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Glen Oaks drafting and design upgrades to new AutoCAD 2011

CENTREVILLE ---Longtime Glen Oaks Community College drafting Professor Jim Cook has a smile as wide and bright as a computer screen. He is pleased because *AutoCAD 2011*, the latest software introduced early this year by Autodesk, Inc., will now be a part of Computer Aided Design (CAD) instruction at the college. Glen Oaks offers a 35 credit Drafting and Design Certificate with students drawing in three dimension using solid modeling, Mechanical Desktop and Inventor, all using the new AutoCAD software.

“This is no small thing,” said Cook, who has spent 33 years instructing students at Glen Oaks. “It was an expensive proposition to upgrade with AutoCAD 2011. Those in industry know that this software has enhanced capabilities that allow users to better manage projects, publish sheet sets for review, and meet growing business needs. With AutoCAD 2011 we are up-to-date and ready to help students meet the demands of the modern workplace.”

Professor Cook said those using the earlier AutoCAD versions may want to stop in for a visit and learn about the new release. His own instruction on AutoCAD 2011 was held at Ivy Tech’s campus in Indianapolis, a certified AutoCAD training site. “There is tremendous demand out there for this training. I had messages on my phone recently from companies seeking individuals with the latest CAD training,” explained the professor.

The AutoCAD classes at Glen Oaks offer plenty of one-on-one training. Class size is often 15 students or less, with courses offered in either the day or evening. “We make sure there is plenty of time for students to practice and work at their own speed on the computers. Usually I am available or other tutors are here to assist students with their questions,” said Professor Cook.

John Sanders, a vice president with Autodesk, said at the product’s unveiling, “AutoCAD 2011 sets a new industry standard for productivity and efficiency gains that our customers can experience. Our product is proving to be critical in helping customers across all industries achieve their business objectives.”

Professor Cook said he invites those interested in learning more about AutoCAD 2011 and the drafting and design programs at Glen Oaks to contact him by calling the college at 269-294-4273 or toll free (888) 994-7818.

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