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# HAYNES UNIVERSITY

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



### CONNECTING WITH FUTURE SKILLED TRADES PROFESSIONALS

HU is excited to be attending two upcoming job fairs designed specifically for high school seniors exploring their next steps after graduation. These events are a great opportunity to introduce students to careers in the commercial HVAC industry and show them what a future with HU could look like!

#### CCIC Job Fair

#### Jeffco Apprenticeship Fair

To give students a real-world perspective, we've invited former students and current apprentices to join us and share their experiences. They'll be there to talk about their journeys, answer questions, and give insight into what it's like to work in the industry.

These job fairs are a chance for students to learn about hands-on career paths, apprenticeships, and opportunities that don't require a traditional college route. Whether they're curious about the trades or ready to start their career, we're here to help them explore their options.

### TOPICS

- Connecting with Future Skilled Trades Professionals
- Spring Cleaning for Your HVAC: 10 Essential Tips
- HU Explores Partnership with CCIC to Expand HVAC Trades Program
- Spot Light on Jeff Leon and Ryan Malwitz
- A fun fact about Colorado weather:





## SPRING CLEANING FOR YOUR HVAC: 10 ESSENTIAL TIPS

As the seasons change, it's the perfect time to give your HVAC system a little extra attention. Regular maintenance not only improves efficiency but also extends the life of your unit. Here are **10 simple ways** to keep your system running at its best:

1. **Clear Debris from the Outdoor Unit** – Leaves, dirt, and debris can clog airflow, so make sure to clean around your unit.
2. **Visually Inspect the Outdoor Unit** – Look for signs of damage or wear to catch any issues early.
3. **Have the Ducts Cleaned** – Dust and allergens build up in your ductwork, impacting air quality. A professional cleaning can make a big difference.
4. **Replace the HVAC Filter** – A clogged filter reduces efficiency and forces your system to work harder.
5. **Upgrade the HVAC Filter** – Consider a higher-quality filter to improve indoor air quality.
6. **Get a Smart Thermostat** – Optimize energy use and stay comfortable with automated temperature control.
7. **Air Things Out** – Open windows when possible to freshen up indoor air and reduce stale odors.
8. **Check for Air Leaks** – Inspect doors and windows for drafts that could be driving up your energy bills.
9. **Test the Cooling Function** – Before the heat sets in, make sure your AC is running properly.
10. **Stay Regular with Annual HVAC Maintenance** – A professional tune-up helps prevent costly repairs down the road.

A little HVAC maintenance now can save you money and headaches later. Stay proactive, and enjoy a comfortable home all season long!

**DATES  
TO KNOW**  
**SAINT  
PATRICK'S DAY**  
**MARCH 17TH**   
**SPRING BREAK:**  
**MARCH 17 - 21**  
  
**EPA CLASS:**  
**APRIL 1ST**





## EXPAND HVAC TRADES PROGRAM IN HIGH SCHOOLS

HU is taking steps to support the future of skilled trades by exploring a partnership with the Cherry Creek Innovation Campus (CCIC) as they work to expand into the HVAC industry.

Recently, Ryan met with Michael Degitis, who teaches Infrastructure Engineering and Construction at CCIC, to continue discussions on the school's initiative to introduce an HVAC program. Their conversation focused on plans for the new department, including what should be taught and how to best prepare students for careers in the field.

During the meeting, Ryan also had the opportunity to share insights about HU's facilities, coursework, and lab setup, giving Mike a firsthand look at how we train future HVAC professionals. As CCIC moves closer to breaking ground on this new program, HU will continue to collaborate and support the path toward a strong partnership.

This potential partnership is an exciting opportunity to bridge the gap between education and industry, ensuring students gain the hands-on skills they need for a successful career in HVAC. Stay tuned for updates as this initiative develops!



## INSTRUCTOR'S CORNER: SPOTLIGHT ON JEFF LEON

Jeff Leon, a dedicated instructor who brings energy, expertise, and inclusivity to every class.

Jeff has a knack for making learning engaging and fun, ensuring that every student feels heard and valued. He treats everyone like they're already part of the team, creating a welcoming and supportive learning environment. His expertise and enthusiasm make a lasting impact, and students always appreciate his ability to answer questions thoroughly while keeping things enjoyable.

Jeff, you rock! Thanks for all you do—your dedication doesn't go unnoticed!



## STUDENT'S CORNER: SPOTLIGHT ON RYAN MALWITZ

Ryan Malwitz is a hardworking and dependable team player who brings dedication and enthusiasm to everything he does.

A family man with two little ones, Ryan balances work, school, and family life with ease. He takes pride in his job and education, is well-liked by his peers, and is always willing to lend a hand. His fun-loving and lively personality makes him a valued part of the HU community.

We appreciate all your hard work, Ryan—keep it up!







## FUN FACTS ABOUT COLORADO WEATHER

"Wait 5 minutes, and the weather will change!" – Colorado is known for its rapid weather shifts. You can experience sunshine, rain, hail, and snow all in the same day!

**Snow in Every Month** – While summer in Colorado can get hot, it has snowed in every month of the year somewhere in the state. Even in July, the highest peaks can get a dusting!

**Home to One of the Biggest Temperature Drops in U.S. History** – In 1972, Loma, CO recorded a temperature drop of 80°F in just one hour, one of the biggest ever documented.

**Denver's "False Spring"** – March is often the snowiest month of the year, despite warm days leading up to it. Just when you think spring has arrived, another snowstorm hits!

**Hail Capital of the U.S.** – The area between Denver and Colorado Springs is known as "Hail Alley", where some of the most intense hailstorms in the country occur.

**The State with the Most Sunshine** – While Florida is the "Sunshine State," Colorado actually gets more sunny days per year—around 300 days of sunshine annually!

**Thin Air, Bigger Storms** – Due to Colorado's high elevation, storms can develop faster and stronger than in lower-elevation states, leading to intense thunderstorms and even tornadoes on the plains.

**Record-Breaking Blizzard** – In 1913, Denver was hit with the heaviest snowfall on record, piling up 45.7 inches of snow in just a few days!

Colorado's weather is never boring—expect the unexpected!



## THANK YOU!

Thank you for staying up-to-date with all the exciting changes happening at Haynes University. We're committed to continuously improving and supporting our students, staff, and partners to create the best learning environment possible. Your involvement and feedback are crucial to our success, and we greatly appreciate your continued support as we work to standardize and enhance our programs across all locations. Together, we are building a brighter future and creating opportunities for the next generation of skilled professionals.

Stay tuned for more updates, and as always, don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions, suggestions, or ideas to share!



## JOIN US AT HAYNES UNIVERSITY

Interested in a career that combines hands-on learning with real-world applications? Haynes University is looking for individuals eager to start a fulfilling journey in HVAC. Whether you're seeking to become an apprentice or looking to advance your technical skills, we offer a supportive and dynamic environment to help you succeed.

Reach out to our Corporate Trainer, Ryan Ziehr, to learn more about our programs and how you can get started. Don't miss the opportunity to build a rewarding career with us!

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