

Advanced Technology and Applied Science “Good Stuff”- September, 2010

Automotive Technology Cliff Meyer reports:

Donations

UCI School of Engineering has donated an Turbine Jet Engine test stand. This is a very specialized piece of equipment designed to be used by automotive or technical engineering students to evaluate the functions of a high powered engine. This engine and stand will be used by our advanced students to study the laws of physics concepts and theories.

Awards

LAKE FOREST – When two local brothers studying auto technology at Saddleback College found out their course work would require buying an old engine to rebuild, they weren't sure they'd be able to go to school this fall.

But on Wednesday that problem was solved when Anthony Sardegna, 21, and Peter Sardegna, 20, found out they were among 26 auto technology students countywide to receive almost \$20,000 worth of scholarships from local automotive dealers as part of the California New Car Dealers Association Scholarship Foundation.

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"This is so awesome," Anthony Sardegna said upon getting the news. "We wouldn't have been able to go to school without this."

Since its founding in 1995, the CNCDA Foundation's Auto Technician Scholarship program has granted more than \$365,000 in scholarships to 260 students. This year, Orange County students, will get between \$500 and \$1,000 each per semester. The students are enrolled at Saddleback, Cypress College, Irvine Valley College, Fullerton College and Golden West College.



In addition to the Sardegna brothers from Lake Forest who got \$500 each other recipients include Cypress College students, Eric Argueta, Anthony Cruz, Michael Doner Alfonso Hernandez, Jason Kirkhuff, Luis Loera, Miles Mahoney, Andy Nguyen, Adrian River, Junnior Rodriguez, Stephen Weston and Santos Zinzun, who each got \$1,000.

Other students getting \$500 include William Bemmer from Golden West College, Randy Fillingane from Fullerton College, Andrew Hutchins from Saddleback College, Jonathan Juliani from Cypress College, Ryan Moran from Golden West College,

Ahmad Nassman from Cypress College, Thuong Nguyen from Santa Ana College, Edward Pineda from Santa Ana College, Oliver Poesl from Irvine Valley College, Tyler Potzler from Fullerton College and Oscar Rodriguez from Cypress College.

"The dealers have a long history of giving back to the community," John Sackrison, executive director of the OC Automotive Dealer Association, said. "This is also a good way to show students an opportunity for a great career. About 11,000 nationwide are expected to be hired between now and 20106. These are fantastic careers where the students are trained on the latest technology. Master mechanics can make paychecks of upwards of \$100,000. Some of our dealers started as auto mechanics. It's a neat circle of life."

The scholarships are awarded based on several criteria including the applicant's intent to pursue a career as an automotive technician, the student's GPA, and enrollment in a post-secondary mechanical automotive technician training program.

The Sardegna brothers are both starting their second year at Saddleback. Their dream is to open up a tuning or automotive business when they get their certification.

"At 12, I started taking apart lawnmowers and go-peds," Anthony Sardegna said. "They always came together differently but that's how I learned. It's like a passion, it makes me feel happy. I'm a gasoline freak, I guess."

Anthony Sardegna credits Clifford Meyer, his Automotive Service Excellence teacher at Saddleback, with the opportunity for the scholarship.

"He inspired us and teaches us not only out of a book but life stories," he said. "He's been the best auto tech teacher I've experienced. He told us how to go about applying for the scholarships."

GRAINER SCHOLARSHIP

Anthony Sardegna and Andrew Hutchins have each won a \$2,000.00 scholarship from the Granger Corporation. This scholarship also includes a full tool box (value \$2500) upon completion of one of the automotive technology certificate programs. Both students are on their way to completing multiple certificates in the auto tech department. Congratulations !!!!

General

The auto tech department engine test cell is now operational. The DTS engine dynamometer just completed testing a 700+ horsepower small block Chevy engine in September. The cell worked flawlessly. Please view our current dyno videos on Facebook ! Search under Saddleback College dyno.

Presentations, Outreach and Tours

During the month of September Nicole Johnson has been working on a master list of our local high schools. Our plan is to visit every high school in a 40+ mile radius of Saddleback College. Nicole will also be visiting our local high schools with and without auto tech programs, dealerships, independent repair facilities and auto part stores to market the automotive technology department at Saddleback College.

Environmental Studies and Marine Science Technology Morgan Barrows reports:

- Students headed to the beach to pick up trash for Coastal Cleanup Day on September 25th.
- The Department informed community members about environmental health safety and green living at the Character Counts fair in San Clemente.
- Student volunteers are back at work in the California Native Garden.

Fashion Design and Fashion Merchandising Malia Hill reports:

Internships:

- Danielle Reinach is interning at Quiksilver with the marketing team.
- Sara Standlee is interning with Sharm Cressey, a Fashion and Wardrobe Consultant
- Mayra Campbell is interning with stylist Diane Jennings at Brand You Image
- Aja Dunlap is interning with Quiksilver with merchandisers.
- Troy Longo is interning with Saks Fifth Ave.
- Yadid Perez is interning at Hot Style.
- Teresa Allman is interning as an assistant with BB Dakota.

Virginia Vandenberg, Brandi Borchard, and Lauren Mauter are working on making costumes with students in the film "I scream, You scream". Filming will begin in October.

Field Trips:



Saddleback Fashion students from Textiles, Flat Pattern, Apparel Design, and Designing from the Industry took a trip Sept. 29th to the California Market Center in Los Angeles. There, the students were able to meet textile and trim manufacturers and importers, trend service representatives, and learn about textile sourcing.

Student News:

Fashion Student Brandi Borchard had her line featured in the event: "Glamour and Glow" September 18th in San Diego. The event was produced by West Coast Club Life brought "Glamour and Glow" showcasing an enormous array of music, art and fashion all illuminated under black lights. She put in 15-20 pieces in the show for Bonsoir Bella, the line she founded and designs for. She mentioned that there was special edition pieces only available that night

FASH 250 - Fashion Forecasting began on their blogs. Here are a just few of the students to check out:

- Tauni Aldinger - <http://www.fashionbytauni.blogspot.com/>
 - Teresa Allman - <http://theconnectingthread.blogspot.com/>
 - Omar Aziz - <http://www.stitch-to-wear.blogspot.com/>
 - Lynn Fink - <http://www.fashionscoop5.blogspot.com/>
 - Carolina Guarino - <http://fashionattick.blogspot.com/>
 - Jazmin Ingles - <http://www.stylishe.blogspot.com/>
 - Troy Longo - <http://forecastingbloc.blogspot.com/>
- Instructor Malia Hill and student Amanda Hunn were featured in the Saddleback CTE videos: <http://saddlebackcollegefashion.blogspot.com/2010/09/cte-video-with-fashion-instructor-malia.html> to view.
 - Fashion Student Virginia Vandenberg worked on costumes for a short independent film over summer called "On the Shoulders of Giants". They just wrapped the Friday before school and it will be screened in October. Jerry Fredrickson Copyright 2010, is the director and is planning on submitting it to Sundance, so best of luck! Photo by Bryan Forrest



Fashion Club began meeting - BLOG www.saddlebackcollegefashion.blogspot.com

Foods and Nutrition Suzanne Hewitt reports:

- Gerri Anderson one of our culinary arts graduates has secured, in her words, a "fabulous position" as executive chef at Amazing Grapes Wine Bar in RSM (Aventura & Empresa). She started working there in June, and at that time they had no menu other than meats/cheese plates. Now that we have "real" food, our customer base has grown! And to top it off, we did a "Groupon" (online coupon) and we sold 508 that will be redeemed by 12/30. They also have special wine events once or twice a week and will have special events for the holidays as well. Congrats to this outstanding graduate—you may remember her as an award winner at the Regional Culinary Competition two years ago.

Culinary Arts Lisa Inlow reports:

- FN 173 Catering - students catered a Senior Prom at the Lew Webb Motor Car Museum. Student prepared and served appetizers and desserts to 100 guests from the Atria Senior Home.



- FN 240 Introduction To Culinary Arts - students prepared a beautiful buffet dinner for the Board of Trustees. The Board members enjoyed passed appetizers and a quick tour of the culinary arts lab then moved to a nearby conference room to enjoy a buffet style dinner prepared by students.



Horticulture Robert Farnsworth reports:

- The Department of Horticulture and Landscape Design is pleased to report that students have now officially started design of the Rain Harvest Educational Garden in the Intro to Landscape Design studio. Designs will be complete in December. We are initiating the process to solicit grant money for this project.

- We are also happy to report that our inter-department collaboration with the Fine Arts Department has been a success. We designed free standing planted containers in our Intro to Planting Design class. The plants and containers are being purchased Oct 1, at this writing. Students will also plant the highly visible containers at the Fine Arts Complex.

Interior Design Arlene Thomas reports:

- Interior Design students and faculty attended Fall Market at the Laguna Design Center in Laguna Niquel on September 22nd. The Design Center is home to 40 “to the trade only” showrooms featuring beautiful fabrics, furnishings, and accessories for Interior Design professionals to shop and select items for their clients. Fall Market is an event planned to introduce the designers to the new lines of goods available in the design market place. The center created a fun-filled and informative agenda for the entire day featuring keynote presentation by Thom Filicia, celebrity designer and television personality from *Dress my Nest*. Thom shared, with a “standing-room-only” crowd, his design inspirations and techniques applied to his multiple levels of clientele. In addition, the center planned a full schedule of mini-seminars on various design-related topics, fabulous food, and showrooms filled with beautiful fabrics, furnishing and accessories. Our students loved it, once again!



- This month our Interior Design students partnered with Habitat for Humanity and Furnishing Hope in San Juan Capistrano. A team of Saddleback Interior Design students (Judy Strout, Charlette Berger, Madona Shaheen, Jeannette Sisola, Lorie McBride, Michelle Mareks, Gabrielle Bassman and Mary Frankman) were selected to design the interiors of the Pedraza Family. It was a fabulous experience from start to finish and can't wait to do again!!



- On September 29, an Interior Design student, Deidre Greenberger, was honored at the 2010 Annual Awards Luncheon for ASID at The Center Club in Costa Mesa. Deidre did a fabulous job serving as our Design Club President this past academic year while maintaining her academic excellence. Bravo, you have a bright design future ahead of you, DeeDee!!

