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.
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.

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.