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Edelbrock

OTC Announces Edelbrock Academy While at SEMA

The official announcement was made at SEMA in Las Vegas last month. A new partnership with Edelbrock, LLC to create the Edelbrock Academy at Ohio Technical College. Chairman, Vic Edelbrock, Jr., says, "We are excited to partner with Ohio Technical College and help prepare the next generation of automotive technicians who will lead our industry into the future. Having worked with OTC on numerous automotive challenges at the SEMA Show and other events, we appreciate OTC's commitment to today's youth." The academy is designed to give students a solid foundation in the building and tuning of American muscle cars and performance vehicles.



OTC's Justin Brenner with Vic Edelbrock at SEMA.

It will provide students with the skills necessary to efficiently produce a vehicle through planning, installation and modification of the engine, suspension system, braking system and drive train. The training will also cover engine performance modifications; installation of intakes, exhaust, nitrous, carburetors, fuel injection, supercharging systems using numerous Edelbrock products. Upon completion of the Edelbrock Academy program, students will receive a certificate signifying their specialized, high-performance training. Tom King, Director of Training says, "The Edelbrock Academy emphasizes our core philosophy at OTC of adding value to our students' education so they are better positioned to enter today's automotive industry as successful, productive employees. For students interested in pursuing a career at a performance shop, race team or specialty aftermarket installer, this program gives them a leg up over the competition by providing hands-on training using the latest products from Edelbrock."



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Ohio Technical College has moved our Internet location! Some of you may have noticed Ohio Technical College has changed our Internet address. You will still be able to get to our website, and reach us via

email using dot com, however, we are now officially located at www.ohiotech.edu. This change allows us more space to expand our website, and to add more email accounts for our growing staff. It also strategically places Ohio Technical College on the Internet along with other colleges and training centers where young people, and those looking for training and educational options, can easily find us.

OTC Awards over \$200,000 in Scholarships at SEMA



1st Place Team Autometer wins \$50,000 in OTC Scholarships

The top six teams competing at the Hot Rodders of Tomorrow Engine Challenge National Championship at the 2010 SEMA Show cleaned house! This year's competition was fantastic, with the runner-up team's average time only two minutes off the winner's time," said Tom King, Director of Training. "All the participants exhibited

high levels of skill, interest and dedication." First place went to Team Autometer from Loara High School in Anaheim, CA, where the team averaged 31:00 to successfully disassemble and reassemble a 350 Chevy engine using only hand tools while judges and major industry figures like Vic Edelbrock, Rich Evans and others watched. Team ARP from East Ridge High School in Chattanooga, TN, was runner-up, earning each a \$8,500 OTC scholarship; Team Edelbrock from North Orange County ROP in Anaheim, CA, took 3rd place to secure \$7,000 scholarships; Team MSD from Eastern Oklahoma County Tech Center in Choctaw, OK, placed 4th at \$6,000 each in scholarships; Team PRW from Fremd High School in Palatine, IL, took 5th place and \$5,000 scholarships for each of its members. Team Painless from Lakeshore High School in Stevensville, MI, was the 6th place finalist, earning each member a \$4,000 OTC scholarship.

OTC Graduates Achieve Top Honors



Lars Cartwright (Diesel) & David Gongwer (Auto-Diesel) achieve 4.0 GPA's

On December 17, 2010 Ohio Technical College and over 800 family and friends joined us in celebrating the graduation of 125 students. Out of the 125 students, over 50 of those were Associate Degree students. And out of those, only two students achieved straight A's for the entire 18 month Associate Degree program: Lars Cartwright from Penn Foster High School and David Gongwer from Brush High School. David is returning to OTC in February as one of the fifteen students accepted into the BMW STEP program. David will spend six more months training on some of the most sophisticated cars in the world. Our congratulations to both of them for a job well done!

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OTC Brings Custom Paint to Ohio Skills USA State Competition

OTC has lobbied SkillsUSA officials for several months and earned approval to add Custom Paint: Airbrush to the State competition in Ohio. OTC helps run the NY SkillsUSA state Custom Paint competition, and will use the guidelines outlined for NY state, for the one in Ohio. The SkillsUSA Regional competition will be held at

OTC on February 18, 2011. The state competition for custom paint will also be held at OTC on February 18th, with the winner being chosen that day, but not announced until the actual state competition in Columbus in March. According to Tom King, OTC's Director of Training, "We are constantly looking at ways for students to earn scholarship money to attend school. Custom paint is a growing field, and with the success of the custom paint category in the New York Skills competition, we thought why not offer it to students in Ohio? Our ultimate goal is to be able to offer it in other states in the future." The competition is open to any student in an automotive, collision, art, paint or other related class to compete. Your high school needs to be a SkillsUSA member school, and space is limited to 25 students. With this being a State Level competition, all students who compete get a \$1,500 scholarship to attend OTC or PSI. The first place winner gets \$12,000, 2nd place is \$8,000 and 3rd place is \$6,000. "We would like to see all 25 seats taken this year, and every year after that," says King, "This is a tremendous opportunity no student should pass up."



The Mazda Miata #09 is sold to another driver in Alabama.

Saying Good Bye to a Piece of OTC Racing History

It's doubtful anyone will see the Mazda MX5 - OTC's #09 race in Ohio ever again. OTC's first student built race car was sold by its owners in order to invest in a new one. Ed Hofstrom, OTC's Director of High Performance & Racing

program says, "It's like seeing your first born leave home. It's very sad to see this car go. There is a lot of love in that car." Back in 2005 a group of OTC High Performance & Racing students managed what some said was impossible, and built the #09 Miata to be a winning performer and solid contender on various race tracks across OH, PA, and NY. The past five years the Miata has seen incredible speeds and crashes, along with it winning numerous state and national championships. The Miata was loaded up earlier this month and strapped down for a very long ride to Alabama. The car left on a Monday, and was scheduled to race that weekend. "Our student's improved this car's performance year after year. Each spring I couldn't wait to get it back on the track and see what she could do. I was never disappointed," says Hofstrom. The upside, is the replacement for the Miata which is already inside the High Performance & Racing Building waiting for a new class of students to try their hand at making this car another national champion. The 2002 Mazda Protégé will race in a higher classification than the Miata, allowing OTC students to learn how to further modify this car for it to qualify under the limitations of the SSC race requirements.



OTC students will have all winter to turn this car into another champion.

Matco Tools Expands Retail Store at OTC

Ohio Technical College and Matco Tools have sustained a partnership since 2005. Matco is the exclusive tool provider for both OTC and PSI campuses. According to Jordan Brenner, "The current location inside OTC, is simply too small, and is expanding to better accommodate the needs of our current and future students."

The new store will almost double its retail size, allowing students to physically see more of the tools they want, and allow for more inventory storage. Anthony Kruczek, Matco's Vocational & Technical Educational Sales Specialist at OTC says, "Right now some students may have to wait 10 days to get the tools they ordered. Especially if it's something like a large tool box or an unusual tool. Having a bigger store and storage area will allow students to take the tools home the same day." Also being added to the retail store location is a tool crib. Kruczek says, "Just like in a busy shop, large factory or industrial situation, specialty tools are expensive, and closely monitored. In order to use these tools, employees have to sign them out. Having the tool crib at OTC will allow for more specialized tools, and more accountability by our students. It's about preparing them for the real world."



This wall will come down to expand the old store.



Construction on the expanded tool store & newly added tool crib, will be finished by January 10, 2011.

OTC Wins Recognition from the City of Cleveland for Third Year

Ohio Technical College has again been awarded the Weatherhead 100 Award by Case Weatherhead School of Management & The Council of Smaller Enterprises. The 2010 Weatherhead 100 Award recognizes the fastest growing companies in NE Ohio. OTC placed 62 out of 100 companies on the list. "We're proud to have earned this honor, and we believe our growth reflects on Ohio Technical College's ability to deliver high-quality and experienced employees the automotive industry demands," said Jordan Brenner, Director of Enrollment Management.



Jordan Brenner, Justin Brenner, Marc Brenner & Tom King are excited to be recognized by the City of Cleveland.