

MTC names Patterson Participant of the Year at awards banquet

Eric Patterson and J.R. Martinez were honored at Management and Training Corporation's (MTC) annual awards banquet with Participant of the Year awards. Harrington's

Clothing, of St. Helens, was honored with an award for Commitment to Service.

Patterson, of Vernonia, has been involved with MTC's Summer Youth Program two years

Thirty youth involved in summer work program for young people

Thirty Columbia County students participated in this year's annual summer work program operated by Management and Training Corporation (MTC).

Teens worked in Scappoose, Rainier, St. Helens, Clatskanie, Vernonia, at Camp Wilkerson and on Sauvie Island, learning many new skills and gaining experience for future career choices.

Work experiences were provided through participating organizations/partners including R.E.A.C.H., Oregon Department of Forestry, Vernonia Public Works, the Scappoose Library, CCTV, Columbia County Education Campus, OYCC and Management & Training Corporation.

In Vernonia, crew members worked with the Public Works Department, cleaning up and doing maintenance work at Airport Park, installing a wrought iron fence around the engine at Shay Park, helping develop primitive camp sites at Vernonia Lake, painting and flushing fire hydrants, striping streets and painting curbs.

The Sauvie Island crew created trails that will be used during the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial in 2003.

An Art Project crew learned how to produce clay and concrete stepping-stones, Native American-style petroglyphs, and hanging wall planters.

MTC's Community Service crew landscaped the entry and surrounding area at the Columbia County Fairgrounds, then, while renovating a little league baseball field, built a deck, replaced or repaired several roofs, built steps, installed sheetrock, painted, dug trenches and installed a french drain, replaced flooring, and more. They also assisted the Columbia Pacific Food Bank several times.

MTC's summer youth program offers opportunities for both youth and businesses in Columbia County. The youth gain valuable work experience and high school credit needed to continue their education. The businesses receive motivated employees they might otherwise not have been able



Vernonia Director of Public Works Robyn Bassett with Eric Patterson.

to hire. By participating in programs provided by MTC and collaborating partners (Oregon Youth Conservation Corp, Columbia County Education Campus and the Youth Transition Program), young people start developing and recognizing the skills necessary to become contributing members of our communities.

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and used the opportunity to gain skills working with Vernonia Public Works as a summer crew member in 2000 and as assistant crew leader in the 2001 summer program. He worked on various projects, is full of enthusiasm and can be counted on to get the job done. Patterson graduated from high school this year and his hard work paid off when he was hired as a full-time employee with Vernonia Public Works in September.

Martinez attended MTC's Employment Skills Class and completed welding courses at Lower Columbia College. He passed the Washington Associ-

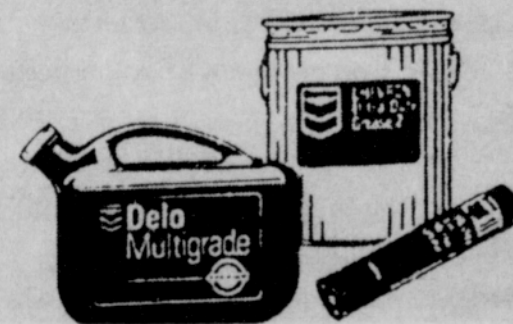
ation of Building Officials tests and is now working at Hollinger Construction in Longview.

Harrington's Clothing has held a unique partnership with MTC for several years. With only a phone call, MTC can arrange for clients to obtain work/interview related items and take them home the same day. Don and Kim Harrington are always willing to help the customer find the appropriate clothes and shoes for their interview or new job. MTC was pleased to acknowledge the outstanding contribution Don and Kim Harrington have made.

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