

Computer science prof brings experience to classroom

Former Fortune 500 exec says he teaches 'more than a subject' to students

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Bringing with him years of real world experience, Professor Tim Green is passing his knowledge on to OKCCC computer science students.

Green, 37, has had 10 years of industry experience, including working for a Fortune 500 company, UPS one of the top 500 companies in the nation.

Green began his full-time position in August.

"I knew that OKCCC had good peers to work with and I believe in their commitment to education,"

Green said.

To his surprise, some of the people that interviewed Green for the job actually had taught him when he attended Rose State College. Therefore, he knew their dedication to students and respected their way of teaching.

Green has experience teaching people how to become computer technicians at the Data-Training Institute in Oklahoma City.

"I taught people how to work on hardware and install software," said Green.



Photo by Melissa DePew

Tim Green

Turning from industry to teaching is something Green said he felt he

needed to do. He really wants his students to have first-hand experience before going out into the workforce.

"I am doing more than just teaching a subject," Green said.

"I am also teaching a career to my students."

Green said he can relate to people from all walks of life.

He encourages his students to stay in contact with him.

"If a student is running late, all they have to do is call me and let me know," Green said.

Green understands that certain situations arise, but he expects his students to

be in class and go the extra mile so that they are successful.

Green's advice for students taking his classes is somewhat direct.

"If my students will study hard and attend class, they will learn something that they can take with them and use it in their careers," said Green.

Green is married with two children and lives only five miles from campus.

A graduate of the University of Central Oklahoma, Green did not seek work out of state.

He said much of his family lives in this area and he feels as if a faculty job is the greatest position to have.

Love of teaching lands lawyer back in school

OKCCC's smiling faces and conferences appeal to Marty Ludlum

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Marvin "Marty" Ludlum, a former attorney, is now the new economics and business law professor at OKCCC.

Ludlum, an Oklahoma native, said he loves the "positive environment of the college and its emphasis on teaching."

He previously taught at the University of Phoenix, Rose State College, and Cameron University, before joining the OKCCC staff two semesters ago as adjunct professor of economics.

When asked why he left his law career for teaching, Ludlum said he wanted to go where his heart was, which led him back to the classroom.

Ludlum's first teaching job was at the University of Oklahoma as an adjunct debate teacher.

He said he likes OKCCC.

"Everywhere you look, there are always smiling faces." The college is always offering conferences and new ideas for the classroom, he said.

Ludlum said he recently came back from a conference in Eufaula where the ideas of global education were taught.

He is bringing this to his economics class by having his students not only use the Dow Jones stock index,

but also the Japanese Index and Financial Times of London as well. He is trying to go beyond just the textbook.

Prior to Ludlum, the business law course could only be found online or through a telecourse. Starting next semester, Ludlum will be teaching it in the classroom setting. Right now, he is trying to make sure it will transfer for those students who also attend colleges like the University of Oklahoma or the University of Central Oklahoma.

In his spare time Ludlum also writes and markets evidence books that are used by high school students nationwide for debate classes. When he began writing the books in 1992, he was a one-man show, doing it all by himself.

Now, he has writers, proofreaders, and copyists who work with him.

Ludlum said he understands how hard it can be for those who aren't just full-time students, but also have other things going on as well.

After receiving his law degree, Ludlum went back to college for his

masters in economics and masters in education. He took weekend classes to accomplish his goal.

"I actually had a cell phone in class with me waiting for my wife to have our first baby. The same thing happened with our second child as well."

Ludlum, husband and father of two, said he is committed to teaching. He makes a daily commute from Lawton to OKCCC in order to fulfill his classroom obligations.



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Marvin 'Marty' Ludlum

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