

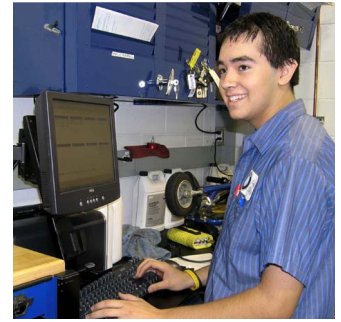
ROP Automotive Technician Interns



Felix Elizondo
Concord BMW



Todd Fry
Diablo Lincoln-Mercury



Brandon Gleisner
Concord BMW



Jack Pierson
Walnut Creek
Honda

Students in the ROP Auto Tech program (NATEF-AYES) at Alhambra High spent their summer working in the service departments of local auto shops and dealerships, getting on-the-job training and getting paid as

well. This fall they return to school as seniors in Tim Bruder's ROP Auto Tech class, and most plan additional technical training after graduation.

"I'd like to pursue this as a career," said Todd Fry, who interned at Diablo Lincoln-Mercury. "This summer internship has been a fun learning experience for me."

Todd is saving money to fix up his truck and "for gas, insurance, and life."

Concord BMW sponsored three internships. "Working here at BMW has been a really good learning experience," said Brandon Gleisner. "It's great here. It's

a good environment. Everyone in the shop helps me when I'm learning something new. They show me how to do it and do it right," he added.

Christian Jordan did his internship at Fitzpatrick Chevrolet in Concord. "I'll most definitely continue in this field," he said. "Karl has taught me well." Karl Rhinebeck is one of his mentors. Each student has a

mentor at the internship to supervise and help out, not only with technical expertise, but education in the world of work.

"This internship has been valuable to me," said Jack Pierson at Walnut Creek Honda. "I'm working with a great instructor and I'm learning a lot. I'm glad I had the opportunity to do it."

Service managers at these dealerships have been pleased with the students' work and think the internship program is a good idea.

"It's been great," said Les Jones, manager at Fitzpatrick's. But there's a challenge. "How do we get young people to consider a career in the traditional trades? How do we attract a high quality individual to the business? So far, I think this internship program addresses those questions."



Zac Tibbett
Concord BMW



Shane DeHope
Lawrence Volvo



Zach Guess
Hagin's Automotive



Christian Jordan and
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Fitzpatrick Chevrolet

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