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## CAREER EDUCATION

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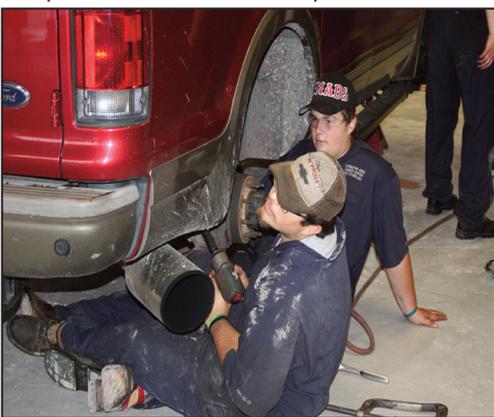
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### LACC Automotive and Diesel Technology

The Livingston Area Career Center offers a two year program designed for high school students wanting to pursue interest in the automotive and diesel technology field. When students complete the program they will have the skills to pursue jobs in the automotive, agricultural repair, construction repair, and diesel technology industries. This can differentiate between an automotive technician at a local dealership to a diesel technician repairing engines in bulldozers and tractors.

Upon graduating from Automotive and Diesel Technology I, students will have the fundamentals of basic automotive techniques as well as the capability to problem solving issues related to light duty brakes, fuel systems, air conditioning, and low voltage problems. The other important aspects students will have after completion of this class is how to work together as a team, workspace organization, and workplace cleanliness. Automotive and Diesel Technology II students will have the opportunity to earn ASE Certifications in A1-A8 as well as T1-T8.

These students will also have the opportunity to compete in SkillsUSA and Hot Rodders of Tomorrow. These competitions help the students improve technical knowledge, teamwork, and working under pressure. We currently have 4 students competing in SkillsUSA Diesel Technology and all four were able to make it to the state competition. Our program also has four teams competing in the Hotrodder's of Tomorrow Competition. If the teams are able to tear down and rebuild a Chevy 350 engine in under 30 minutes, they have the opportunity to go to Las Vegas and compete at the national competition show



**Pictured above: Automotive & Diesel Technology students working on a vehicle in class.**

during SEMA.

The students also have the opportunity to intern at local businesses like Caterpillar and Grays Garage. At Caterpillar students learn about precision measurement and the manufacturing opportunities at Caterpillar in Pontiac. At Gray's Garage, the students learn how to do Preventative Maintenance Inspections, adjust Air Brakes, set overhead on a heavy duty vehicle, and change tires on a class 8 truck.

## Quotes...

**Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference."**

— Winston Churchill

### Support Career & Technical Education

### Co-op

Written by: Crysta Saucedo

The LACC Interrelated Cooperative Education ("I.C.E." or "Co-op") program gives students access to real life experiences in the job force. The students in this program not only gain experience in their career fields but also earn high school credit and money. One student says, "It gives you the opportunity to work in the field you are thinking about going in to and overall helps you decide if you want to continue doing so." In the Co-op classroom students are continuously working towards achieving success in their career goal. The Co-op class teaches the importance of work safety, professionalism, and confidentiality. Throughout the years, many stu-



**Pictured above: Co-op students working at the 2019 LACC Career Fair**

dents have put their newly learned abilities to good use while working towards reaching their long term career goals. "Co-op is helping me learn work skills for my future. It is a professional setting and you get to work in an area of your liking to better prepare you. I definitely would recommend Co-op to anyone considering it," says Michala Matuszewski when asked what the Co-op program has offered her.

The LACC Co-op students are held to a high standards, as they are given the responsibility of leaving school early to go to work. They are a representation of their home schools and the Livingston Area Career Center, and are out working in the community on a daily basis.

If you would like more information on the Co-op program, please contact Stephanie Nelson at the Livingston Area Career Center: snelson@pontiac90.org or call (815) 842-2557.

### Fire Science



**Pictured above: LACC Fire Fighting Students learn the several ways to extricate a vehicle after a car accident.**

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### Co-op Spotlight



**Pictured above: Patrick Sancken working at KSR**

**Pictured below: Crysta Saucedo working for the City of Pontiac**

