Subaru Donates Engines for Import Technician Training Program

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NORWALK, Calif. – August 11, 2015 – Cerritos College’s Automotive Import Technician Training Program recently received nine engines donated by Subaru of America.

Subaru has been a long-time supporter of Cerritos College. The car company’s Field Service Engineer Don Heck and Field Quality Assurance Manager Jim Sciolla presented the engines to the College’s Automotive Instructor Leonard Glick.

Subaru also donated scholarship funds for auto students in 2010 and 2012, and a high performance engine from the 2009 film Fast and Furious 4 in 2011.

“We will be launching a partnership program with colleges and universities to support future automotive technicians and professionals,” said Sciolla. “We hope our successful partnership with Cerritos College becomes a model for the program.”

“Students are the future of our industry,” echoed Heck. “We are pleased to support Cerritos College’s automotive students advancing their education.”

“High-performance engines such as these are crucial in providing our students with hands-on training in the latest technology,” said Glick, instructor in the College’s Import Technician Training program. "With each new training part and vehicle, our students develop further expertise and marketability in the industry. We appreciate Subaru’s consistent support of our automotive program."

The Import Technician Training program is a two-year automotive program designed to upgrade the technical competency and professionalism of entry-level dealership technicians. Curriculum is designed collaboratively between various auto corporations and Cerritos College. The program involves not only attending classroom lectures and laboratories on import products at the college, but also requires the student to gain simultaneous work experience as a student at an import auto dealership.
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