

# Students get career boost from Dataflex scholarships

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*Scholarships*

*Students receive a huge head start from the computer seminar*



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*Certified Novell Instructor Warren Wyrostek, right, clarifies a point for SAIL graduate Jesse Hardin, Center, in class at Dataflex.*

<p>A new scholarship opportunity tested by the Tallahassee office of Dataflex Corp. has given seven local students a valuable head start on their futures.</p> <p>A national corporation specializing in system-interface training and services, Dataflex is the authorized trainer for Novell, an operating system that manages software programs.</p> <p>Once people earn the credentials of certified network administrator, they can virtually write their own ticket in the job market, explained Dataflex Training Coordinator Theresa O'Neill. Dataflex's</p>	<p>seat for the 40-hour course, are normally filled with business people and recent college graduates needing the extra certification to be competitive. O'Neill, whose husband Bob is the general manager of the local Dataflex office, arranged for his office to provide summer scholarships that enable one student from each of the area's high schools to participate in the Novell training program. Over this past summer, all seven of the students, who were selected by their schools on the basis of their understanding of the Disc Operating System</p>	<p>Successfully completing the Novell training course is one thing. All seven of the scholarship students have done that. But incredibly, O'Neill said, four of them have already tested and awarded their professional CAN credentials.</p> <p>They are Jesse Hardin (SAIL), Dane Woodall (Godby High School), Wilson Bilkovich (Leon High School) and Peter Amustuz (Richards High School). A fifth student, Michael McHargue, who graduated from Lincoln High School in June, is already on his new job</p>	<p>The success of this group of students has been remarkable and according to O'Neill, has ensured the continuation of the program in this area and beyond. The southeast division of Dataflex, which is headquartered in Clearwater, is now looking at repeating the program throughout Florida. On August 13, the Leon County School Board recognized Dataflex and Bob and Theresa O'Neill for their work with students.</p> <p><i>Material provided by Raine Smalridge of Leon County Schools</i></p>
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Novell classes, which run weekly at \$1300 a	microcomputer concepts, took advantage of this opportunity.	in the management information systems department of the Florida Department of Transportation.	
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