

AUTO TECH CORNER:

The NATEF Advisory Council met December 4th, 2007 at John Eagle Honda and discussed the auto tech program NATEF recertification which will be in March of 2008. The program has had a national certification since 2003 and is required to recertify every five years. The committee decided to complete the process a year early and apply for the AYES program.

Several auto tech students will be preparing for the Texas SKILLS/USA District 8 student skills contest held at San Jacinto Jr. College in Pasadena Texas. The contest consist of a 50 question ASE type written exam, a SKILLS/USA written knowledge test and four skills workstations in the following areas:

- Brakes
- Steering and Suspension
- Electrical
- Engine Performance

The auto tech students that participated are listed below:

- Senior Matthew Salimi
- Senior Joseph Salimi
- Senior Felipe Castro
- Junior Dennis Caballero
- Junior Ricardo Henriquez
- Junior Rogelio Rojas

Three auto tech students will be preparing for the Power Equipment Service Technology skills contest. This contest has a 50 question written exam and four workstations. The following students participated:

- Matthew Mann
- Ismael Guzman
- Khuong Tran

One auto tech student prepared for the Diesel Service Technology skills contest. This contest has a 50 question ASE type written exam and four workstations. The following student participated:

- Justin Kolenovsky

One auto tech student prepared for the Motorcycle Technology contest. This contest has a 50 question written exam and four workstations. The following student participated:

- Matthew Jarvis
- Anthony Rodriguez

Automotive Youth Education Systems (AYES) intern interviews will be held Tuesday, February 12, 2008 at Cy-Fair High School. This process is a pre interview for the students with business members from the AYES Business/ Education Council. The objective of the interviews is to assist the students in job skill interviewing. There are numerous students who signed up to be interviewed and are applying for summer internship in a dealership, independent repair shop, franchise stores (Dealerships, NTB, Discount Tire, Goodyear, Firestone, etc.). Several high schools will be involved.

Upcoming Events:

- February 5, 2008 Diesel Advisory Committee meeting.
- February 12, 2008 AYES Student Interviews.
- March 7th and 8th District 8 Skills USA student skills contest.

We would like to thank everyone for the continuous support to the Cypress Ridge Automotive Technology Program.