: \$6 Children (5-12 yrs old): \$4  
4yrs & under: Free

Lunch available in the afternoon.  
Hot dog, drink, chips and chips \$4.  
Pictures with Santa 9-11 a.m. \$1  
Chinese Auction

Interested in donating auction items? Contact Sue Lefler at  
440-357-7542 x. 8257 or slefler@auburncc.org

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