

# WORK 4 COLLEGE

Northeast Texas Community College

**Where are they now?** Andres Ruiz was a student in the Work Scholarship Program in the summer of 2015. His job assignment included working in the NTCC Industrial Technology Training Center (ITTC) located on I-30. Andres never missed a day, or even one hour of work. This is amazing, because while in addition to participating in the Work Scholarship Program, he was also taking college classes and working another 30+ hours in a night job.



(Andres, second from left, helping out students)

Although you may not know him, many of you have crossed paths with him before. For years he worked as a waiter at the old El Chico Restaurant. One day while working tables he asked about how he, a 27 year old, could afford to go college. The Work Scholarship Program was the catalyst that jump started his college career.

Andres ended up graduating from the ITTC Program within two years (debt free). He received two Certificates in Industrial Technology and he completed his Associates Degree in Applied Science with a 3.43 GPA. He was such a good student that the instructor asked him to serve as a mentor and tutor. As the Industrial Technology Program grew there was a need for an additional instructor. Now, Andres is a full-time employee teaching other students just like him!

## Do you know someone you think might benefit from the Work Scholarship Program?

Students can find applications (or more information about the program) online at [ntcc.edu/workscholarship](http://ntcc.edu/workscholarship). These applications are due on or before April, 16. We hope to have about 60 spots available this summer.....we anticipate having more than 120 people apply.