



Auto Students Shine at North American International Auto Show

Eighteen students in the Automotive Technology and Automotive Collision classes, who qualify for the AYES program, were given an opportunity for a 'Sneak Peek' at the North American International Auto Show. The Detroit Automotive Dealership Association (DADA) sponsors the yearly event with Snap-on™ tools to invite potential new technicians to attend 'Industry Day' at the Auto Show. The event held on Thursday, January 12th, also had a 'Road Rally' type activity called the 'Tech Trek Challenge' that gave students three hours to answer 50 technical questions about various auto related topics. Out of 60 teams of two, the top 10 were awarded prizes that included tools from Snap-on™ and cash for the top five. Pankow students took 8th and 2nd and were the only winning teams that included female students! January 12th was actually 'Industry Preview Day' and two full days before the event opened to the public. Industry Preview Days are an exclusive opportunity for companies in the automotive industry to invite their key contacts, suppliers and employees to preview one of the top auto shows in the world. This is the perfect time for companies to share in the excitement of the auto show before the official opening to the public. The small crowds and other professional attendees from Industry made the event even more impressive and exciting. Students enjoyed the event and the juniors who attended were already thinking of ways they could get better scores next year.



2006 NAIAS Challenge winners from left to right, Michelle K. and John J. (2nd place) and Alyssa S. and Nick O. (8th place).



Alyssa S. and Nick O. answer questions for the 2006 NAIAS Challenge.



Auto students Jason S. (seated) and Christopher G. (standing) check out the 2006 BMW M Roadster.





EIGHTH GRADERS START THEIR CAREER DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

Eighth grade students at Middle School - Central started off the new year with a trip through Career Cruising, an Internet based Career Development tool. Students took a self-assessment called the 'Career Matchmaker', explored careers, entered information about their interests and even made a plan about what classes they may want to take in high school. Students used step-by-step instructions to walk them through the process and parents will get a printed version of the final product, a completed Educational Development Plan (EDP)!

WHAT WILL THE NEW PANKOW CENTER OFFER?

Many students and staff members are wondering what the new addition will offer and who will attend. From a recent publication developed to be given to 8th graders in the next month, a few items are clarified. The first offering listed is from the new Math & Science Center. An advanced program will integrate and apply math, science and technology in an enriched educational environment. Students who attend

Career Cruising Featured Career:

AUTOMOBILE MECHANIC

If you love the sparkle of freshly polished chrome and the rumble of a race-tuned V8, and you find yourself fascinated by all things mechanical, you might want to consider a career as an automobile mechanic. Mechanics usually have a passion for automobiles and they are the sort of people who enjoy figuring out how machines work by taking them apart and putting them back together.

ENTRY-LEVEL EARNINGS: \$10 to \$25 / hour

EDUCATION & TRAINING: Formal training is offered by high schools, community colleges, and vocational and technical schools*. Community college programs normally spread the training over two years and supplement the automotive training with instruction in English, basic mathematics, computers and other subjects. Graduates of community college programs usually earn an associate degree or certificate.

*New in 2005, the Pankow Center offers the AYES program, find out more at www.ayes.org or call 586.783.6570.

CAREER QUOTE:

“My success was because I went where the puck was going to be, not where it was.”

~ Wayne Gretzky