

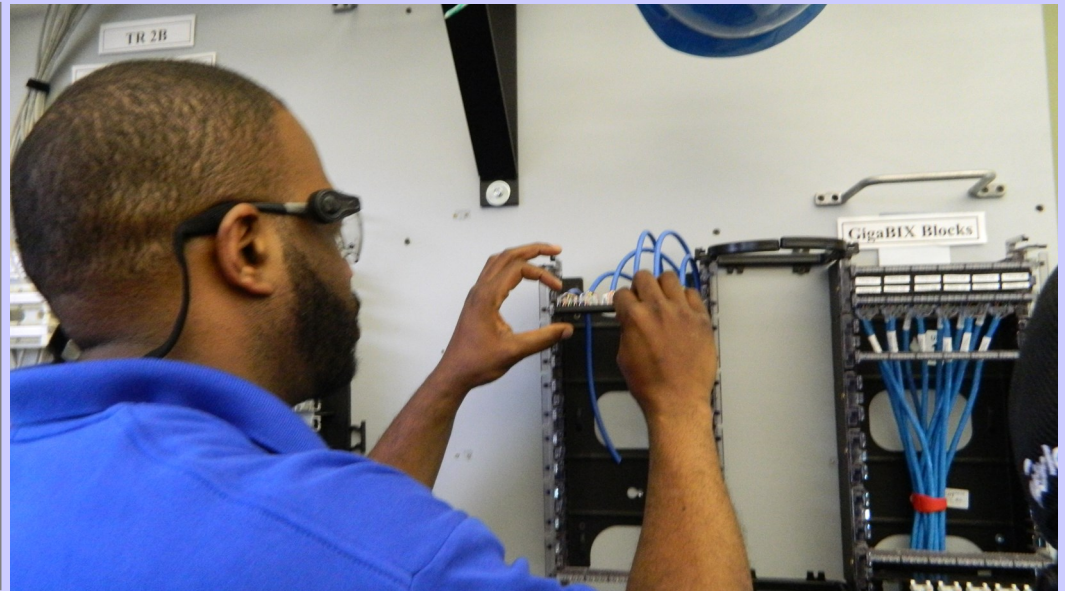
# The Cable Connection

Telecom/Cabling Newsletter

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## Employer Spotlight- Roman Electric.



Roman Electric is one of the potential employers of Telecom installers. As project manager, Al Pintar, gives us a little insight on the benefits of hiring graduates from this program.

“Having this type of training saves the company costs on basic field training. It makes the graduates more valuable hires, as they already have telecom skills. With more knowledge, more responsibility can be given to new employees, which in turn gives these employees an opportunity to earn more money.”

The 12-week program includes nine classes with opportunities to earn up to 12 certifications preparing students for the workforce. “Hands-on training, safety training, and customer interaction are among the most important skills they will learn throughout the program. Earning the certificates really shows a dedication to learn and a desire to succeed in this field.”

The outlook for the telecommunication industry is very promising for students graduating in May. “As new construction grows, so does the need for telecommunication services. This past year and the current outlook for work is as good as it has ever been.”

## Student Success Story— Casey Smith



Working in telecom was always an interest for Casey. His dad has been a Telephone Technician for 30 years, so it's what he grew up with. “I remember having my dad show me different skills that he used every day.” When Casey found out about the Telecommunications Boot Camp at Gateway he was more than thrilled to apply.

“I went to school to be a firefighter back in Florida, and when I returned to Wisconsin I started attending Gateway in the Computer Support Technician program. It just wasn't right for me, so when I heard about the Telecom Boot Camp I knew that's what I wanted to do.”

Casey is enjoying all of the hands-on experiences he's gaining in his classes. His favorite class so far has been Telecom Safety and Installation. In that class he has completed many labs and earned some nationally recognized certificates. Casey likes working with the diverse group of students and instructors. After graduation from the Boot Camp he hopes to find a job and eventually start his own business.

## Attention Employers...

Rooms are available for interviewing Telecom Boot Camp students before and after the completion ceremony.

For more information contact:  
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## TELECOM/CABLING BOOT CAMP #1 COMPLETION CEREMONY

Join us as we interview qualified candidates and stay after to celebrate the accomplishments of our Boot Camp students!

**Date:** Friday, May 29th 2015  
**Time:** 9:00-12:00 PM Interviews  
11:45-2:15 PM Interviews  
2:30-3:30 PM Ceremony

SC Johnson iMET Center  
2320 Renaissance Blvd.  
Sturtevant, WI 53177-1763



### Lead Instructor - Randy Reusser, RCDD, MBA



Randy has been involved with technology (electronics) since 1980. He received an Associate of Science Degree as an Electronic Technician from Gateway Technical College (Graduate Scholastic Award), 2010 Gateway Technical College Distinguished Alumni Award Winner, a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business

Administration from Carthage College (Suma Cum Laude), and an MBA in Business Administration from Marquette University. For thirteen years, Randy has worked for Gateway as an Electronics, IT, Supervisory Management, and Telecommunications Instructor for the Business and Workforce Solutions Division. He is a certified trainer for Belden, BICSI, MSSC and others. Previously he has worked as a Team Leader, Technical Services Manager, Electronic Technician/Assistant Manager, Service Manager, and Electronic Technician. He has eleven publications and earned over fifty technical certifications.

*"I have a strong belief in Gateway's ability to help people build successful careers. The boot camps are a path to this goal."*



### Success Story - Carey Collins

Before finding out about the Telecom Boot Camp, Carey was a car salesman and looking for a more consistent career path. "My wife came home with a brochure for the Boot Camp and it peaked my interest. When I attended an information session I was shocked that it was more than what I was expecting."

Carey is enjoying all of the classes in the Boot Camp. "Fire Stopping has been one of the more difficult classes so far, but it has also been one of my favorite classes. I enjoy all of the hands-on experience that I'm getting in the classroom." The Boot Camp is helping him to not only become telecom certified, but also become a better communicator. "I'm becoming better with customer service and also a better communicator with my wife and family."

He's hoping to obtain a better job after completing the Boot Camp. Carey will be well prepared with all of the training he is completing and the certificates that he is earning. "I'd really like to work for a great company that's customer focused." He's very thankful for this opportunity that Gateway and SC Johnson have given him.

### Next Telecom boot camp coming up Spring 2016

#### Are you interested in applying for a Boot Camp?

Contact your local Workforce Development Center (WDC) representatives for additional information and application materials:

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**Walworth:** Mark Leemkuil, mleemkuil@dwfs.us

This hands-on Boot Camp covers basic concepts of telecommunications equipment, cabling installation and other skills needed in the telecommunication field. Students will learn copper and fiber optic termination, basic testing, troubleshooting, fire stopping, fire safety practices, install fire stop systems in classroom simulations, follow industry codes and standards, best practices and professionalism.

### Telecom Boot Camp

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