

Universal Technical Institute® Named as a 2016 STEM Jobs Approved College

Accolade marks the second consecutive year UTI has been recognized for STEM-focused training programs and resources that prepare students for careers in the growing transportation industry

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz., Nov. 4, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- [Universal Technical Institute®](#) (NYSE: UTI) has been designated a 2016 STEM JobsSM Approved College by Victory Media, the leader in connecting young professionals with education and career opportunities, and creator of [STEM JobsSM](#) media and resources for students interested in science, technology, engineering and math.

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The designation includes Universal Technical Institute as well as its [Motorcycle Mechanics Institute](#), [Marine Mechanics Institute](#) and [NASCAR Technical Institute](#).

The 2016 STEM JobsSM Approved Colleges survey rates universities, colleges, community colleges and trade schools on their ability and responsiveness to connecting programs and students with high-demand, high-growth STEM occupations.

Institutions submitting completed STEM JobsSM Approved surveys were scored on publicly available data and responses to proprietary questions around four key indicators that demonstrate the extent to which a school works to 1) provide opportunities for students to explore STEM subjects, 2) promote partnerships that foster STEM literacy and connect classrooms to careers, 3) ensure coursework and activities have a focus on careers, and 4) promote STEM programs that actively attract and engage underrepresented student populations. The assessment and rights to the STEM Jobs ApprovedSM Colleges designation are available to these qualifying schools at no charge. Universal Technical Institute will be featured in *STEM Jobs*SM magazine and online as part of the entire 2016 list of STEM JobsSM Approved Colleges.

"STEM skills are critical in today's high-tech transportation industry, where technicians are required to master the complex digital systems that make modern vehicles work," said Jerry Ellner, National Director of High School Development, UTI. "Our curriculum is rooted in STEM and presented in practical ways that work for hands-on learners. We continually evaluate our programs and work with our industry partners to ensure that we are teaching the STEM skills needed to service the evolving technologies in today's vehicles. As a result, our graduates are in demand by leading manufacturers and prepared to find good-paying, stable jobs and build long-term, rewarding careers in the transportation industry, where the need for highly trained technicians continues to grow."*

"With our STEM JobsSM Approved awards, we're able to help educators evaluate whether they're meeting the needs of students by employing the kinds of programs that our research shows are most effective in getting students involved in STEM," said Glen Zollman, Vice President of STEM Jobs. "We're pleased to showcase schools like Universal Technical Institute, Motorcycle Mechanics Institute, Marine Mechanics Institute and NASCAR Technical Institute as institutions leading the way in this area."

For more information UTI's commitment to STEM fields of study and careers, visit UTI.edu.

For additional information about STEM JobsSM, visit www.stemjobs.com. Higher education institutions may request a free survey assessment for future consideration at www.stemjobs.com/sjasurvey.

About Universal Technical Institute, Inc.:

Headquartered in Scottsdale, Arizona, Universal Technical Institute, Inc. is the leading provider of post-secondary education for students seeking careers as professional automotive, diesel, collision repair, motorcycle and marine technicians. With more than 190,000 graduates in its 50-year history, UTI offers diploma and undergraduate degree programs at 12 campuses across the United States as well as manufacturer-specific training programs at dedicated training centers. Through its campus-based school system, UTI provides specialized post-secondary education programs under the banner of several well-known brands, including Universal Technical Institute (UTI), Motorcycle Mechanics Institute and Marine Mechanics Institute (MMI), and NASCAR Technical Institute (NASCAR Tech).

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About STEM JobsSM:

The **STEM JobsSM Approved Colleges** survey measures how effectively schools align their programs to high-demand, high-paying STEM jobs, and how well they assist their students in achieving career aspirations in STEM fields. Ratings are based on a complimentary and rigorous quantitative assessment that measures schools on criteria created by Victory Media with the assistance of an independent Advisory Board. A complete description of its methodology, advisory board and services is

available at www.stemjobs.com.

STEM JobsSM media, career tools and curriculum are designed to engage students along with their parents, teachers and guidance counselors as they make education and career planning decisions. Using student-written articles, fun graphics and relatable content, STEM JobsSM helps students discover how to "do what they love" in a STEM-inspired career. For more information, visit www.stemjobs.com.

About Victory Media:

Based in Pittsburgh, Victory Media connects classrooms to careers for the nation's next generation of professionals. Its data-driven ratings are published in G.I. Jobs[®], Military Spouse, Vetpreneur[®] and STEM JobsSM media, and featured in national media, including USA Today, The Wall Street Journal, FORTUNE, Bloomberg, NBC, ABC, CBS, CNN, CNBC, Fox News and others. Learn more about the company's Media, Training and Ratings solutions at victorymedia.com, and follow it on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#).

* UTI cannot guarantee employment or salary. For information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program and other important information, visit our website at www.uti.edu/disclosure.

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