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Antigone Sharris, Triton College's Engineering Chairperson, was Featured on West40's Educational Podcast, *Shift Everything*
Podcast Discussed Career Paths in the Trades



(Left to right) Chris Coffey, West40's Communications and Media Relations manager, interviewed Antigone Sharris, Triton College's Engineering and Technology chairperson, for West40's educational podcast Shift Everything.

RIVER GROVE, Ill. – Triton College's Engineering and Technology Chairperson Antigone Sharris was featured on West40's educational podcast, *Shift Everything*, on Monday, Dec. 11, in Triton College's Technology Building (T Building).

Sharris discussed the importance the trades, especially welding, with the podcast's host, Chris Coffey, West40's Communications and Media Relations manager.

“Receiving a certificate or a degree from Triton in the trades is not only a great choice to become employable, but it can also be a great steppingstone to other career opportunities,” she said.

Sharris believes that learning how to create and construct are great qualities for several career paths from architecture to engineering, expressing that the best designers know how to “build.” She also feels that the “sky is the limit” when it comes to the trades, and students can start their own businesses and take on leadership roles.

“The trades have received a bad reputation,” explained Sharris. “It is a misconception that the pay is bad, creativity isn’t needed, that it leads to dead ends or that it’s just dominated by men. This is false. Anyone can enter the trades. It’s a great steppingstone for breaking into many fields that require creativity.”

The *Shift Everything* podcast discusses relevant educational topics, from interviews with superintendents and teachers, to student motivational success stories.

“I’m excited to lead conversations and then let the experts give their thoughts,” said Coffey.

West40 serves 38 school districts and three co-ops in West Cook County. Funded by the state of Illinois and by the school districts, West40 assists schools with student advocacy, specialized support services, professional development, licensures and much more.

To listen to the podcast, visit <https://spotifyanchor-web.app.link/e/qqtsahocvFb>.

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ABOUT TRITON COLLEGE

Triton College is a two-year college dedicated to helping members of the 25 Western Cook County communities in our district and beyond to achieve educational, professional and personal success. Located in River Grove, Ill., Triton offers more than 120 degree and certificate programs on its 110-acre campus, featuring a comfortable, friendly and diverse atmosphere. Triton also holds classes at satellite locations and offers online learning opportunities. Triton’s dedicated faculty and staff work to provide high quality, convenient and affordable educational opportunities to more than 14,000 students each year. Triton College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. Learn more at <http://www.triton.edu/>.