

July 2016 Newsletter

With Over 30 certifications earned in July, it is good to see our students gain confidence through their own personal success. In this month's newsletter I am pleased to introduce a seasoned LearnKey employee who joined the LKVS team. Additionally, you will find information about the benefits of re-taking the Network+ exam and get insight on the importance of "covering the gaps" when it comes to your resume and successful job readiness! cations. We are so happy for all of our veterans and want to continue to point our current students toward success.



Employee Spotlight: Beau Shakespear

New to the LKVS team but not LearnKey, we are excited to welcome Beau to the LKVS team! Please join me in welcoming him and take a minute to learn about Beau.

How long have you worked at LearnKey? 6 years. During that time I have worked with the

technical writing, marketing, sales support, and now the LKVS team.

How has working with veterans impacted the work you do? I

have so much respect for those who have the courage to serve their country. Knowing that my job is to help our veteran students gain certifications and career experience, I make sure that all of my interactions with a student will help drive them toward their goal. It brings a very real purpose to what I do everyday.

What advice would you give to a student who is working through a LearnKey course toward certification? We have so many resources available. Visit the Student Resource Center or give your VSR a call. You cannot fail with all of the support available.

What do you do in your free time? With a 2 year old and a new 3 month old baby at home I don't have a lot of free time. My wife and I enjoy taking the girls out on little adventures to the National Parks

Certification Corner

- Chris J. SD A+ 901/902
- Michael J. TX A+ 902
- David B. KS A+ 901
- Wallace L. OK Win 7
- Timothy L. OK Net+, CCNA 200-120
- Michael G. MI Excel 2013
- Garland A. OK A+ 901
- Jason R. OH Excel 2013
- Phillip L. FL A+ 901
- James R. OH Excel 2013
- Ryan M. OH Word 2013
- Sandra H. KS PowerPoint 2013
- Chris E. ID Word 2013, Outlook 2013
- Matthew B. OH Excel 2013
- Scott N. MO Excel 2013
- Marty T. VT Sec+
- Mike W. OH A+ 901
- William P. OH PowerPoint 2013
- Agustin G. TX PowerPoint 2013
- Chris C. MI Excel 2013
- Nicholas R. NV IINS
- Cory O. MI ICND1
- AC T. IL A+ 902
- Josh K. AZ PowerPoint 2013
- Cesar M. TX Excel 2013
- Alywin B. CA A+ 901
- Brian S. WA Outlook 2013
- Shawn K. OH Excel 2013

near our home and I love working in my yard with my little 2 year old daughter. I also hope to pick up paddle boarding this summer.

Tutor Tuesday's Tristan Roberts: Why Did I Take the Network+ Exam When I am Already Certified?

A couple of weeks ago I took the current Network+ exam. There are a few reasons that drove me to taking this certification exam for the first time in over 2 years. First, I didn't want to wait until the last minute to renew my certification (FYI - renewing the Net+ certification will automatically renew your current A+ certification). Secondly, I wanted to experience the exam for myself because I work with quite a few students who struggle with this specific exam. I wanted to make sure that I am covering the appropriate topics in the Tutor Tuesday/Thursday sessions. Third, I need to keep myself sharp, so I can effectively prepare our students for their exams. I did what I recommend to all of our students. I mapped out the objectives, set aside time to study, and separate the concepts I understood from the ones I don't.

To make a long story short. I was successful and passed the Network+ exam, I left a detailed recollection of my exam experience in our Student Forum. I encourage all of our students to do the same when they take an exam (successful or not). Helping other is the best way to open lines of communication and in turn, get the help you may need. In the meantime, I will continue to try and keep myself sharp, so I can continue to be a help to our students. I will be taking my next exam within the next couple of months. I will keep you posted and I hope to talk to each of you during our tutoring sessions.

Resume Advice From Beth Ciaramello: Cover Those Gaps

Taking a break from traditional employment is acceptable especially if it is to continue education, take care of family members, or meet professional goals. Unfortunately, when employers see gaps in employment, gaps can discourage them from hiring a candidate. To combat the gaps, ask yourself this question, what did you do with your time when you were not working? Going back to school, professional activities, or volunteering are all great examples of things that can cover the gaps. Employers want to know how you stayed active during the break in employment. Finding a job can be a full-time job on its own, therefore many times employers will not ask about gaps of six months or fewer.

[Click Here](#) for examples on how to explain longer breaks.

- Ginger G. TX A+901
- Richard J. MI A+ 902
- Jeffrey T.MI Excel 2013
- Daniel K. MI A+902
- Stephen N. WA A+ 902
- Robert M. TX Linux+ Part II
- Don E. CO A+ 901

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How Are We Doing? We Value Your Feedback!

Our top priority is to provide all of our students with the support, resources, and knowledge they would need to be successful in their Blue Ocean programs. We want to know how we are doing. In the link below you will find a quick online survey. This anonymous survey will help us determine the areas we need to improve in to help our students have the best learning experience possible. <http://veterans.learnkey.com/feedback.php>

Please join me in congratulating all those who obtained certifications this month and send best wishes to those who are preparing to take an exam in the upcoming month. Don't forget to take advantage of our [weekly tutoring sessions](#) or [practice labs](#).

Our team is here to help you succeed. Please don't hesitate to contact us.

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