

## TTC MAINTENANCE TECH PROGRAM

# 8 grads get job offers

The eight students who recently completed Trident Technical College's facilities maintenance technician program received timely graduation presents: job offers from local businesses with wages as high as \$16 an hour.

The facilities maintenance technician program, offered by the college's division of continuing education and economic development, is designed to meet the demand for maintenance technicians required for the operation of resorts, apartment complexes, schools, hospitals, hotels and motels.

Students are guaranteed a job interview upon completion of the training program.

The program is offered in cooperation with local employers and the Trident One Stop Career Center.

Employers attend the program's graduation ceremony and conduct interviews on-site. They talked with potential employees with 400 hours of classroom instruction and hands-on training in basic maintenance and repair.

"This program is a worthwhile partnership for our industry," said Terri Powers, senior vice president of Asset Management Consulting Services.

"These students have a will to work that I haven't often seen in my many years of interviewing."

Daniel Blumenstock, director of hotel operations for Fennell Holdings, agreed. "I thought the caliber of the



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**Eight students graduated from Trident Technical College Facilities Maintenance Technician Program. Pictured (first row, from left) are Jorge Danila, Nerion Hazelton and Ronald Howard, program leader at Trident One Stop Career Center; (second row) Frederick E. Roark, Troy Crutchfield and Vernon Cummings; (third row) Jeffery Jones, Delim Mack, Isaac Simmons; and Lloyd Kling (back), director of work force development and construction trades at TTC.**

class was outstanding."

The facilities maintenance technician program is based on nationally recognized curriculum provided by the National Center for Construction Education and Research and the National Apartment Association Education Institute.

Students learn how to repair doors, locks, cabinets and hardware; repair and install electrical devices and

plumbing fixtures; perform basic repairs such as painting, glazing and patching drywall; and service air conditioners.

The program also includes instruction in work place safety and communication skills necessary for good job performance.

For more information on the program, call Lloyd Kling at 574-6491 or 323-3500, or visit [www.tridenttech.edu/ce.htm](http://www.tridenttech.edu/ce.htm).