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New Operators Receive \$2000 in Trade Scholarships

A Fascination with Cranes and the Chance to Change Their Life is the Common Thread

TAMPA BAY, FL – February 2, 2017 – Crane Tech LLC, the industry pioneer in the specialty of crane safety and training for the materials handling and construction industries, is pleased to announce the winners of the Professional Operator Development scholarship. A love of big machines, a fascination with cranes that stems from childhood, and the chance to change the future of their lives was the common thread with these three new mobile crane operators and recipients of the award.

First place winner, Eric Perreault stated in his essay, “My love of big equipment began at a young age, I have had a successful career as a welder/fabricator but want to do more for my family and becoming a crane operator is just the next logical step as far as I can see.” Eric was awarded \$1,000 towards Crane Tech’s three-week program as a result of his professional demeanor, dedication to learning the skills of the trade, and above average results during both Crane Tech’s written exams and the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) written and practical exams. Since attending the Crane Tech course in November, Eric has secured several short-term operator jobs and in January started as a full-time operator at a large, national crane rental corporation.

Runners-up, Joel Roper and David McKibbin, were each awarded \$500 as a result of their desire to improve their lives, their dedication to learning through Crane Tech’s program, and their high test results. Interestingly, both men have been truck drivers by trade and after

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hauling loads and cranes to and from building sites over the years they were ready to take on a new challenge. Both David and Joel attended the December course and are looking for their first jobs as NCCCO-certified mobile crane operators.

The scholarships were awarded by Crane Tech as a result of our Field Services Manager and Senior Trainer, Jeff Ellis, donating his scholarship from the Crane Hot Line Top Professional Trainer Award for 2015. The educational scholarship's primary function is to invest in the future of crane and rigging industry. When prompted, Mr. Ellis commented, "I'm happy to be able to give back and help these new mobile crane operators begin their careers with the proper education and knowledge. All I ask is that they pay it forward and pass along their new found knowledge when they are in a situation to help."

Congratulations to Eric, David and Joel on winning the scholarship and to taking the next steps in their lives and careers. Videos to each of their stories can be found on cranetech.com/blog/videos.

The award of these scholarships is an indicator of Crane Tech's strength and commitment to the industry—building on the principle of *Safety through Education* by providing quality service, superior training and reliable results to clients worldwide. For 40 years, Crane Tech has offered training and services to the materials handling industry. For more information on the company visit cranetech.com or call 800.521.7669.

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