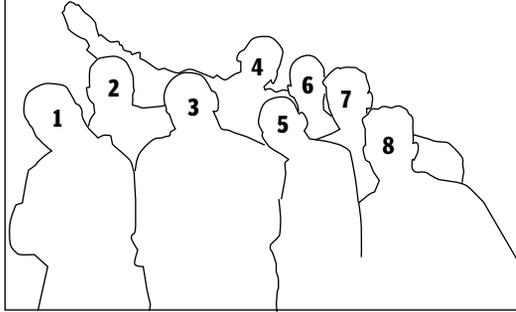


Where Are They Now?

Five years after graduating with electrical training from A.I. Prince Technical School in Hartford, none of the Class of '99 has become a licensed electrician. Some have taken other paths. Some are still plugging away, trying to get licensed.

— Penelope Overton



1. BERTRAND EDWARD

Age: 25

Home: Hartford

What he was known for at Prince Tech:

Emerged from the local men's league to become the school's soccer sensation in his junior year. Had a real head for math.

Job: He is looking for work after graduating with a psychology degree from Western Connecticut State University in 2003. He plays soccer for Hartford United.

Plans: Wants to be a school guidance counselor and youth league soccer coach.

6. ALBERT DELEON

Age: 24

Home: Hartford

What he was known for at Prince Tech:

As a freshman, Albert was a member of the school's state champion 4x400 track relay team. In shop, he was a member of the Three Stooges, with Freddie and Paul, and always had a car magazine in his hands.

Job: A manager at Mr. Sparkle Car Wash Inc. in Hartford's Parkville neighborhood.

Plans: In 2008, when the court restores a driver's license that he lost after a drunken-driving conviction, Albert wants to become a mailman.

2. RAY LOPEZ

Age: 24

Home: Hartford

What he was known for at Prince Tech:

Played outfield for school baseball team.

Job: Electrical apprentice for International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers out of Hartford.

Plans: Wants to pass the state exam to get his electrician's license in May.

7. JOSE VIERA

Age: 25

Home: Hartford

What he was known for at Prince Tech:

Named to all-conference cross-country team in his junior year; a member of the team's state championship 4x400 track relay team in his sophomore year. In shop, Jose was a nonstop joker. He and Carmelo were known as heartbreakers.

Job: Installs expansion joints at power plants for IAFD Inc. of Glastonbury; a member of the Connecticut National Guard's 250th Engineering Unit.

Plans: Return to Manchester Community College to study forensic science.

3. DAMION MURRAY

Age: 25

Home: East Hartford

What he was known for at Prince Tech:

A captain of the soccer team. Damion was known as a gentle giant — a big guy with an easygoing way.

Job: Electrical apprentice for T&T Electrical Contractors Inc. in Hartford.

Plans: Will take the state exam to get his electrician's license this month. He has failed in his past three attempts.

8. JAMAL NASRUDEEN

Age: 25

Home: Hartford

What he was known for at Prince Tech:

Transferred from Weaver High School in his sophomore year. In shop, Jamal was the serious one with little patience for some of his classmates' antics.

Job: Electrical apprentice for T&T Electrical Contractors Inc. in Hartford.

Plans: Will continue to take the state exam to get his electrician's license. He has failed in his past three attempts.

4. CARMELO SERRANO

Age: About 25

Home: Washington state

What he was known for at Prince Tech:

He and Jose were known as the big flirts of electrical shop.

Job: Enlisted in the Army.

Plans: Unknown.

5. SIGFREDO "ZIGGY" ROSARIO

Age: 24

Home: Carl Robinson Correctional Institution in Enfield.

What he was known for at Prince Tech:

Class clown.

Job: Worked at Hometown Buffet during his most recent parole.

Plans: Awaiting a parole hearing this month that will determine if he will be released or remain incarcerated for a parole violation stemming from a 2000 drug dealing conviction.

FREDDIE "LITTLE FREDDIE" RESTO



Age: 23

Home: New London

What he was known for at Prince Tech:

Made the honor roll his freshman year, but then devoted more time to goofing off than studying. In shop, he became one of the Three Stooges, with Albert and Paul.

Job: Works for contractor that maintains military housing at U.S. Naval Submarine Base in Groton.

Plans: To be the best player in the world of the online StarCraft game.

PAUL RUSSELLO



Age: 23

Home: Manchester

What he was known for at Prince Tech:

Decked out in trademark gold chains, Paul was the Italian member of the Three Stooges, who planned to become a professional gambler. Voted Class Daydreamer.

Job: Electrical apprentice for SEMAC Electrical Contractors of New Britain. Working on construction of a high school in Darien.

Plans: Will take the state exam to get his electrician's license this spring.