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Another CCSNH benefit is the Running Start program, which enables high school students to enroll in college courses at substantial savings in tuition cost.



Rendering of new Automotive Technology Training Center being built at Manchester Community College

Community Colleges Offer Affordable, Quality Education

Peter J. McNamara, NHADA President/NHAEF Executive Director

Lakes, mountains, and ocean; cities and towns – there is something for everyone in New Hampshire. The diversity is evident in the very names of the colleges that are part of the Community College System of New Hampshire (CCSNH). This issue of *The High Road* reviews the automotive-related programs at five CCSNH campuses, from the Great Bay to the White Mountains.

Shannon Reid, CCSNH Director of Communications, reports, "Although each college within CCSNH is different, they share a commitment to provide students with opportunities for an excellent education and a well-rounded college experience. Our graduates leave here with topnotch career skills and the broader knowledge and abilities that come with a full Associate Degree. Community college credits are also generally transferable, should students wish to continue their education at a four-year college. The Community Colleges also offer a wide range of student activities, athletics, community service experiences, and leadership opportunities, as well as interaction with students in a range of other academic programs."

The New Hampshire Automobile Dealers Association (NHADA) has long been a proponent of New Hampshire's Community Colleges. NHADA dealers appreciate the quality of the students who achieve an Associate Degree, and students who achieve a Degree have the benefit of two years of college, which can be transferred to a four-year college or university.

Parents will appreciate that, after working with Governor Lynch and the New Hampshire Legislature on a lean budget that will uphold academic excellence, CCSNH Trustees made the decision to not raise tuition costs for the 2008-2009 academic year and care deeply about keeping tuition affordable.

CCSNH Board Chairman Paul Holloway, who is also an Honorary Director and Past President of the NHADA Board, explained, "Affordability is a key component of the Community College mission. These days, when the cost of living is increasing in so many sectors, it's important to keep tuition costs from rising for New Hampshire families."

Dr. Richard Gustafson, Chancellor of the Community College System, said, "We're adding new programs, upgrading facilities, incorporating new technology, and strengthening the colleges' regional identities. These colleges are working hard to provide opportunities for New Hampshire residents."

To learn more about the Community College System of New Hampshire, visit their Web site at www.ccsnh.edu. ▲

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The **Automotive Technology** program at Great Bay combines theory, extensive laboratory experience, and cooperative work experience, as well as courses in technical math, English, physics, social sciences, and humanities to develop technicians with professional skills, who are also well-rounded individuals.

Students gain experience with Toyota vehicles and procedures and benefit from the Automotive Technology program's participation in the **T-TEN (Toyota Technical Education Network)** Partnership.

Automotive technicians are trained to diagnose and repair the complex electronic and computerized systems in new vehicles and to cope with the fast-changing professional demands of the automotive service industry.

In the fall of 2009, the Toyota T-TEN program will move into a brand-new facility at Manchester Community College. The new facility will include new automotive technology labs and classrooms. ▲



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The **General Motors Automotive Service Educational Program**

(ASEP) fulfills two very important goals in providing the best possible education for GM technicians.

First, it combines state-of-the-art technical training with appropriate academic course work and dealership experience.

GM ASEP also fills an industry need for well-educated and motivated technicians capable of continued growth in a technologically dynamic field. Graduates who successfully complete the 21-month cooperative education Automotive Service Educational Program will receive an

Associate of Applied Science Degree in Automotive Technology and GM STC credits toward certification in all areas.

ASEP is a cooperative program between Lakes Region Community College, GM Dealers, and General Motors Corporation.

Once a student has enrolled in the program and secured a sponsoring dealer, the student's time will be divided between the classroom and dealership work experience.

The General Motors Training Center has designated Lakes Region Community College ASEP as the 2008 Premier ASEP College in the New England Region. ▲



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Manchester Community College's Associate Degree in **Automotive Technology** is a state-of-the-art, two-year program combining classroom and practical training with paid on-the-job co-op experience. The curriculum is designed to meet the student's particular area of interest and includes a comprehensive path covering Asian, European, and domestic makes.

Additionally, **Chrysler College Automotive Program (CAP)** and **Ford Maintenance and Light Repair (MLR)** specialized curriculums each focus on manufacturer-specific products and provide the manufacturer technician training certification.

Through the co-op experience, students become familiar with the latest technology while working as paid technician trainees. This partnership among manufacturers, local dealerships, independent businesses, and the college provides students with exceptional education and training that prepares them for full-time employment and as a foundation for career mobility.▲



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The **Honda Automotive Technology program**, otherwise known as **PACT (Professional Automotive Career Training)**, is a partnership between Nashua Community College, American Honda Motor Co., Inc., and Honda/Acura Dealers. This Associate Degree program is designed to train students for employment in Honda/Acura dealerships and to prepare them for ASE Master Certification. The training includes classroom theory, hands-on lab work, an internship at a dealership, and general education components. The technical instruction at the college is conducted in a professionally equipped, modern facility. American

Honda supplies the program with vehicles, special tools, and access to technical data.

Graduates of the PACT program will have received more than 50 percent of the required training to become a Honda/Acura Master Technician in addition to being prepared for ASE Master Certification. This is a significant head start into a career with job security and high income potential.

The **Collision Repair Technology Program** is designed to provide students with the skills necessary to enter the collision repair industry.

This program teaches students all phases of collision repair, including frame straightening and estimating.

Graduates of this program will satisfy an industry need for well-educated and technically trained positions. Some students go on to earn an advanced degree in business or automotive management. Past graduates have become technicians, teachers, shop owners, and factory representatives.

The **Automotive Technology** two-year Associate Degree program combines automotive technical training and academic course work to provide the student with the skills and knowledge needed for an exciting and rewarding career in the automotive service industry.▲





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The Associate in Science Degree program in **Mobile Equipment Technology** prepares students to diagnose and service diesel-powered trucks and equipment. Students will learn to use a systems approach to analyze and repair diesel engines, transmissions, brakes, hydraulics, related technologies, and controlling systems. Extensive lab courses and a co-op experience are supported by rigorous coursework in physics, math,

communications, and social science. Shop safety, work habits, shop management, and customer relations are also stressed.

Graduates from this program find employment at heavy-truck and equipment dealerships, as well as forestry, agricultural, and automotive dealerships whose lines include diesel-powered units. Students may also find employment in construction, forestry, trucking, skiing, marine

service, power generation, and other industries that use diesel-powered units.

Automotive repair professionals need to have up-to-date technical information at their command. The Associate Degree program in **Automotive Technology** combines in-depth theory with extensive practical training in a well-equipped lab. The program is NATEF (National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation) certified.

Students may also opt to enroll in one of two specialized Certificate options, designed to teach specific skills and competencies. ▲

There is Money Out There!

In these tough economic times, college expenses are of major concern to students and their parents. The good news for students attending one of the programs listed in this newsletter is that there is financial aid available from a number of sources.

When Dan McLeod, NHADA President for 27 years, passed away last spring, his family asked that donations in his memory be made to the Community Colleges of New Hampshire Foundation, 26 College Drive, Concord, NH 03301. Of all the charities they could have chosen, the McLeod family designated automotive-specific scholarships at CCSNH, knowing that education was important to Dan, who was also on the Community College System of New Hampshire Board of Trustees. Dan was also passionate in his support of the New Hampshire Automotive Education Foundation and its scholarship program.

The Community Colleges of New Hampshire Foundation is increasing its scholarship support to nearly \$600,000, a 25 percent increase over the funding available in the previous year. Information and application materials may be found at www.ccsnh.edu/foundation.

The New Hampshire Automotive Education Foundation provides scholarships to students attending CCSNH automotive-related programs. Scholarships may be used for tuition or for tool purchases. To review scholarship criteria and download an application, simply go to www.nhada.com and click on "Scholarship Opportunities" on the bottom of the right-hand side of the home page. Please call Jean Conlon at 800-852-3372 with any questions.

The Mobile Equipment and Diesel Technology Foundation also provides scholarships for Mobile Equipment Associate Degree students who are enrolled in or accepted and will be attending college at White Mountains Community College. Please contact Professor Phil Slocum at (603) 752-1113 for additional information.

There are numerous other scholarship opportunities, too many to list in this publication! Students and parents are encouraged to contact the financial aid department at the CCSNH campus of their choice to learn more. ▲

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