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Two Saddleback College Students Receive Grainger Tools Scholarship

Mission Viejo, CA – Saddleback College students Andrew Hutchins and Anthony Sardegna were each awarded the 2010 Grainger Tools for Tomorrow Scholarship, worth $2,000 each and a customized Westward toolkit upon graduation. The scholarship recognizes outstanding students in technical education programs.

Saddleback College President Tod A. Burnett stated, “Saddleback College’s automotive technology program is a great example of the fine Career Technical Education (CTE) programs we provide for students who are interested in learning valuable and marketable workforce skills. Congratulations to Andrew and Anthony for their wonderful achievement.”

Don Taylor, Dean of the Division of Advanced Technology and Applied Science, stated, “Our automotive technology students benefit from a program that is known throughout the region for providing a top-notch education that makes our students sought after for their knowledge and expertise. Thank you to our excellent faculty for building this very well respected program and for their guidance to hardworking, high-achieving CTE students like Andrew and Anthony. We are all proud of them”

Anthony Sardegna, a 21-year-old Lake Forest resident, is an Automotive Technology major who plans to obtain all four of the departments certificates (Automotive Chassis Specialist, Automotive Engine Service Specialist, Automotive Engine Performance Specialist, and General Automotive Technician). In the past year, Sardegna has also received a scholarship from the Orange County Automotive Dealers Association (OCADA).

Andrew Hutchins, a 20-year-old San Juan Capistrano resident is an Automotive Technology major who plans to graduate fall 2011. Hutchins plans to obtain his associate’s degree and all four of the Automotive Technology program certificates. His career goal is to work at a dealership and then eventually move to a company that hand-builds luxury car motors. In the past year, Hutchins has also received a scholarship from the OCADA.

Clifford Meyer, Automotive Technology Instructor, said, “Everyone in our program works hard to provide quality education and training so students are able to enter the automotive industry with a lot of knowledge and expertise. Andrew and Anthony are succeeding in a rigorous program and I am glad that they are being recognized for their hard work.”

To be eligible to receive the Grainger Tools for Tomorrow Scholarship, students were required to write an essay about why they chose to study technical education, have a GPA of 3.0 or higher, and be entering his/her second year of study in electronic systems, HVAC, plumbing, welding, automotive, construction, or other industrial trade.
Located in Mission Viejo, Saddleback College provides quality higher education and training to the greater south Orange County community. Having served more than 500,000 students since 1968, Saddleback College offers more than 300 degree and certificate programs to help students reach their personal, career, and educational goals. For more information, please visit www.saddleback.edu.

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