Cerritos College Hosts High School Auto Tech Competition

Winning teams Southeast ROP, Van Nuys HS to Attend Nationals in NYC

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NORWALK, Calif. – January 6, 2014 - Cerritos College's Automotive Technology Department hosted a High School Auto Tech Competition on Saturday, December 14, 2013. This event was sponsored by the Southland Motor Car Dealers Association (SMCDA) and the Greater Los Angeles New Car Dealers Association (GLANCDA).

The hands-on competition included 13 work stations and encompassed all eight ASE areas of automotive technology, including: engine repair, automatic transmission, manual transmission, steering and suspension, brakes, electrical/electronics, HVAC, and engine performance.

Fourteen high schools are participated from SMCDA and GLANCDA, including; Artesia, California, Montebello, Narbonne, Pioneer, South East ROP, Whittier, Agoura, Canyon, Mark Keppel, Palmdale, Saugus, Upland, and Van Nuys.

Teams from Van Nuys High School and California High School distinguished themselves from the 14 area high school teams, each winning an opportunity to compete in New York to compete at the National Auto Tech Competition at the New York Auto show on April 22 and 23, 2014.

GLANCDA and SMCDA will each sponsor Van Nuys High School and California High School respectively, as representing each of the associations’ regions.

Sponsors for the event included: Mercedes-Benz USA, Longo Toyota, Subaru, LA CarGuy, Snap-On Tools, BMW, and Ford.

“It was great to have high school students along with their teachers and family members supporting them for this event. We were also fortunate to have 13 judges for the competition that included representatives from automotive manufacturers and also dealerships here in Southern California,” said Cerritos College Automotive Instructor, Joe Mulleary.

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“This provided an opportunity for networking between students and potential employers after the event was over. It was also a chance for us as instructors to make connections that may assist in enabling our students here at the college to gain employment in the automotive field.”

Cerritos College Automotive Technology Program offers certificates, degrees and special programs in automotive repair, collision repair, alternative fuels, smog training, advanced transportation technology and automotive management.

To learn more about the Cerritos College Automotive program, visit http://cms.cerritos.edu/auto or call Jessica Coronado at (562) 860-2451 Ext. 2909.

About Cerritos College: Cerritos College serves as a comprehensive community college for southeastern Los Angeles County. Communities within the college's district include Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, La Mirada, Norwalk, and portions of Bell Gardens, Lakewood, Long Beach, Santa Fe Springs and South Gate. Cerritos College offers degrees and certificates in more than 180 areas of study in nine divisions. Annually, more than 1,200 students successfully complete their course of studies, and enrollment currently averages 23,000 students. Visit Cerritos College online at http://www.cerritos.edu/.

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