Saddleback College Accepts $50,000 Donation from Tuttle-Click Automotive Group

Mission Viejo, CA – Saddleback College has received a generous donation in the amount of $50,000 from the Tuttle-Click Automotive Group of Irvine. The donation will be awarded as scholarships to Saddleback College students who are taking automotive technology classes in preparation for careers in the industry.

Dr. Tod A. Burnett, President of Saddleback College, stated, “Community partners such as Tuttle-Click Automotive Group are crucial in helping us educate Saddleback College students in the automotive industry. The company’s generous donation will provide scholarships to help students get the education they need to succeed. We appreciate Tuttle-Click’s leadership in offering first-rate training and career opportunities to Saddleback College students.”

Dave Best, Parts and Service Director of Tuttle-Click, stated, “We love working with Saddleback College students because they are more prepared to work in the automotive industry than students from other schools. The quality of the students we work with is reflective of the quality education provided by the Saddleback College community. It’s great to work with local kids and I am hopeful that the Tuttle-Click donation will allow us to continue to work with Saddleback College students for many years to come.”

Don Taylor, Dean of Saddleback College’s Division of Advanced Technology and Applied Science, stated, “Tuttle-Click is always a pleasure to work with because the company provides real-world experience for Saddleback College students who are entering the workforce. Tuttle-Click’s generous donation will help our students get the education they need to acquire the skills and talent to succeed in the automotive industry.”

Saddleback College’s automotive technology programs are designed to prepare students for employment as automotive technicians. Students may also complete their associate in science or associate in arts degree requirements and prepare to transfer to a four-year college. Training is given in both theory and practical skills in the operation, maintenance, and repair of all types of automotive systems. The following four certificate options are available for automotive technology students: Automotive Chassis Specialist,
Automotive Engine Service Specialist, Automotive Engine Performance Specialist, and General Automotive Technician.

For more information about the Saddleback College Foundation or student scholarships, please call (949) 582-4968 or visit www.saddleback.edu.

Photo (attached) from left: Michelle Anstadt, Director, Saddleback College Foundation; Dr. Tod A. Burnett, President, Saddleback College; Dave Best, Parts and Service Director, Tuttle-Click Automotive Group; Don Taylor, Dean, Saddleback College Division of Advanced Technology and Applied Science.

Located in Mission Viejo, Saddleback College is celebrating its 40th year of providing quality higher education to the south Orange County community. For more information on the college and its programs, please visit www.saddleback.edu.

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