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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT:



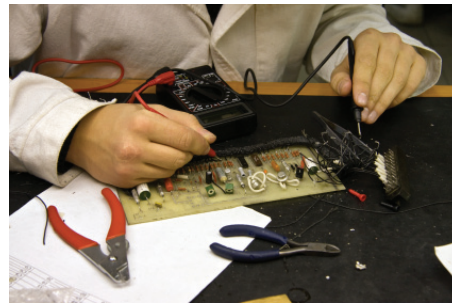
Welcome to WCCCD Downriver Campus! We hope that you

find this newsletter to be interesting and enlightening. Our campus has many great things going on from the NATEF Reaccreditation to our amazing students who continue to achieve even after graduation. Be sure to stop and say, "Hello" if you see me on campus. As always, I hope you enjoy this newsletter and I welcome your comments and suggestions for stories.

Sincerely,
Anthony Arminiak
President
Downriver Campus

Congratulations
William Sagert,
winner of the
YAATC Best Student
Award 2010-2011

WCCCD EARNS NATIONAL ACCREDITATION FOR AUTOMOTIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMMING



WCCCD recently achieved NATEF Master Accreditation for its Automotive Service Technology Program. This is the highest level of achievement recognized by the National Automotive Technician Education Foundation (NATEF). The NATEF is an independent, non-profit organization that evaluates technician and training programs for accreditation.

As a result of its recent site visit, NATEF commended staff and faculty for "maintaining program standards and continuing to meet the industry's requirements." The site visit established that the District is following national standards set by the Board of the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence.

"The NATEF re-accreditation gives our students a leading edge to learning the skills necessary to earn their

own certification through NATEF and increase their chance of employment," says Anthony Arminiak, President, WCCCD Downriver Campus.

WCCCD offers automotive training programming in eight areas including brakes, electrical/electronic systems, engine performance and repair, manual drive train & axle and more. WCCCD also partners with Ford Motor Company to support programming needs.

Ford Motor Company and WCCCD Collaborate on Automotive Maintenance and Light Repair Training

Ford Motor Company formed the Youth and Adult Training Center (YAATC) in 1999 to address the needs of youth and adults, 18 and over, in the area of automotive technology. The goals of the Ford YAATC program are to provide opportunities to economically disadvantaged individuals in acquiring life skills and entry-level automotive repair skills to increase employment opportunities. Since that time, Ford Motor Company has invested operating funds, tools, and equipment into the automotive service lab at the Downriver Campus of WCCCD to achieve program goals.

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 **Technical Career Entry Programs**



The YAATC Program offers focused job-readiness and life skills training. "We must insure that we are utilizing Ford Motor Company support in the most beneficial way to the program and are producing qualified graduates based on the curriculum," says Ethel Cronk, Campus Chief Academic Officer of the Downriver Campus. Life skills training topics include resume writing, mock job interviews, overcoming barriers, conflict resolution, and customer service skills. Job readiness training focuses on five areas of basic automotive repair skills:

- Electrical
- Steering and Suspension
- Brakes
- Climate Control
- Tire, Chassis and Maintenance

YAATC program students are assured that the training they receive is delivered by a Ford Motor Company trained and certified instructor. YAATC program instruction is delivered by John Wood, WCCCD faculty member, who maintains ASE Master Certification and appropriate Ford Motor Company Service Technician Specialty Certification. Successful YAATC program graduates can:

- Earn up to 100% of Ford Quick Lane technical training.
- Graduate with Ford developed Service Technician Specialty Training.
- Obtain an employment advantage by obtaining a YAATC certificate.

As designed, the YAATC Program can make a difference in an individual's life. Graduates of the YAATC program obtain skills that increase their potential to gain employment. Ford Motor Company is striving to make a difference in the communities that the YAATC Program serves. ■

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: ERIC WILLIAMS

Eric Williams is a 2011 Associate of Arts graduate of WCCCD with a 3.75 GPA. Graduating summa cum laude, Eric now works at Detroit Medical Center and Henry Ford Health System while pursuing his Bachelor of Science in Business Quality Systems Management from The National Graduate School of Quality Management.

Before attending WCCCD, Eric received accolades and praise from the Superintendent Gary Kelly and Quality Assurance Manager Angela Wooten for exceptional patient care and exemplary customer service. Eric was also recognized by student body and faculty at Cass Technical High School for an Emergency 911 Detroit EMS presentation for career day. This great story of achievement and success did not come without struggle and tribulation. Eric came to WCCCD after a series of ups and downs which

included dropping out of high school two-times before committing to change his path and focus on the future.

Eric took control of his education and future and completed his GED certification test, with eyes set on fostering his education at WCCCD.

After finally completing his basic educational requirements, Eric attended Richmond Lenox EMS Ambulance Authority where he obtained his EMT certification and went on to work for the Detroit Fire Department (DFD). Eric now lives in West Bloomfield with his wife and two high-energy children, and his 5 year goal is to complete his Masters and PhD and eventually move up the corporate ladder. ■

SPECIAL EVENTS

Downriver College Night
Thursday, October 6, 2011
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Downriver Campus
21000 Northline Road, Taylor, MI.

Wayne County Community College District's Downriver Campus presents its Annual College Night.

Don't miss this opportunity to obtain information from over 45 colleges including representatives from the Armed Forces! There is no cost for admission and parents, family and friends are welcome!

Family Safety Fair and Open House
Saturday, October 8, 2011
9 AM - 1 PM
Downriver Campus
21000 Northline, Taylor, MI 48180

Wayne County Community College District's School of Continuing Education in Partnership with Wayne County Sheriff's Office Present Family Safety Fair and Open House

Educational fun for the entire family! Bring your camera for memorable moments. Activities will include: Information/Workshops for Parents: Fire extinguisher training, home emergency preparedness and boater safety.