

# Army Veteran named TSWDB Outstanding Dislocated Worker

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Mr. Baldwin is an Army Veteran that served in both Iraq and Afghanistan and earned two medals for his service to his country. After receiving an honorable discharge, Timothy began working at a power plant in New Hill, NC, until he was notified of his pending layoff. He decided to utilize the WIA services offered through the Lee County JobLink and Career Center, and reenroll in school.



Within two years, Mr. Baldwin obtained an Associate's Degree in Bio-Maintenance and earned various certifications in Clean Room Operations for Calibration and Maintenance Technicians and Clean Room Gowning. Timothy also earned EPA certification in Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Technology, Programmable Logic Controls, Welding, Industrial Hydraulics, and Electrical Controls, along with earning a Diploma in Industrial Systems Technology. He became a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and made both the President's List and the Dean's List at Central Carolina Community College when he graduated with a 3.7 GPA.

"Tim was always focused and committed to the task of completing school," Ms. Jacqueline Burns, Timothy's WIA Case Manager stated. "He transferred those skills to his internship which led him to a lucrative position with the company."

Timothy is now an Instrumentation Calibration Technician for ESGI, Inc., a company affiliated with Progress Energy. With the starting salary at \$27.92 an hour, Timothy has reached his goals of being able to successfully provide for his family, just as his father before him. His wife accompanied him to the awards banquet and Jacqueline Burns, gladly stood by his side as Mr. Baldwin received his certificate and check.

"It was a pleasure to have someone of Tim's character to work with," Ms. Burns stated. "He was a great participant and was willing to listen to the ideas concerning his employment and finishing school."

Mr. Baldwin was the first ever recipient of the TSWDB Outstanding Dislocated Worker Award in December 2012. He was featured as a success story and pictured on the cover of the North Carolina Workforce Development Annual Report, and was the TSWDB nominee to receive the Governor's Award for Excellence in 2013.