



# Workforce Alliance

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## Student Soars in Aggreko's SelecTech Program

Building a Strong and  
Skilled Workforce  
through Training and  
Education

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Successful Careers

College Credit

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Viable Local Economy

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Although originally conceived as program designed for graduating high school seniors, Aggreko's "SelecTech" program, which is now in it's third year can work well with any young man or woman interested in a technical career in portable power generation, heating ventilation and cooling.

As a case in point, Nicholas Sudela entered the program when he was twenty five. He is thrilled to have been accepted. As Nick related:

About two years ago I heard about the best job opportunity that could have ever come across my path. Through the Northern Brazoria County Education Alliance (NBCEA) I learned about the Aggreko SelecTech program. At the time, I was working in the kitchen at Killen's Steakhouse and various other side jobs. I was very good in the kitchen but the stress and long hours had me wondering if I really wanted to do that as a career for the rest of my life. I had heard about the program when it was launched in 2009, yet as I had been out of school for a few years I was not sure that my ACT scores would meet the level required for entry. As a result, I enrolled at San Jacinto College and took a couple of college HVAC classes so that I could improve my ACT scores.

I was selected as a candidate for the second year of the program. Initially I was assigned to work out of Beaumont, TX. Since then I have worked in Tampa and Jacksonville, FL and also in Nashville, TN. Currently I'm one year into the program and one of the few top students in the class. I can honestly say that this is the best opportunity any young man could ever take part in. I will complete the SelecTech program next spring. Upon graduating with an Associates of Applied Science Degree from Oklahoma State University, I will enter my first year in the workforce earning \$50,000 - \$70,000.

To learn more about the SelecTech program and this great career, contact the NBCEA at 281-997-0280 for a consultation.



**Nick Sudela enters into second year of Aggreko's SelecTech program at Oklahoma State University.**

## Scholarship Recipient Touts New Job

I just wanted to update you on my job at the Hilton Garden Inn Pearland. This is my second week working there and I am having the best time ever learning about the hotel. My first day I was put to work right away in the kitchen doing prep work like fanning strawberries, learning to make quick bur blanc sauce, and other random things. Mike, my manager, told me he was going to help me do more pastry related things so that I could learn more about that as well. The next few days I was put on the breakfast shift making omelets with the breakfast chef. I also did a buffet that day making chicken parmesan all by myself. And this past weekend Mike exposed me to serving at banquets : pouring tea, clearing plates, setting up a table properly, and making the ball-room look picture perfect. I love my new job because it shows me different parts of the food and beverage department that I never have experienced. My newest mission is to get my license to serve alcohol so I can train to become a bartender. Well, that's it for now. And once again, I can not thank the NBCEA enough for helping me get this job! I am extremely grateful!



*Scholarship Recipient Hillary Norwood with Hilton Garden Inn Pearland General Manager Mark Lesser*

Sincerely,  
Hillary Norwood

## Scholarship Assistance Needed

The Northern Brazoria County Education Alliance has made a commitment to our community to assist in providing a skilled workforce to meet the needs of local business and industry in Pearland.

Being a stakeholder in the NBCEA is a great way for you to make a pledge to offer students a jump start on college, while meeting the needs for entry level employment with one of the many industries in Pearland. We count on contributions from our community friends like you to help fund our mission.

Your tax deductible donation would go a long way in helping us achieve the NBCEA mission. The primary focus of the NBCEA is to develop an employable workforce and to encourage students to stay drug free. This effort is being reinforced through anti-drug assemblies and by having students who receive financial assistance from the NBCEA agree to participate in random drug testing. ***These efforts emphasize the mandatory requirement of being drug free to be employable in Pearland.*** Our goal is to raise \$10,000 to scholarship 40 students in dual-credit classes for the 2010 -'11 school year. ***Any donation is accepted and will be applied towards scholarships or equipment needs for the classes.***

Drafting I – Alvin Community College	3 college credits	<b>\$180</b>
Drafting II – Alvin Community College	4 college credits	<b>\$180</b>
Culinary Arts – Alvin Community College	3 college credits	<b>\$280</b>
Process Technology – Alvin Community College	4 college credits	<b>\$180</b>
Pharmacy Tech – Alvin Community College	4 college credits	<b>\$295</b>
HVAC – San Jacinto College	4 college credits	<b>\$355</b>

**These costs reflect one semester of study. Cost and college hours double for full year of study.**

I encourage you to consider this program. Your support of NBCEA is truly appreciated. Please mail your tax deductible donation to NBCEA, PO Box 2358, Pearland, TX 77588.

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