



# COYNE CIRCUIT

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# A Message from Coyne President, Russell Freeman

It is important that you start planning for your future while you are a student. You should get to know the Career Services Departments at least three or four months before you graduate. You should also take the certification exams that are offered in your program right after you graduate. These certifications will set you apart from other job seekers. They also will show prospective employers that you are serious about getting a start in your new career. If you are an HVAC graduate, you must pass the EPA Certification to be able to buy Freon. This test is offered at Coyne College several times per year. Please ask your Instructor or Kelley Anderson, Director of Education at our Green Street Campus for testing dates.

Further, to be successful you must envision yourself as successful both in a job interview and on a job. It is important to interview well and with confidence. Please make sure you highlight your strengths to a prospective employer. It is a known fact that the first five minutes of a job interview is the most important part of an interview to the interviewee. If an employer likes an applicant, the chances are much greater that the applicant is asked back for a second interview. Many times how you portray yourself during an interview has a lot to do with getting your first job. An interviewer is looking at you and listening to you while forming an opinion about you. You need to be honest, confident, and you need to make a positive impression during the interview. Coyne College has been successful for 112 years because our graduates are successful. As you leave Coyne College, I wish you a career full of happiness and success!

Regards,



Russell T. Freeman  
President  
Coyne College



## **Coyne College offers the following programs:**

Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration (A.A.S. Degree and Diploma), Electronic Systems Technician (A.A.S. Degree and Diploma), Electrical Construction and Planning (A.A.S. Degree), Electrical Construction and Maintenance, Medical Assisting (A.A.S. Degree), Medical Assistant, Pharmacy Technician, and Medical Billing and Coding Specialist



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# News and Notes

## **Welcome New Employees**

It has been a great start to the new year and Coyne is excited to welcome some new team members. At the main campus, we'd like to welcome Maurice Lyons and Keshia White to the admissions department. They have many years of admissions experience between the two of them and we know they'll be a great addition to the main campus.

Over at the school of allied health, we'd like to welcome Sarah Monroe-Joyce, Jeri Adams, and Greg Abercrombia. All three of these employees work in the admissions department at Coyne's loop campus. They bring a fresh outlook to the admissions team and we know they all will have a positive impact on the college.

Welcome to all of our new employees; we look forward to an exciting and productive 2011 year!

## **April Graduation Ceremony**

On April 27, 2011 Coyne held a graduation ceremony for its most recent graduating class. Coyne takes pride in its students and graduates which is why special care is taken to ensure that every graduation ceremony is one to remember. The dedicated staff members of Coyne's graduation committee work diligently behind the scenes so that the graduates, their friends, and family members can enjoy the evening as much as possible.

Graduating is a big accomplishment and another step closer to an exciting and rewarding career. The staff and faculty of Coyne are proud of our graduates and wish them the best in their future pursuits. We would also like to remind our graduates that our Career Services department is here to help them in their job search. Stop in to see them or call (773)577-8058 to schedule an appointment.

~ Jake Butz

# Employee Spotlight: Oliver Landry

The Coyne Circuit recently caught up with Mr. Oliver Landry. For almost 10 years, Mr. Landry has been a well known and well liked HVAC instructor. Not only does he have the perspective of an instructor but also that of a former Coyne student. The education he received here enabled him educate and inspire hundreds of other HVAC students. To many, Mr. Landry exudes professionalism, kindness and knowledge. What students may not know is that behind his wealth of HVAC knowledge lives the heart of a musician.

**Coyne Circuit (CC):** How did you get interested in becoming an instructor?

**Oliver Landry (OL):** I enrolled at Coyne as a student in the early eighties and had the chance to become one of Mr. Jens Olsen students. During a conversation with us, in regards to the different career paths available in this industry, he mentioned that his students could become an instructor one day. After working in the industry until the year 2002, I thought that I would apply here at Coyne as an instructor. I guess his idea never left my mind, and I am happy that I took the idea into consideration. I just love to teach!

**CC:** What do you like most about being an instructor?

**OL:** The most gratifying moments that I have as an instructor is when a student (or students) and I connect with the subject matter at hand. I also appreciate the times when a student realizes that their work in school pays off in terms of not only grades but also in terms for their future successes in the field.

**CC:** What is most challenging about being an instructor?

**OL:** Wearing a necktie (just kidding, I just hope it doesn't get caught in a fan). The biggest challenge that I have come across in being an instructor is that we are school that prepares student for entry level positions. We as instructors and as a school have a responsibility to

give each student vital information needed to grasp the technical know-how and professionalism to enter their field, it then becomes the students ambitions to take what they have learned and run with it, just like it happened for me and many others that graduated from here.

Sometimes the student fails to understand that along with their success an expected level of discipline and professionalism is needed. There will be plenty of time to relax and kid around but work is work.

**CC:** What do you see as important for students to be successful in the field?

**OL:** Most important is the ability to listen to supervisors, coworkers, and clientele about how the business works once out in the field. Also important is a curiosity in how things work, the continuation of learning in a trade that is ever evolving, creativity and again professionalism.

**CC:** What advice would you offer new students?

**OL:** Double your notes and make them your own. Draw to the best of your ability, ask questions and seek help in understanding the technology

and industry. Use the resources provided for you, never give up, and plan for your success. Also, follow through with what you've started and pay back your student loans.

**CC:** What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

**OL:** I enjoy playing musical instruments like the piano and guitar, writing music, playing pool or billiards and learning new things. And of course being around our students, coworkers (my work is like a home away from home) and my friends and family.

~ Diana Barthelemy  
Photos by Jake Butz



# Industry Direction: LED Lighting

Light emitting diodes, commonly called LEDs, are revolutionizing how lighting is distributed. While LED technology has been around for more than fifty years, it has become more common in the last 10 years with the shift to energy-efficiency electronics and lighting.

Basically, LEDs are tiny light bulbs that fit easily into an electrical circuit. But unlike ordinary incandescent bulbs, they do not have a filament that will burn out, and they don't get especially hot. They are illuminated solely by the movement of electrons in a semiconductor material, and they last just as long as a standard transistor.

LEDs do dozens of different jobs and are found in all kinds of devices. Among other things, they form the numbers on digital clocks, transmit information from remote controls, light up watches and tell you when your appliances are turned on. As a whole, they can form images on a jumbo television screen or illuminate a traffic light. You can find LED lights in restaurants, offices, parking lots, streetlights, sports arenas and, of course, in homes.

LEDs can be used to build energy-efficient lighting products that save energy, help protect the environment, reduce maintenance costs and make people and things look much more attractive than traditional lighting. And they can last much longer than traditional lighting. With the right design, LED lights can have a lifetime of 50,000 hours and more in continuous operation. Depending on how

many hours-a-day they are operating, that can be from 6 to 7 years to as many as 20 to 30.

When comparing LED lighting to fluorescent lights, energy savings depend on the type of fluorescent light. For example, LED lighting can save up to 50 percent of the energy used by CFLs and between 20 to 30 percent of the energy used by fluorescent tube lighting. Most of the energy emitted from incandescent bulbs is converted to heat instead of light. That's why you'll burn yourself if you try to touch an incandescent bulb once it's turned on.

LED lighting is about 85 percent more efficient than incandescent bulbs. Since LEDs consume significant less energy, they don't emit as much heat. That's why you typically won't burn yourself if you try to touch an LED light once it's turned on.

LED lights are also designed to last about 50 times longer, which means less ladder-climbing maintenance and less waste. LEDs can pay for itself over time with energy savings and lower maintenance costs.

Coyne Instructor, Steven Pillarella, who has many years in the electric industry, says "LED lighting in and of itself is a digital system with both high voltage and low voltage digital requirements. Both ECM and EST students need to have a general understanding of this innovative technology to succeed in the industry." ~ Geri Anne Nelson

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# Loop Life

## A closer look at Coyne's School of Allied Health located in downtown Chicago

One of the key components of Coyne College's mission of preparing students for entry level employment at the Loop Campus is the externship experience. This is a major difference in program structures between the Green Street and Loop Campuses. Loop students gain valuable skills with real life on the job training in physician's offices, clinics, insurance companies and pharmacies that prepare them to "hit the ground running" as soon as they are hired.

Externships are a tangible benefit to Loop students. Mr. Lorne Boren, who is the Director of Career Services, sums up the experience as follows: "The externship is the culmination of everything our students have been learning in their time here at Coyne. It is where all the pieces come together. A successful externship experience results in our students being that much more prepared for the work-

force."

Externships are required in every program (160 hours for Medical Assistant/Medical Assisting and Pharmacy Technician and 120 hours for Medical Administrative Assistants and Medical Billing & Coding). Externships are true partnerships between Coyne College and the externship site. The sites provide for Loop students the final stage of their training through over-the-shoulder coaching, feedback and evaluation. In addition to the opportunity to sharpen their skills in a practical setting, the students have the opportunity to showcase what they learned in the classroom setting. In an increasing number of cases, Loop students are being hired directly from their externships into permanent positions at the sites. This is a win-win situation for everybody.

~ L.R.

# 10 Seconds or Less

The Coyne Circuit asked various people around campus a hard-hitting question that's important to Chicagoans and gave them "Ten Seconds Or Less" to say what's on their mind. This issue's question was ...

WHAT DO THE BEARS NEED TO DO THIS OFFSEASON TO GET BACK TO BEING A SUPERBOWL TEAM?

"Get an offensive line and reinforce Cutler's skills," Alfredo Garcia (HVAC Grad).

"Switch up the defensive schemes a little – get out of the cover 2 - and pick up a key cornerback," Jonathan Johnson (ECM Grad).

"Get some young blood on the offensive line," Andrae McPherson (Student Accounts Representative).

"New quarterback and new offensive line," Greg Gagliano (HVAC Grad).

"New coach and a good backup quarterback because Jay Cutler is going to be on the bench a lot again next year," Mr. Rizzo (HVAC Instructor).

"Get a new quarterback and get a new offensive line," Marcus Austin (ECM Grad).

"They should just quit all together," Jacob Butz (Packer Fan).

The public has spoken. It looks like the quarterback position and the offensive line are the areas that need the biggest improvement. I hope Lovie Smith subscribes to the Coyne Circuit ...

~ Rob Burke



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## Top of the Class

Congratulations to the following award recipients from our recent graduating classes.

**ACADEMIC HONORS** are awarded to students who maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.80 or better throughout their training program.

**PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARDS** are earned by students who never miss a minute of class throughout their training program.

(As reported January through April 2011. H = Honors, PA = Perfect Attendance)

**HEATING, AIR CONDITIONING, AND REFRIGERATION:** **Ryan Belknap** (H); **Albert Dema** (H); **Dennis Giannis** (H); **Robert Kiczula** (H - Degree Program); **Joe Lascola** (H - Degree Program); **Irene Lopez** (H - Degree Program); **Louis Morgan** (PA); **Mark Nunnally** (H); **Rafat Othman** (H); **Jose Ramirez** (H); **Gregory Rappin** (H); **Ruben Rodriguez** (H); **Richard Urquiza** (H & PA).

**ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION AND PLANNING:** **Demetrius Baenen** (H); **Guy Ric Cervone** (H); **Gregory Hazel** (H); **Schubert Herard** (H); **Edwin Moy** (H); **Robert Shields** (PA); **Joaquin Stanisci** (H & PA).

**ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE:** **Oliver Bucio** (H & PA); **Eduardo Espino** (H); **Eric Garcia** (PA); **Oscar Herrera** (H & PA); **William Negron** (H & PA); **Gustavo Padilla, Jr.** (H); **Jorge Puga** (PA); **Lorenzo Stewart** (PA); **Hamza Toubal** (H).

**ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS TECHNICIAN:** **Patrick Aarstad** (H - Degree Program); **Daniel Kizior, Jr.** (H - Degree Program); **Nicole Means** (PA); **Michael Miranda** (PA).

**MEDICAL ASSISTING:** **Olympia Brownridge** (H - Degree Program); **Jaukita Carroll** (H - Degree Program); **Janice Evans** (PA - Degree Program); **Patricia Paniagua** (H).

**MEDICAL BILLING AND CODING SPECIALIST:** **Veronica Raigoza** (H); **Dilisha Wormely** (H).

**PHARMACY TECHNICIAN:** **Alicia Baxter** (H); **Jose Martinez** (H).

## On The Move!

### Recent Graduates Reporting Employment in Their Field

**HEATING, AIR CONDITIONING, AND REFRIGERATION:** **Maricela Alonso** (Heatmasters); **Jesus Arellano** (Comprehensive Insurance Services); **Ryan Belknap** (Able Engineering Services); **Tracy Brown** (Pronto Construction Group); **Rob Dressel** (Newberry Library); **Joseph Duhig** (Able Engineering Services); **Mark Marek** (Sprint Electrical Services); **Anthony Parker** (Bill's Plumbing & Heating); **Jesse Moreno** (Parliament Builders); **Martin Ortiz** (Reedy Industries); **Jason Turner** (Torrance Towers).

**ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION AND PLANNING:** **De'Andre Anderson** (Woodlawn Community Development); **Patrick Duncan** (Current Electric); **Luis Pacheco** (Fed Ex Ground); **Walter Urroz Jr.** (ComEd).

**ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE:** **Cristian Alvarez** (General Electric); **Alejos Cardenas** (M&M Equipment Corp); **Eric Garcia** (Current Electric); **Juan Lomeli** (ZF Lemforder); **Anthony Messina** (Interstate Electronics); **Reginald Morrow** (Commonwealth Edison); **Steve Navarro** (Peacock Engineering); **Gustavo Padilla** (Morse Calipers); **Jorge Puga** (Sloan Valve Company); **Anthony Underwood** (Dabecca Natural Foods); **Nermin Veljacic** (Aspen Foods).

**ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS TECHNICIAN:** **Michael Miranda** (Kraft Eye Institute); **Andrew Pallot** (Chicago Metropolitan Fire Protection).

**MEDICAL ASSISTING:** **Patricia Paniagua** (Comprehensive Wellness Center); **Laqueisha Watkins** (Gordon Family Chiropractic); **Carianna Zamot** (Dr. Saroor Alam).

**MEDICAL BILLING AND CODING SPECIALIST:** **Dominique Burke** (Scheck & Siress); **Adrienne Calahan** (Dr. Petham Muthuswamy); **Tara Crosby** (Scheck & Siress); **Marissa Hadley** (AHSRCM); **Althea Smith** (Liberty Medical Billing); **Sandra Williams** (Dr. Roop Gupta); **Dilisha Wormely** (Children's Memorial Hospital).

**MEDICAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:** **Kelliee Lee** (Addison Search-Elmhurst Hospital); **DeAnn Mitchell** (All Joint & Bone); **Carmen Thornton** (Jesse Brown VA Hospital).

**PHARMACY TECHNICIAN:** **Dominic CarMichael** (Walgreens); **Latisha Kilgore** (Walgreens); **Fadi Saleh** (Walgreens); **Christeon Woodson** (Target Pharmacy).

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