



# NON-TRAD STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

SPECIAL  
POPULATIONS



## Raymond Togun

### Nurse Aide

“I was drawn to the field of nursing initially because my mom was a nurse. I’ve always wanted to work helping others and I’m currently a CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant) and plan to continue my education to become a nurse, psychiatric nurse and ultimately a physician assistant. One thing that has helped me and motivates me is having a strong sense of self. Pursue your passions despite the obstacles and stereotypes.”

*“If someone has passion for something, they should pursue it.”*

## Samantha Porter

### Welding and Joining Technology

“I’m working to become a welder. As a welder you’re not limited; you can work anywhere in the country and there is flexibility and good pay. My recommendations to other young women considering non-traditional careers would be to be willing and open to exploring new things. Research the things that they are interested in. Ask questions.”

*“Challenge yourself by asking, ‘why not?’”*



## Shannon Maggart

### Precision Manufacturing and Maintenance

“I decided on precision manufacturing and maintenance because I have always enjoyed things like building and woodworking. I realize this is a man’s world and I’m a fifty-year old female. I don’t believe anybody should be held back [from opportunities] due to sex, race, or age. If someone is capable of doing a job, they should be given a chance.”

*“People say to me, ‘You’re so untraditional.’”*