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## Calvary Revival Church Announces the 1 Million Dollar Overcomers Scholarship

**\$1 Million**  
**Overcomers**  
Scholarship



Under the leadership of Bishop Courtney McBath, Calvary Revival Church in Norfolk, Virginia, unveiled a brand new scholarship offering thanks to a deal struck between the church leaders and the Aviation Institute of Maintenance, Centura College and Tidewater Tech. The deal, which is tied to the purchase of a building owned by Calvary Revival, includes a scholarship for the church and its family for one million dollars. The church plans to use the full 1 million dollar scholarship over a ten-year period in an effort to help as many as possible reach their full potential and improve their lives and the lives of their families through education.

Calvary Revival Church announced the scholarship program during their services on the weekend of March 30th. Campus Outreach Representatives, Admissions and program directors from all three school

brands were on hand to share information about the schools' offerings, facilities, programs, tuition and career potential, as well as to answer the many questions that the excited congregation had for them.

The scholarship, named *The Overcomers Scholarship*, will help those chosen by the church to attend one of the local campuses in the collection of schools. They can take their pick and enroll in a local Centura College, Tidewater Tech or Aviation Institute of Maintenance (AIM).

Though the Norfolk building will need a complete renovation to become the newest AIM school, the facility's school books, furniture, and other salvageable materials will be repurposed and donated to local schools and community centers. Writing for the Pilot Online, Trevor Metcalfe wrote, "School leaders also want to launch several community involvement efforts

after they move to Norfolk. For example, the school plans to let the community use the gymnasium located between the two classroom buildings, [...]. Additionally, the institute plans to partner with Norfolk for a series of aviation-themed summer camps starting in July."



## Centura Virginia Beach Welcomes Mayor Bobby Dyer at Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



(FROM LEFT TO RIGHT) CAMPUS DIRECTOR DENNIS RYAN, VIRGINIA BEACH MAYOR BOBBY DYER, REGIONAL OPERATIONS DIRECTOR MIKE LANOUILLE CUTTING THE RIBBON AT THE CELEBRATION.

(March 29, 2019) Recently elected Virginia Beach Mayor Bobby Dyer was on hand to cut the ribbon for the opening of the campus's newest program facilities. Centura College's Virginia Beach campus now offers an Associate of Science Degree in Biomedical Equipment Technology.

Recognizing the importance of Centura College's commitment to education in the city which elected him only five months prior, Dyer was eager to see the new facilities and get a brief tour of the campus during his visit.

The Biomedical Equipment Technology (BMET) program introduces students to a wide variety of skills including the installation of medical equipment, testing and calibrating medical

equipment, repairing and replacing parts associated with medical equipment, performing preventive maintenance and servicing medical equipment. Coursework includes foundations in electronics, basic networking, biomedical instrumentation, basic anatomy and physiology, and biomedical troubleshooting and repair. BMET, a blend of medical science and technical know-how, is a perfect bridge between the Allied Health programs Centura College is known for and the Trades programs that have been added over the past several months

## Centura Newport News, Tidewater Tech, AIM Chesapeake Partner with Urban Renewal Center to Host Local High School Students



REGIONAL OPERATIONS MANAGER MIKE LANOUILLE (LEFT) WITH PASTOR JOE BAKER (RIGHT)

The Urban Renewal Center in Norfolk, Va. recently joined forces with Centura College's Newport News campus, Tidewater Tech and The Aviation Institute of Maintenance's Chesapeake campus, who opened their doors to a lucky group of students from Heritage High School in Newport News as part of an exciting 3-day Impact Career Camp event held on April 1-3, 2019. The Career Camp pilot program was an effort by many community

leaders to introduce students to the kinds of careers that such trade schools can train young men and women like them.

Pastor Joe Baker of Refuge Nation Church is a mentor for many students at Heritage High School and encouraged the students to consider their options with trade schools after graduation.

The students visited Centura College, Tidewater Tech and The Aviation

Institute of Maintenance on three consecutive days, getting the chance to explore the campuses and learn from the instructors. While visiting the different campuses, the students got to experience real-world, hands-on skills such as how to take blood pressure readings and draw blood from a patient, the correct way to hang drywall, and how to change a tire. Many even got to try their hand at metal and pipe welding, sit in a real airplane and even had the chance to fire up a real jet engine!

The students spent the full three days getting exposure to the fantastic facilities that The Aviation Institute of Maintenance, Centura College and Tidewater Tech have to offer in their own communities and what's possible for their future career plans after graduating high school. The Urban Renewal Center, Centura College, AIM and Tidewater Tech hope to expand the offering to other local schools as a way of encouraging success through education.

## Centura Richmond Grad Finds Position with Duke Clinical Research Institute

It's always fulfilling to see one of our Centura College students graduate and find employment in their chosen field of study. Today's spotlight features just that: Centura Richmond graduate, Sten Harris.

Initially, Sten went to school in North Carolina with aspirations of becoming a veterinarian assistant. Eventually, he decided to switch gears, and wound up enrolling in the Medical Assistant

commencement ceremony, Harris was one of the students that volunteered to speak to his fellow graduates about the impact the loss of his classmate had on him.

Following graduation, Harris returned to North Carolina, where he was hired as a medical assistant as a part of the Duke Early Phase Clinical Research Unit. Early Phase works with pharmaceutical, biotech, medical device, government



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program at the Centura College campus in Richmond.

During his time at Centura, Sten was a model student and demonstrated signs of being a leader. He arrived to school every day ready for class and prepared to help others through times of struggle.

Tragedy struck the Richmond campus during Sten's time at Centura, with the passing of a fellow student (and classmate of Harris). At the

agencies, foundations, technology companies, investigators, and academic centers to conduct a broad range of studies in its 34-bed research unit. This state-of-the-art site enables Early Phase to execute high-intensity, continuous monitoring, and procedure-heavy studies.

A big congratulations goes out to Sten for fulfilling his career goals!

## Tidewater Tech Grad Spotlight: Joseph Parker



JOSEPH PARKER POSES FOR A PHOTO AT THE CAMPUS.

Tidewater Tech grad Joseph Parker lived in Raleigh, North Carolina when he realized it was time to get serious about his future and make a change in his life for the better. He had been thinking about welding but did not know where

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to start. Then, one day he received a call from Centura College about furthering his education in the medical field, but he was more interested in pursuing welding. He was soon connected with Tidewater

Tech and found that was where his future needed to go. He moved to the Hampton Roads area to attend Tidewater Tech's combination welding program.

Joseph found inspiration in welding from his uncle, who was a welder. He saw the financial security that came from succeeding in the trade. As a father, he knew he needed to better himself in order to provide a more secure future for his children.





## Too Late for a Health Care Career? Why Health Information Technology is the Career for You

Have you been contemplating following your dream of working in the medical field? However, your age, the cost of medical school, the years it will take to complete the degree, along with residency and training causes you to reconsider? Luckily, the healthcare industry is one that career changers can pursue easily. This is possible due to the wide range of careers within this industry.

Many people consider going back to school as a way to develop specific knowledge that they will use to pursue a new career. Others want to gain skills that will result in them making more money. According to the National Center for Education, "more and more adults are returning to school. It seems like once parents send their children off to school, they start investigating what going back to school may mean for them as well."

One career taking the healthcare industry by storm is Health Information Technology (HIT). Health Information Technicians are also known as medical coders or medical billers. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Employment of health information technicians is projected to grow 13 percent from 2016 to 2026, faster than the average for all occupations".

Health Information Technology (HIT) is a great way for someone, at any point of their career, to enter the healthcare field because it typically does not require more than a two-year degree. As a Health Information Technician, you will work with computer software systems to analyze patient information to determine various ways of improving patient care or controlling costs for both the patient and facility.

Instructor Afyia Richards at Centura College Virginia Beach states, "This is the perfect career for all ages interested in working in the healthcare industry on the informational and technological side of the field." Within this career, individuals will not work directly with patients in the way a doctor or nurse would, but rather they play a vital role in keeping hospitals and clinics running. Ms. Richards states, "We play a great role in saving lives."

Ms. Richards held a variety of positions in the healthcare field over the last 10 years, including auditor and medical coder. Working in this industry did not limit her to just working in hospital settings; she has worked in many organizations that use health information, such as insurance firms, pharmaceutical companies and law offices. Ms. Richards explained this

is a great career opportunity for individuals looking to work from home. Health Information Technicians also have the ability to determine their own salary.

Centura College in Virginia Beach strives to assist individuals in starting careers instead of jobs. With the buzz around this career field, Centura College decided to offer the HIT program. Once students have completed this program, they will take the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) certification, which allows them to become more marketable in the field. Centura College is the only college in Hampton Roads that offers the certification included in the tuition, as well as AHIMA curriculum.

Mrs. Richards states, "I am definitely glad I made the decision to pursue this career. The field has grown by leaps and bounds and it won't be slowing down any time soon. This is my retirement plan." So don't let your dreams fade away. Still thinking about going back to school? Then Health information Technology may be right for you.

## Overcoming Challenges

For Joseph Parker, school did not come without its challenges. "When I enrolled in school I was working full-time, was riding public transportation, and living in Newport News. I had to get up at 5 am to get to school by 8 am," described Parker. "Then, I got off [from school] at 2 p.m. just to get back on the bus to get to my job at 5 p.m. and work until midnight or 1 am usually. That was my routine Monday through Thursday."

Midway through his program, more struggles came from his living situation. He found it hard to stay motivated with a tiring travel, school, and work

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schedule. With the added stress of not knowing where to live, Joseph almost gave up hope and quit the program to move back home to North Carolina.

However, his family in North Carolina encouraged him to stay positive, finish his program, and graduate. Eventually Parker was able to obtain stable

housing. "Honestly, my biggest support system was (the) student services (at the campus), my girlfriend, and my immediate family," Parker stated when asked what helped him get through the welding program.

Joseph knew he needed to set a good example for his children and lead by example. "My son looks up to me more than anything and I don't want him to see me quitting. That's not the model I want to set for him."

Graduation finally arrived and you could see the unmistakable joy on Joseph's face. He knew he had persevered through positivity. Armed with American Welding Society certifications, he had completed his program with pride.

Parker always came to campus with a smile on his face despite being tired or discouraged. He always made it a point to stop by and say hello to everyone he ran into each day. He quickly found that staying active and involved on campus helped promote the positivity he needed to maintain his momentum throughout the program. As a Tidewater Tech student ambassador, he was heavily involved in campus activities promoting school spirit and encouraged other students to stay positive no matter what.



## Clothing Those in Need



STUDENTS JOSH CORAY (LEFT) AND NICK GLORIA (RIGHT) PREPARE TO LOAD THE COATS FOR DELIVERY TO THE SAMARITAN HOUSE.

Tidewater Tech's Student Ambassadors hosted a Coat Drive from December 1st of 2018 through February 6th of 2019 to give back to our local community as jackets are necessities to families, all over. Tidewater Tech students had

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no hesitation in voting The Samaritan House as the organization to collect for as they offer shelter, food, clothing, and second chances to individuals and families in need. Drop boxes were stationed both at the front reception area as well as in front of the Student Affairs office for anyone who wanted to contribute to the cause. A total of

58 jackets were donated throughout the duration of the coat drive from administration, students, and staff. Active Student Ambassadors & Welding students, Nick Gloria & Josh Coray eagerly accompanied the Student Affairs Department in delivering collected proceeds to the Samaritan House!



## Tidewater Tech Graduate Spotlight – Wayne Sainio



Wayne Sainio was born and raised in Maine. Out of high school, Wayne initially had an interest in being an architect and civil engineering. He joined the Coast Guard at the age of 28, serving for 31 years, and retired in August of 2013. "Well, forced retirement that is," Wayne joked when talking about the time he served and finally getting out of the service. Wayne has traveled all over, from Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Great Lakes, Washington, DC, the Gulf Coast states at least six times, Florida three times, and all over New England. Being Active Duty, Wayne received orders to report to his new station in Virginia, on June 3rd of 2008, and has remained in the area ever since.

Wayne enrolled in Tidewater Tech's HVAC program for the July 17, 2017 start date. When asked what brought him to Tidewater Tech after being in Virginia for so long, he replied that he had long been researching HVAC programs in the area. He expressed that he had been looking into trades programs that not only had positive reviews, but ones that were promising when it came to assisting graduates with obtaining employment in their field of certification. Wayne replied, "Tidewater Tech seemed to be the most promising program for what I was interested in. I heard this was one of the better places to learn HVAC and actually get a job. The big seller for me was that it was 4 days a week while others were 5 or more".

While talking about Wayne's perspective on his program he stated, "The programs are great here. You have to be someone who can physically be here and who truly wants to learn the trades' field. I wish younger kids would take this more seriously. Attendance is huge with these hands-on programs, they don't realize it because they haven't worked in the real world yet." Wayne further stressed the importance of

attendance and utilizing your resources, where there are so many not just of aid on campus, but in our local community.

Additionally, Wayne discussed working in various positions over the years, citing his time as a maintenance pipe fitter over in Dam Neck, Virginia Beach, where he would assist technicians and vice versa, and how he "wondered what in the world they were talking about when they used certain terms, or why they would need to do that" when listening to the other guys at work talk and try to train him.

"When I started the HVAC program everything really fell into place," Sainio stated. "Things people had said and tried to previously explain to me over the years throughout various field related jobs, and had no idea what they were talking about, all started to make sense and I was able to better put things together.... HVAC is something that I had always been interested in learning and I really enjoyed the classes and it being hands-on instruction."

Additionally, in anything that someone takes on, whether it's a personal, employment, or academic obligation or journey, it's imperative to have a solid support system in place. Wayne discussed what a vital role his wife played in supporting him to go back to school and learn what he'd always been interested in, for his personal enrichment.

"She (my wife) always encourages me to do whatever makes me happy, whatever it is, and that if I was interested in going back to school, then I should do it, and do my best."

Wayne discussed how a support system can really affect your goals whether it's initially pursuing them or completing them, and disclosed that in a previous relationship when he wanted to back to school he was continuously questioned, put down, and told he shouldn't, as where now he is encouraged, motivated, and rewarded for taking on this academic journey. On June 10, 2018, after 10 dedicated months of classes, Wayne Sainio graduated from the Tidewater Tech HVAC program with a cumulative grade point average of 4.0. During his time in the HVAC program, Wayne only missed two days of class due to "concert tickets I'd planned way in advance and couldn't pass up on."

Sainio isn't done furthering his education, as he is currently enrolled in the BMR (Building Maintenance and Repair) program with intentions to become a home inspector and

acquire his national certification. "I plan to go back up to Maine and bother everyone there for the first six months after getting certified, and then come back to Virginia to bother everyone down here," Wayne jokingly stated when talking about his goals after completing the BMR program. "Long term, my goal, or my ultimate wish, would be to work side by side with my son who is a contractor living back home in Maine."

When asked what's happened since graduating from the HVAC program, Wayne stated, "It feels good to have the knowledge to troubleshoot AC's and just help people out, and not working directly under someone. Even helping others at work." Sainio continued with a story of an instance of this.

"There was a time, not too long ago, where a customer question came up about a drain line. Another individual who had worked in the field a long time shot down my response when I suggested the underlying cause, he was certain it was something else. Well, a week later that customer called back and let me know that I was right and they should've listened to me. So, it feels good to have the power of knowledge to help other people. It's gone further than just personal enrichment."

When asked what he was doing for work, Wayne stated he is working with L3 Technologies at the Norfolk Naval Yard as the Lead Production Supervisor. He discussed the 45+ years of experience he's had working in related fields; anything from shipbuilding to working on houses, and how the HVAC program really put the pieces together to educate him about the things he's been doing for years, which is why he intends to further into the BMR program at Tidewater Tech.

"I could get another job now if I applied, having the knowledge from my program to help in my interview, but right now I'm too afraid they'd say yes," Sainio laughed as he discussed taking a break and completing the next program before seeking a job change. Wayne closed in discussing his feelings of accomplishment from completing the HVAC program and disclosed his excitement in taking on the BMR program. He made it clear that you have to be motivated to pursue your goals, and simply being there is always going to be half your battle.

## Tidewater Tech Graduate Spotlight – Tony Jones



Tony first enrolled at Tidewater Tech in the (BMR) Building Maintenance and Repair program in January of 2017, graduating later that year, in August, with a cumulative enrollment GPA of 4.00. Promptly following graduation of

the BMR program, Tony then enrolled into the Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) program to further his education in September 2017, graduating on June 10th of 2018 with an overall GPA of 3.43.

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When asked for his review of Tidewater Tech in regards to skills and knowledge

he obtained throughout both the Building Maintenance and Repair and the Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning programs, Jones stated that he believed he obtained necessary skills to feel confident in anything from interviewing, creating resumes and cover letters, to successfully having the knowledge to obtain employment in his field of interest.

“The instructors and staff wholeheartedly want you to succeed,” Jones commented when talking about his time at Tidewater Tech, after graduating from both programs.

## Centura College Graduate Spotlight: Mary Majette



Prior to her time at Centura College, Mary Majette had over 20 years of experience in the Human Services field. In 2010, Mary decided to move to the Hampton Roads area. Upon continuing her career path in Human

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Services, Majette quickly realized that she needed to go back to school if she was to improve her career prospects and earning potential.

With that realization in mind, Mary began to look into potential educational options. She chose Centura College because she could obtain her diploma in Health Information Technology in less than a year. On top of that, the Newport News campus was conveniently located near her home.

Mary completed her program in eight months. During her time at Centura College, she became a Centurian Ambassador and participated in several community volunteer opportunities. Majette maintained and graduated with a 4.0 GPA. She is now a member of Centura College’s Program Advisory Committee (PAC).

## PLACEMENTS

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<i>BANK, MASON</i>	<i>AGI</i>	<i>JONES, CHRISTOPHER</i>	<i>SUFFOLK IRON WORKS</i>	<i>SMITH, DAQUELL</i>	<i>BAE SYSTEMS NORFOLK SHIP REPAIR</i>
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## Film on Centura College Grad and His Service Dogs Premieres at Regent University



YARBROUGH (SECOND FROM RIGHT) AND HIS SERVICE DOG SASHA POSE FOR A PHOTO WITH THE FILMMAKERS OF *THE QUIET HEALING* AT THE PREMIER EVENT HELD AT REGENT UNIVERSITY IN VIRGINIA BEACH, VA.

A small team of local filmmakers have completed work on a documentary of an Army veteran, Toby Yarbrough, and his service dogs Duke and Sasha. The film gets its origin from the novel *The Quiet Healing*, which was authored by Yarbrough and published in 2017. The film premiered at a special screening at Regent University on Saturday, January 19th.

The film tells the story of Yarbrough, the traumatic injury he suffered during

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his time in the Army, his struggles with PTSD upon the end of his service, and how his service dogs saved his life in more ways than one.

“The most important thing people should take away from this film is that this is just one man’s story, but so many others suffer from similar situations that Toby does,” says Andrew Lauto, director of the film. “It’s a story about struggles, hurt, pain, perseverance, love, and companionship. If you like dogs, support the military, or just want to listen to a feel-good story, this film is for you.”

From the classroom to the big screen

*The Quiet Healing* project was partially funded by a collaboration of a trio of local educational institutions: Centura College, Aviation Institute of Maintenance, and Tidewater Tech. Yarbrough is a graduate of Centura College’s Chesapeake campus.

“We are so proud to be able to support a student who has given so much to serve his country. Toby was a tremendous student and a true inspiration to everyone around our campus,” says Ashley Oden, Campus Executive Director at Centura College Chesapeake. “When he told us he was writing a book and that it was going to be made into a film, we knew we wanted to be a part of helping him tell his story.”

All proceeds from ticket sales for the premiere were to be donated to Heal the Warriors and prior to the showing, a check for \$5,400 was presented to them. Heal the Warriors provides access to much needed services to our veterans and first responders who suffer from traumatic service-related brain injuries.

Also as part of the premiere ceremony, Dr. Joel English, Vice President of Centura College, announced the creation of a scholarship program called the Yarbrough Scholarship for Disabled Veterans. This scholarship will be awarded to one disabled veteran each year.

## Construction Electrician Program Now Offered at Centura Norfolk Campus



Centura College is broadening their horizons as they add Construction Electrician to the programs offered at its Norfolk campus. They have transformed classrooms into a multi-discipline learning environment for the prospective electrician to explore the various aspects of the trade.

The Construction Electrician program is the brainchild of Campus Executive Director Theresa Tuttle and Dennis Thornton. This new 12-month diploma program is designed to provide hands-on training in the various aspects of the trade. Students will acquire a thorough understanding of the National Electrical Code. Utilizing NCCER (National Center for Construction Education and Research) publications and testing will allow each graduate the ability to acquire nationally recognized certifications of achievement. Additional certifications for the course include OSHA 10 training, powder actuated tool licensure and basic CPR. Upon completion of the program, graduates will be equipped for a variety of Construction Electrician entry-level positions. Examples include smart home installation, deck electrician, marine electrician, commercial electrician, and service electrician assistant.

Coordinator Brian Stanley will be overseeing the Construction Electrician program. Stanley brings over 35 years of hands-on experience in the electrical field and 8 years in the classroom. Stanley will be working closely with Donald Farrell, an accomplished technician himself. Farrell offers a broad range of experience acquired over a 50-year career. Considering the booming construction industry, demand for electricians is destined to remain extremely high.