

## HCTC Success Story: James Wright



When James “Jim Bob” Wright was in high school, he made a lot of D’s but when he graduated from Hazard Community & Technical College in December 2005, his overall grade average was 3.8 on a 4.0 scale. His concentration on his school work resulted in his ability to land a good job.

Wright had a talent in working with computers and so armed with his Network Administration degree from HCTC, he has been hired as the Network Coordinator for Appalachian Regional Healthcare (ARH) in Hazard.

“I love the education I received from Hazard Community & Technical College,” Wright said. “I appreciated the College faculty who had employers to call me.”

“I never would have thought I’d got anywhere (in the work world) if it had not been for my wife, Melissa, and my family, the faculty, and the tutoring I received at the College.”

Ella Strong is a member of the faculty who saw Wright’s potential in her classes. “James is very strong in his technical knowledge and hands-on ability. He is precise as a surgeon doing a 10-hour surgery. He has mental capacity to comprehend technical lingo,” Mrs. Strong said.

“James has impressed me in many ways including his quickness to learn new ideas and concepts and his hard working mentality to understand a topic fully. James was every teacher’s dream of a student. He was always present for class, turned in assignments on a timely basis, helped others who did not understand, and always willing to help me out in preparation for labs or if he thought of a different way to do something he was always willing to share especially if he thought it might be easy to comprehend,” noted Professor Strong.

Mrs. Strong sees more success for Wright. “James is continuous learner and understands the importance of lifelong learning. James will continue to grow in success because of this specific trait.

Wright graduated from Perry County Central High School in 2002. He is the first person in his family to graduate from College. He encourages others to enroll at HCTC. “That would be an excellent choice for anybody. Thanks to Student Support Services and the Academic Resource Centers, I was able to receive the extra help I needed in classes such as math and English.”