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Athens Technical College Automotive Program Receives National Certification

The automotive training program at Athens Technical College has received certification by NATEF and The National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE). Athens Technical College's automotive program has been certified in the following areas: brakes, engine repair, engine performance, heating and air conditioning, automatic transmission/transaxle, electrical/electronic systems, manual drive train and axles, and suspension and steering.

To achieve this coveted recognition, the college's automotive training program underwent rigorous evaluation by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF). Nationally accepted standards of excellence in areas such as instruction, facilities, and equipment were used.

"This is great news for automotive-minded people and their parents," said Donald Seyfer, NATEF Chair. "Because this program increases cooperation between local education and industry leaders, it gives added assurance that Athens Technical College's graduates will be employable entry-level technicians. As a result of the quality education provided by Athens Technical College, the monitoring public will benefit since better repair technicians will join the work force." Upon completion of the evaluation, NATEF recommended that Athens Technical College be certified by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE). ASE is a national non-profit organization which tests and certifies repair technicians, in addition to certifying automotive training programs.

Mike Adkins, program chair for automotive technology, added, "We are very pleased to receive our recertification from NATEF, the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation. This independent non-profit organization conducts a rigorous evaluation of our instruction, course of study, facilities, and equipment to see if we meet industry standards of quality for the training of automobile technicians. I want to thank President Tydings and the administration of Athens Technical College for their willingness to invest the money in our equipment and facilities. I would also like to thank our instructors in the automotive department for their hard work in preparing for this inspection and for their excellent instruction at Athens Technical College."

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