

# STUDENTS SUCCEED AT RTC. Even during a pandemic.



Even when the COVID-19 pandemic suddenly changed everything, Renton Technical College and our students thrived. Students adapted to new ways of online and in-person learning, advisers and instructors found innovative ways to teach and provide resources, and we safely continued hands-on training in a safe setting.



*I love RTC.  
It changed  
my life for  
the better.*

**TIFFANY  
THRASH**



## TIFFANY THRASH

Tiffany Thrash persevered through two years of RTC's Registered Nurse Program, graduating in June 2020 during COVID. While in school, she worked as a medical assistant at a Multiple Sclerosis Clinic, raised a teenage daughter, lost her father, and had a baby. She already had a job waiting for her at St. Francis Hospital in Federal Way, where she completed her clinical work.

## ROSE MILIANTA

When restrictions limited how RTC's baking students could meet their program outcomes, Instructor Rob Holland found a way that benefited students and the community. Rose Milianta needed to complete her cake baking and decorating course, but COVID restrictions prohibited the RTC bakery and catering operations. RTC teamed up with Birthday Dreams to make custom cakes for homeless children. Rose graduated with not only her skills, but the satisfaction of knowing she was helping others.



*Decorating is my  
favorite thing,  
and this helped  
me get more  
practice and do a  
wider spectrum  
of things.*

**ROSE MILIANTA**



*The help at Renton  
Technical College is  
amazing and beyond  
the imagination  
that I pictured in my  
mind. If you want  
any kind of help,  
people will help you.*

**ALAN ABDULLAH**



## ALAN ABDULLAH

Alan Abdullah uses his skills to help other students. Alan, a student in the Bachelor of Applied Science in Computer Network Architecture, works for RTC's College Technology Services Department. When the college went all-online in the spring, CTS, the RTC Foundation, and the Learning Resource and Career Center collaborated to provide computers and hotspots to students who needed them. Alan was on campus every day, safely handing out equipment, giving back to the college that has supported him.

## LEA-JANELLE HUFANA

Lea-Janelle Hufana had been a surgery scheduler for years and wanted to advance her career in the medical field as a surgical technologist and support her daughter. She was grateful RTC offered the program that interested her. She excelled, and was employed at Valley Medical Center in Renton upon graduation from the two-quarter program in 2020.



*Renton Technical  
College has felt  
like home while  
advancing my  
academic career.*

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HUFANA**