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Start your engines!

By Dennis Podolan
Auto Technician Instructor

Labor statistics estimate an annual shortage of 60,000 qualified automotive technicians. At New Haven High School, we offer students the opportunity to fill one of those jobs as a certified automotive technician.

The Automotive Technician Program, located at the high school, is NATEF certified. The National Automotive Technician Education Foundation is the educational arm of the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence. This organization is responsible for certifying auto-

motive technicians throughout the nation to help maintain the highest possible technical standards for the industry.

NATEF conducts independent on-site evaluations of staff, facilities, equipment and curriculum of automotive educational programs throughout the nation. It evaluates programs to verify quality educational opportunities for students. The on-site evaluations are conducted every five years, with a compliance review every two and one-half years.

Certification allows for many of our students who move on to college for further training the opportunity

to receive up to six college credits before they even start college. Articulation agreements between high schools and colleges are a way to prevent duplication of instruction as a student pursues his or her career.

Many of our former students are working as technicians in dealerships or independent repair facilities. Others own their own repair businesses, while others have used their opportunities to become service writers, flat-rate technicians and engineers.

We remain committed to providing our students a first-rate opportunity to fill one of the many jobs available in the automotive repair industry.



The Ford AAA Team from New Haven High School includes, from left, Tim Lenont, George Rivard, Tim Miron, Vladimir Gurskiy, Terrance Moten, Josh Guerrero and Mark Sweeney.

Outstanding seniors and business partner

By Sally Geer
Career and Technical Education Director

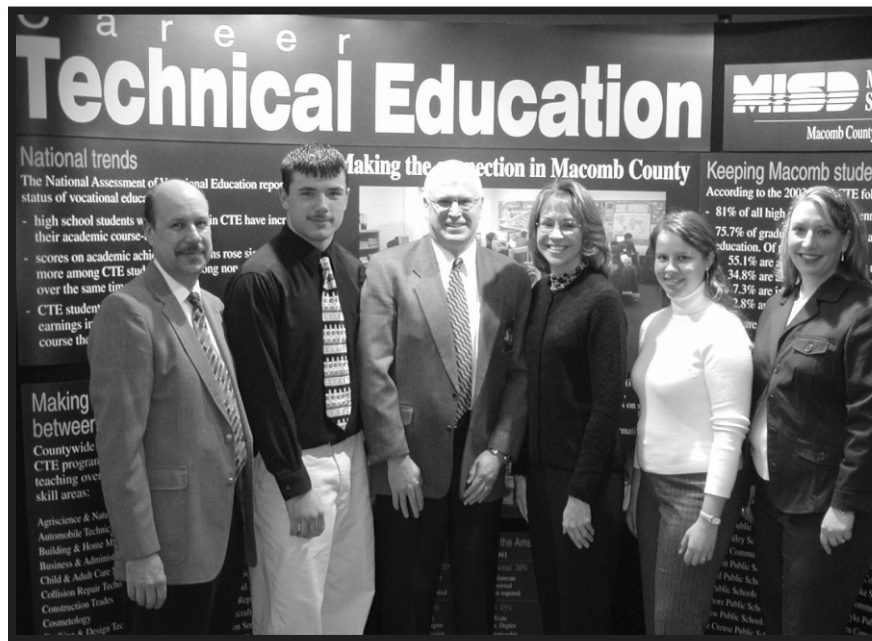
On Feb. 4, Natalia Cwalina, Timothy Lenont and Jeff White were honored at an awards breakfast hosted by the Macomb Career and Technical Education Administrators Association.

Cwalina was selected as the outstanding senior in the Business Management and Technology program. She is extremely dedicated, hard working, highly driven and self motivated, and her goals for herself far exceed her peers.

She is fifth in her graduating class, carrying a 3.9 grade-point average. She is dual enrolled at Macomb Community College, is a member of the National Honor Society and co-editor of the Yearbook. After school, she has worked as an administrative assistant with Comcast Cable and CJ Engineering. Her interests include soccer, reading and studying other cultures. Polish Girl Scouts and Polish school Wednesday evenings are also important to this bilingual student.

Cwalina excels in Business Management as well as Accounting. She plans to further her education after graduation by attending the University of Michigan.

Timothy Lenont was honored as the



From left, Dennis Podolan, automotive instructor; Tim Lenont, Outstanding Automotive Senior; Jeff White, Business Partner; Deborah Baranowski, Medical Careers instructor; Natalia Cwalina, Outstanding Business Senior; and Allison Hosler, Business instructor.

outstanding senior in the Auto Technician program.

He has displayed an excellent work ethic and outstanding leadership skills in the advanced auto technician program. His drive to succeed is conta-

gious. Other students follow his example, enabling him to be an invaluable lab assistant in the introductory auto technician program. It is not surprising that Lenont was selected captain of the football team and wrestling

team. He will lead New Haven's Ford AAA Auto Skills Team into competition this year.

He never seems to have a bad day. His upbeat personality, energy and effort make every day a pleasure for everyone that comes into contact with him.

Lenont plans to attend Macomb Community College's Auto Technician program in the fall.

Jeff White from the Richmond-Lenox Township Emergency Medical Services was honored as Business/Industry partner. For the past 16 years, he has been the director.

For several years, White has visited New Haven's medical career classes and has been helpful in teaching students about the responsibilities and tasks involved in being a paramedic. He is always informative and task oriented. Our students are always eager to participate in the hands-on activities he presents. The time White spends with our students is always a valuable learning experience for everyone involved.

The Richmond-Lenox EMS also offers job-shadowing and dual enrollment opportunities to high school juniors and seniors exploring or pursuing a public safety EMS career.

Business Professionals OF AMERICA

REGIONAL COMPETITION WINNERS

Kurt Boden
3rd Place Extemporaneous Speech

Melissa Dillow
2nd Place Advanced Interview Skills

Rebecca Frink
1st Place Medical Office Procedures
2nd Place Legal Office Procedures

Gerald Hessel
1st Place Banking and Finance

James Stier
1st Place Interviewing Skills

Cassandra Yaple
2nd Place Presentation Management Individual

Michaela Yaple
2nd Place Human Resource Management
Business Professionals of America

STATE WINNER

Rebecca Frink
4th Place Medical Office Procedures
Business Professionals of America

NATIONAL COMPETITION, ANAHEIM, CALIF. APRIL 22-26

Rebecca Frink
Medical Office Procedures

Ford/AAA Student Auto Skills Competition
Ultimate Master Technician Challenge
April 26-27
Macomb Community College
George Rivard
Mark Sweeney

Health care providers needed

By Deborah Baranowski
Medical Careers Instructor

As many people know, there is and will be a demand for health care providers.

Entry-level to administrative positions in the medical fields are always advertised in the newspaper. So why not prepare high school students with the skills needed for these entry-level positions? Once the students have graduated from high school they will have a better chance of earning employment in the medical field. This, in turn, will also help promote post-secondary education to those who are serious about pursuing an advanced degree in a medical profession. This is the mission of the New Haven High School's Medical Careers class.

Medical Careers introduces students to health care professions. Many professionals from different medical fields visit the class to inform the students about the duties of the career, the education needed, certification requirements, and the salary and benefits. Some of the visitors have brought equipment that is used on a daily basis to give the students the opportunity for a "hands-on" ex-

perience. Some of the different medical fields represented include a pharmacist, dentist, dental hygienist, emergency medical technician, radiology technologist, massage therapist, physical therapist, occupational therapist and a nurse. The students are also given the chance to explore various fields through job-shadowing experiences.

In class, the students learn skills that prepare them for entry-level employment in a medical field. Some of the skills include those of a medical assistant, laboratory assistant, nursing assistant and physical therapy assistant. The students also master business and accounting skills, and medical terminology.

Another objective is for the students to become trained and certified in CPR/AED. This is made possible upon successful completion of the national cognitive and skills evaluation of the American Heart Association for the BLS from the Healthcare Providers Program. A representative from the Richmond-Lenox EMS has come to the class to train the students.

Communication skills are another goal for high school students. It is the

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students' responsibility to inform their peers, teachers and administrators about various disorders by displaying presentations in a showcase or bulletin board in the school. The projects define the problem, describe the symptoms, list the possible treatments and state how the disorder will affect the patient's daily life. Celebrities and political figures having the disorder are also mentioned.

Getting outside-of-school work experience has not yet been established. However, the medical students do get the opportunity to see what it is like to work in a nursing home when they visit with residents of the Memory Loss Center and Health Care Center at Presbyterian Village of Chesterfield. Once a month, the students volunteer their time to visit, play games and make crafts with the residents. The residents really enjoy the stu-

dents' company and the students look forward to these visits.

The students also volunteer at the school's annual blood drive. A nurse from the American Red Cross trained the students in labeling the blood packs, and the duties of the registration desk, canteen service, and escorting the people to and from the blood drive site.

One last activity the students participate in is the spring festival hosted by the communications class at the school. Each year the medical students set up a booth and perform medical assistant duties on other students or visitors who attend the festival. Not only do the students get to reinforce the skills that they learned, they have fun doing the work.

The medical careers class is a great opportunity for students to learn the skills of a multi-skilled worker. With these skills, the students are prepared for entry-level positions in a medical field. It is also apparent that since many of the students wish to fulfill a career in the medical field they will go on to a post-secondary institution to continue their education and achieve a degree.

New Haven Career and Resource Center

By Angela Lind
Career Development Facilitator

The Career Development Facilitator helps students from all grade levels answer questions or concerns about Career Pathways, Educational Development Plans, job shadowing, college selection, scholarships, financial aid, technical training, job skills, resume writing, community service and volunteerism. Information on careers, job markets, labor trends and colleges are available on the Career Center's computer resources, such as Bridges, MOIS and Career Cruising.

All students are encouraged to participate in a job-shadowing experience related to their career choice. Job shadowing provides students with career exploration activities that demonstrate the link between classrooms and the workplace. For employers, job shadowing offers an opportunity to actively partner with communities in preparing the future work force.

Some of the careers that have been job shadowed by students are computer web design, realty, law enforcement, auto mechanic, baker/chef, culinary arts, banking, cooling and heating, insurance agent, attorney, journalism, photography, elementary school teacher, childcare, pharmacist, dental assistant, dental hygienist, veterinarian, veterinarian technician, urgent care and physical therapy.

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