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## **Santa Ana College Automotive Technology Program Earns National Accreditation**

(Santa Ana)— Santa Ana College’s (SAC) automotive technology program has achieved accreditation by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation, Inc. (NATEF) and the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE).

The college’s automotive technology program was evaluated according to strict standards set by the automotive industry. The NATEF evaluated the program in all areas including facilities, curriculum, administration, business partners and advisory meetings. The SAC program received accreditation in the following training areas: automatic transmission, brakes, electrical/electronic systems, engine performance, engine repair, heating and air conditioning, manual drive train, suspension and steering.

“Accreditation was a grueling process. It took us 1 ½ years to complete a self-evaluation and a 700-page report,” said Glen Hammonds, chair of SAC’s automotive and diesel technology program. “This means a lot for our students because graduating from an accredited program ensures potential employers that their training meets industry standards.”

SAC’s automotive program enrolls about 200 students, preparing them for careers in the ever-changing field of automotive technology. The program offers certificates and associate degrees. For more information on the automotive and diesel technology programs, contact Glen Hammonds at hammonds\_glen@sac.edu or (714) 564-6664.

### **About the Rancho Santiago Community College District**

*The mission of the Rancho Santiago Community College District (RSCCD) is to respond to the educational needs of an ever-changing community and to provide programs and services that reflect academic excellence. Santa Ana College and Santiago Canyon College are public community colleges of RSCCD, which serve the residents of Anaheim Hills, East Garden Grove, Irvine, Orange, Santa Ana, Tustin and Villa Park. Both colleges provide education for academic transfer and careers, courses for personal and professional development, customized training for business and industry, and programs to train nurses, firefighters and law enforcement personnel.*

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