

## PEOPLE

## Peterbilt Institute Graduates 50th Class Of Factory Trained Tractor Technicians

Peterbilt Motors Co. certified the graduation of the Peterbilt Technician Institute's 50th graduating class.

Since the institute opened its doors in November 2013 at the Universal Technical Institute campus in Dallas, more than 500 students have graduated from the program.

PTI has placed more than 95% of graduates with a Peterbilt service location or directly with a Peterbilt customer. PTI graduates boast a 90% retention rate once placed.

"The PTI program continues to be of significant value to the overall Peterbilt dealer network. Our

dealers see the benefit in having a consistent training message and bringing in much-needed, new talent into the network," said Brian Brooks, director of the Peterbilt Technician Institute. "Many of our graduates have taken increased responsibilities within their hiring dealer, from lead technician, to service writer, to shop foreman, to training manager."

Technicians in the latest class were Tristen Alcon, Seth Castleman, Rito Cid Jr., Edgar Flores, Marcus Hernandez, Anthony Lopez, Alex McCabe, Carlos Morales, Arthur Reyes Jr., Adrian Suarez-Valencia and Michael Vochatzer.

Attendees at the graduation included Andrew Albright, Peterbilt Technician Institute instructor; Brian Brooks, Peterbilt Technician Institute director; Leon Handt, assistant general manager at Peterbilt; and Doug Van Zuiden, assistant plant manager at Peterbilt.

Peterbilt, which is based in Denton, Texas, provides aftermarket support programs through its 350-plus North American dealer locations. It also offers its SmartLINQ connected truck technologies, expedited Rapid Check diagnostic services, the Red Oval certified used-truck program, automated parts inventory replenishment and 24/7 customer assistance.



The Peterbilt Technician Institute's 50th graduating class. More than 500 students have graduated since the institute opened in 2013.

## Greenbrier Cos. Shuffles Leadership Team, Adds Chief Operating Officer, Acting CFO



Tekorius rises to chief operating officer from her previous role as chief financial officer for Lake Oswego, Ore.-based Greenbrier Cos.

Greenbrier Cos. Inc. made several changes to its leadership team.

Lorie Tekorius was appointed chief operating officer from her previous role as chief financial officer for the Lake Oswego, Ore.-based company, which manufactures transportation equipment.

In the newly created COO role, Tekorius will lead Greenbrier's wheels, parts and repair operating unit and will take on additional responsibilities in human resources and corporate safety and security.

Tekorius has been with Greenbrier for 23 years in various financial capacities. She was appointed CFO in February 2016 and executive vice president and chairman of the executive committee in April 2017.

"Lorie has demonstrated a strong sense of our values, including integrity, respect for people and customers, along with an ability to collaborate across the organization to achieve shared success," Greenbrier CEO William Furman said.

Adrian Downes has been promoted to acting chief financial officer. Downes joined Greenbrier in 2013 as chief accounting officer and has more than 30 years of accounting and finance experience in a variety of industries including publicly and privately held companies. He currently directs all of Greenbrier's global corporate and operational accounting activities and oversees the company's information technology and tax planning functions.

## JRayl Transport Manager Honored With Patriot Award

Tara Rayl, driver experience team manager at JRayl Transport Inc., received the Patriot Award from the Employer Support of the National Guard and Reserve program.

Rayl was nominated by Matthew Gravius, JRayl's lead driver trainer. Gravius currently is an active reservist with the U.S. Army.

The Patriot Award honors recipients for their efforts to support citizen warriors through a wide range of measures, including flexible schedules, time off prior to and after deployment, caring for families and granting leaves of absence if required by the reservist.

"Supportive supervisors, like Tara, are critical partners to help in maintaining the strength and readiness of the nation's Guard and Reserve units," said Lieu-

tenant Colonel, USAF (Retired) Chaker Fadel, an Ohio ESGR volunteer. "Nearly half of our nation's defense is in the National Guard and Reserves today."

JRayl has a long history of offering programs to support veterans and those who are currently serving in the Armed Forces.

"Tara is a great representation of our JRayl Family culture where we create a welcoming and supportive environment for service men and women and their families. We are proud of her efforts. We are especially appreciative of Matthew and his family and all those who have served and are serving in our nation's Armed Forces," said Kevin Dietrich, senior vice president of operations for JRayl, which is based in Akron, Ohio.



Rayl (left) with Gravius, who nominated her for the Patriot Award.

## BRIEFS

### Logistics

David Tisdale joined Evans Distribution Systems as operations manager. Tisdale brings more than 20 years of experience in the transportation and supply chain management industries to the third-party logistics provider, which is based in Melvindale, Mich. Tisdale has held positions with PepsiCo and Ryder.

### Manufacturer

David Giroux was named chief communications officer at Navistar Inc., which is based in Lisle, Ill. Giroux worked at Daimler

Trucks North America for nearly seven years, spending the majority of his time as director of corporate communications and corporate marketing. He also served as director of marketing and communications for Peterbilt and spent nearly seven years at Meritor.

### Service

Matt Hendrix was promoted to senior director of fleet services at Fleet Advantage, a provider of fleet business analytics, equipment financing and lifecycle cost management based in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. He also has been appointed the

company's representative on the board of governors of the National Private Truck Council. Hendrix joined Fleet Advantage in 2014.

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