

Dear High School Educator:

Would you want your son – or daughter – to become an automotive technician? If you had your life to live over, would you consider studying auto mechanics?

Some of you are shaking your head, no. Many people who work on cars for a living do not receive any respect. And that's largely why there aren't enough technicians to fix today's vehicles, much less tomorrows. Today, we consistently have more positions available than graduates.

The world of the automotive technician has been changing rapidly in the last couple of decades. The era of the "shade-tree" mechanic, the guy who could fix anything with few tools, is gone. Auto service work is now a highly skilled profession, requiring intensive study and perseverance. It offers good working conditions, pay and benefits for skilled technicians.

Today's technicians need to understand how increasingly complex vehicles work. They must know how to identify problems and what to do about them. They operate sophisticated diagnostic equipment. For example there is more computer power in today's vehicles than existed in the entire Apollo lunar landing space program.

On today's vehicles, computers control 80 to 90 percent of the systems. Furthermore, because skilled technicians are in such great demand, the job market is likely to remain strong for years to come.

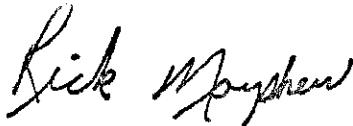
The automotive field has become very technical. It's not unusual today for technicians to have laptop computers, scan tools, and handheld lab scopes on their toolboxes along with the familiar hand tools.

Southeast Community College is offering bright students the opportunity to experience what it would be like to pursue a career in the automotive field. We are offering this automotive summer camp to foster an understanding of the skills needed to become a successful automotive technician. This will be strictly a hands-on camp with about a 3 to 1 student to instructor ratio.

If you could share these posters with your students and industrial education teachers who have students that might be interested in this activity, maybe we can instill an attitude in these students that will offer them a college degree.

The Automotive programs of SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE are among the nation's leaders in training technicians for this high tech field. We provide students with an excellent level of training and job placement that comes from over 60 years of experience and four program choices.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Morphey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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The Automotive Summer Camp is a two day camp for anyone 16 years of age or older that wants to find out more about making the automotive field a career. The camp will be held June 10th and 11th of June on the Milford campus of Southeast Community College. We have 60 spots for participants on a first come bases. Below is the agenda for the two day camp.

Day One Agenda:

8:00 – 9:30	Registration and Dorm check-in
9:30 – 11:30	Participate in the first of four sessions (engine repair)
11:30 – 12:30	Lunch
12:30 – 2:30	Participate in the second of four sessions (drivability)
3:00 – 5:00	Participate in the third of four sessions (electrical)
5:00 – 6:00	Information session
6:00 – 7:00	Evening meal
7:00 – 10:00	Bus to special activity

Day Two Agenda

8:00 – 9:00	Breakfast
9:30 – 11:30	Participate in the fourth of four sessions (transmission repair)
11:30 – 12:30	Lunch
12:30 – 1:30	Engine build, evaluation, & check-out

The automotive summer camp is for anyone that doesn't know if they want to pursue a career in the automotive field. With high school automotive programs diminishing in number, we want to cultivate, in these students, the many opportunities and work ethic, there are in the automotive repair field. The camp also provides a brief look at college life with the students eating in our cafeteria and spending the night in our dorms.

If you are interested in this camp let me know and I can send you a registration form.

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