

American Water Heaters

Marvin Perhne is a great example of what hard work and self-motivation is all about. He has been a valuable asset to the Maintenance Department at the A. O. Smith Water Products Company Johnson City plant. He began his career as a Mechanic Apprentice in the Maintenance Apprenticeship Program in March 2000. He completed over 8,000 hours of on-the-job training and 735 classroom hours at Northeast State Technical Community College (NSTCC). He was on the "fast-track" and completed the Apprenticeship Program in less than 2 years in December 2002.

After acquiring an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Electrical Technology from NSTCC, he also received his Journeyman Certificate from the State of Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development. To continue his education and career, he took advantage of the company-sponsored Tuition Reimbursement Program and completed his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration at Milligan College.

Demonstrating a high level of performance and dedication, Marvin was promoted to Tank Department Supervisor in March 2004. He was one of the first employees that came through the Maintenance Apprenticeship Program and excelled to management.

Marvin continues to strive for excellence both at A. O. Smith and personally. "As an employee of A. O. Smith, I have been privileged to be part of a world class manufacturing operation. I appreciate the company providing me with the necessary tools to achieve employment and educational success." Marvin attends Sulphur Springs United Methodist Church and resides with his wife and two children in Fall Branch, TN.



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