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We've Come a Long Way!

Jean Conlon, NHAEF Programs Administrator

In 1999, Exeter's Seacoast School of Technology became the first high school in New Hampshire to receive ASE's National Automotive Technician Education Foundation (NATEF) Certification. Less than ten years later, 16 out of the 20 programs serving New Hampshire's high school students have achieved NATEF Certification, and 3 more are working on or are awaiting Certification. In addition, 5 NATEF schools have also attained the prestigious Automotive Youth Education System (AYES) Certification.

Achieving NATEF is the first step. It is then important to keep up the standards as each program must re-certify every five years.

George Dyksta, New Hampshire's AYES Affiliate and a Director on the New Hampshire Automotive Education Foundation's Board, has been instrumental in working with each high school program to certify and re-certify. Please feel free to contact George at 603-387-1324 with any questions.

Please see the chart below to review the status of the high school in your region. ▲

City

Automotive Technology High School

Berlin

Berlin Vocational Center*

Concord

Concord Regional Technology Center**

Conway

A. Crosby Kennett High School*

Derry

Pinkerton Academy**

Dover

Dover Vocational Center*

Exeter

Seacoast School of Technology**

Keene

Cheshire Center of Applied Science & Technology

Laconia

Huot Technical Center*

Littleton

Hugh Gallen Regional Vocational Center

Manchester

Manchester School of Technology*

Nashua

Nashua High School North*

New Ipswich

Mascenic High School*

Newport

Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center*

Plymouth

Plymouth Regional Technical Center

Portsmouth

Portsmouth Senior High School*

Rochester

Richard W. Creteau Regional Vocational Center*

Salem

Salem High School**

Somersworth

Somersworth Regional Vocational Center*

White River Jct., VT

Hartford Area Career & Technology Center**

Wolfeboro

Region 9 Vocational Center



Legend:

NATEF and AYES Certified**

NATEF Certified*

Awaiting NATEF

Working on NATEF

Not working on NATEF



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Mascenic High School Places Second at National Automotive Technology Competition

George Dykstra, AYES State Affiliate, NHAEF Director

Congratulations to Automotive Technology Instructor Vincent Fittante, Assistant Instructor Rick Peterson, and students Matt Parison and Adam Sesia of Mascenic High School's Automotive Technology program on their second-place finish at the National Automotive Technology Competition. Central Technical School in Toronto, the first and only Canadian team to be represented at this event, placed first.

Mascenic High School in New Ipswich has represented New Hampshire for the past three years, placing in the top ten each time. Winning at this prestigious national automotive competition is truly a team effort. The 38 contestant teams from around the country and Canada are truly the best of the best. This is a tremendous feat!

The opportunity to attend this contest and the New York International Auto Show at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center is, in itself, a wonderful experience for our students. In addition, they have won many gifts, including scholarships to help them grow to be great technicians.

The competition takes place over two days. On day one, students are timed and tested on their general technical knowledge in engine mechanical operations and in engine and body electrical systems and controls at off-car automotive training stations. Day two provides the opportunity for our students to show they have the knowledge and ability to diagnose and repair various engine control systems and body electronic subsystems on their assigned vehicles, which, in New Hampshire's case, was a Mazda 3.

Our congratulations also go to Bob Grappone and his Mazda sales and service team who provided the Mazda 3 training vehicle, scan tool, and technical support. Our winning students wish to convey their sincere appreciation for the sponsorship and support they received from our New Hampshire Automotive Educational Foundation and Grappone Mazda.▲



(Left to right) AYES State Affiliate George Dykstra, with Automotive Technology Instructor Vincent Fittante, and students Adam Sesia and Matt Parison, who were the number one U. S. team!

NHAEF Center for Automotive Education and Training

Upcoming Seminars – REGISTER ON-LINE (www.nhada.com)

June 12	Hazardous Materials Three-year Certification Training (Ground and Air)
July 16	NHADA Green Initiative Seminar Series: Energy Usage and Savings

For additional information, please contact Jean Conlon at 800-852-3372 or by e-mail at jconlon@nhada.com.

Ford/AAA Auto Skills

May 1 was an exciting day at NH Motor Speedway in Loudon. Teams of students from both New Hampshire and Vermont competed to find the “bugs” planted in Ford Probes in an exciting contest.

Manchester School of Technology’s team of Justin Richardson and Nicholas Bryan won first place in New Hampshire. Congratulations to the students and to Automotive Technology Instructor Dan McNally for a great effort.

Seacoast School of Technology came in second, and Concord Regional Technology Center placed third.

Congratulations to all! 🏆



(Left to right) Bill Atkinson of Ford Motor Company, with the Ford/AAA winning team of Justin Richardson, Automotive Technology Instructor Dan McNally, and Nicholas Bryan, Tom Giasson of AAA New England, and Dr. Ed Taylor of the NH Department of Education (and also an NHAEF Director)

Skills USA Helps Students to Excel

Nashua Community College hosts Skills USA’s annual competition for students who are preparing for careers in trade, technical, and skilled service occupations, including automotive technology, collision repair, and power equipment technology.

The New Hampshire Automotive Education Foundation applauds the following 2008 winners:

Secondary Automotive:

- 1st place – Matt Parison, Mascenic High School
- 2nd place – Nicholas Nemethy, Salem High School
- 3rd place – Adam Minihan, Mascenic High School
- 4th place – Craig Robinson, Seacoast School of Technology
- 5th place – Mike Lenny, Mascenic High School

Post- Secondary Automotive:

- 1st place – Robert Hoge, Lakes Region Community College, Laconia
- 2nd place – Dan Roberts, Lakes Region Community College, Laconia
- 3rd place – Michael LaPanne, Lakes Region Community College, Laconia

Secondary Collision Repair:

- 1st place – Dylan Bisson, Dover Vocational Center
- 2nd place – Jess Harrell, Region 9 Vocational Center
- 3rd place – Josh Tennis, Dover Vocational Center
- 4th place – Roy Ramsdell, Region 9 Vocational Center
- 5th place – Joe Coddling, Dover Vocational Center

Secondary Power Equipment Technology:

- 1st place – Jerry Williams, Region 9 Vocational Center
- 2nd place – Eric Duseneau, Somersworth Regional Vocational Center
- 3rd place – William Roche, Region 9 Vocational Center
- 4th place – Mike Bennett, Somersworth Regional Vocational Center 🏆



The Community College System of New Hampshire (CCSNH) offers factory-specific Associate Degree programs, including:

Great Bay Community College

Stratham 772-1194
Toyota T-TEN

Lakes Region Community College

Laconia 524-3207
General Motors ASEP

Manchester Community College

Manchester 668-6706
Chrysler Apprenticeship Program (CAP)
Ford MLR Program, Automotive Technology

Nashua Community College

Nashua 882-6923
Honda PACT, Automotive Technology,
Collision Repair

White Mountains Community College

Berlin 752-1113
Diesel Technology, Automotive Technology

Driving Home the Importance of Good Driving Records

New Scholarship Criteria Announced

Jean Conlon, NHAEF Programs Administrator

At a recent Board Meeting, the New Hampshire Automotive Education Foundation Directors voted to include additional criteria for scholarship recipients. Effective immediately, in addition to academic achievements, the applicant must have a valid NH driver's license. Also, an applicant under the age of 20 will be excluded from receiving scholarship monies if there are two or more points on the Motor Vehicle Record (MVR), and a driver age 20 and over will be excluded with three or more points on the MVR.

Good driving habits and records are important criteria for a career in the automotive industry. It is critical that students entering Associate Degree programs at New Hampshire's Community Colleges' Automotive Technology (CCSNH) programs be insurable when interning at NHADA members' stores, and we will be working with the high schools to get this message to the students.

Scholarship applications for students attending one of the CCSNH programs listed on page 3 may be downloaded at www.nhada.com. Please click on the link at the bottom of the Home Page under Special Alerts.

If you have any questions, please contact me at either 800-852-3372 or by e-mail at jconlon@nhada.com. ▲

**Automotive Technology
Scholarships are
available through the
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Engaging and educating students will be the theme for the 2008 NH Automotive Technology Education and Career Expo
As soon as the date and venue are confirmed, we will notify NHAEF members and schools!



Continuing Education

The New Hampshire Automotive Education Foundation provides workshops and seminars for NHADA members' employees on a myriad of topics, with a particular emphasis on compliance issues.

In the next few months, we will be scheduling seminars for the 2008-2009 school year.

If you have any suggestions for topics or presenters, please contact either Jean Conlon or Pete McNamara at 800-852-3372 or at their respective e-mails (jconlon@nhada.com or pmcnamara@nhada.com). ▲