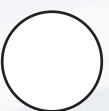
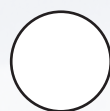
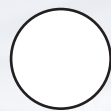
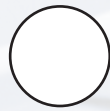


# AUTRY SUCCESS STORY



## Jerrica George

Mechatronics  
Non Traditional Student

Jerrica George has taken what she thought was a hobby and turned it into the beginning of a successful career for herself. “When I was younger I would tinker with electrical devices but, actually going into it as a profession? I didn’t think so,” explains George. “I guess I’m still surprised that I’m in the class again this year. I enjoy working with the IC chips, LEDs, and other small electronics, and I wouldn’t want to be in any other class.” She is a senior at Enid High School and a second-year student in Mechatronics at Autry Technology Center. Monte Roggow is her instructor.

George enrolled in the class, although she knew it was a primarily male field of study, but did not expect to be accepted into the program. She was delighted to be chosen and especially enjoys being a part of the student organization, SkillsUSA, where she participates in job interviewing, Electronics competition, and serves as treasurer for the afternoon chapter. She aspires to getting even more involved next year when she returns as an adult student.

In five years, she sees herself out of school, working as an Electronics Technician, possibly on aircraft. She hopes to work toward a bachelor’s and eventually a master’s degree in electrical engineering. George also hopes to get her pilot’s license and fly someday, as well. She sees herself as a lifelong learner. “I want to study many different things—to medical studies to religious to anything else I can.”

Gender stereotyping doesn’t stop George. In fact, she seems inspired and has great hope for the future of her field, in particular. “Right now the Electronics Engineering field doesn’t have very many women in it, but I’m sure that within the next ten years . . . interest is going to double,” she says. She admires women like Susan B. Anthony and Hillary Rodham Clinton for breaking barriers and opening doors for all the women that follow behind them.

George has high hopes for her own career. “Through Autry and Mechatronics I have a pretty good idea what I want to do with the rest of my life, and where I want to go,” she says.

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