



## **Phil Long Dealerships Give \$1 million to TSJC**

Trinidad State Junior College recently was received a \$1 million from Phil Long Dealerships for a state-of-the-art training facility.

Over the next three years, the company will subsidize equipment for an automotive service technology program as well as bring in skilled technicians to support and train students during the life of the programs.

The automotive service technology program is a component of an Associates of Science degree that TSJC and Phil Long Dealerships created last year that sees veteran professionals working with students in the TSJC service center.

Jay Cimino, president and CEO of Phil Long Dealerships and a Trinidad native, is pleased to help his hometown and is hoping other businesses will follow suit. He pointed out several business-education partnerships throughout Colorado that have positively impacted students, communities and the state.

In addition to the gift to TSJC, Phil Long Dealerships will present 2.5 percent of repair invoices generated at the TSJC service center to the Trinidad Community Foundation for community-based scholarships.

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## **ACC Aiming to Become 'The Harvard of AutoTech'**

Last October, Jerry Viola, a former independent auto-repair shop owner, was asked to return to his alma mater Arapahoe Community College (ACC) to chair their apprenticeship-based Automotive Technology Department. Now in his second semester, Viola is executing his vision of transforming ACC's automotive program into what he calls "The Harvard of Automotive Technology."

For Viola, the "Harvard" metaphor for describing the future direction of his program is not simply a grandiose pipe dream. Plenty of facts support the program already being among the nation's best. For instance, the program has been selectively designated by General Motors, Daimler-Chrysler and Nissan to be the one center in Colorado that trains their dealership technicians in this region. And, Viola says, other major car manufacturers are knocking on his door.

In fact GM, Daimler Chrysler and Nissan treat Viola's program like it's a "virtual dealership" by giving it special access to the well-guarded specs and proprietary information that dealership technicians need to repair late model vehicles. Viola's program gets this information three to five years before it is released to non-dealership technicians. Another testament to the program's pre-eminence is the fact that when its certificate and Associate in Applied Science degree earning students have competed in state-sponsored student automotive technician skills competitions over the past twenty years, they have dominated the first, second and third place award categories.

General Motors, Daimler-Chrysler and Nissan have so much faith in the program they have donated a 65-vehicle, one million dollar inventory of brand new cars and trucks on which Viola's students can master vehicle repair fundamentals.

Viola is ensuring the program keeps up with ever-changing technology and keeping ACC on the leading edge by integrating new technology-oriented competency areas into the curriculum such as Global Positioning System (GPS) instruction. ACC Geography instructor Rosann Poltrone, a recognized national expert, is with the GPS technology integration.

Keeping in-sync with the needs of industry, Viola periodically convenes manufacturer and industry advisory committees comprised of some the top automotive executives in the Denver metro-area.

According to Viola, the demand is such that many of those who go through his program can earn \$50,000 a year within a short time of graduating and once they achieve the "master" level the take home pay is between \$80,000 and \$100,000.

ACC's Automotive program has four tracks the student's can pursue including the Automotive Technology track; the General Motors Automotive Service Educational Program track, the Daimler Chrysler College Automotive Program track and the Nissan School Support Program track.

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### **NJC's Ranch Horse Versatility Show Team is First in Nation at 2-Year College**

Northeastern Junior College is the first community college in the nation to offer a ranch horse versatility show team, which is tied to the college's Equine Management, a career and technical education program.

Established last fall by Wayne Miller, equine management coordinator, the team debuted at the largest American Quarter Horse Association sanctioned ranch horse versatility show in the country held at the National Western Stock Show in Denver in January.

Participation on the team requires a deal of practice as well as enrollment in academic equine classes that are part of the college's larger equine curriculum. The combination of classes and competition prepare students for the show industry and the broader also equine world beyond the college playing field.

The team's sponsors include Five Rivers Cattle Company of Kersey; Steger's Graphics, Dr. Robert Patten DDS, PC, Amen Custom Leather, and Corral West all of Sterling, Colorado; Transwest Truck and Trailer, of Commerce City; Stone Quarter Horses of Eaton; and Rowan and Marilyn Tyson, Elbert.

Currently seven students participate on the NJC show team including: Brittany Roche, Central Point, OR; Tyler Theiszen, McCook, NE; Leah Coombs, and Jarrid Garner, Rifle; Jennifer Wagner, Jessica Coakley, and Josh Leithead, Sterling.

The team will represent NJC and Colorado in a variety of shows sanctioned by the Stock Horse of Texas in Abilene, Fort Worth and Glen Rose. (Thanks to Brittany Roche for providing the information for this article.)

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### **Pickens Tech Adopts New Name**

In keeping with the statewide trend, Pickens Tech has adopted a new name and is now Pickens Technical College.

San Juan Basin Area Vocational-Technical School changed its name to San Juan Basin Technical College and Delta-Montrose Area Vocational-Technical Center has become Delta-Montrose Technical College.

Pickens Technical College, a part of Aurora Public Schools, provides technical training for adults and secondary students.

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### **WomenTech Portal Offers Help to Recruit, Retaining Women in Technology**

The WomenTech Portal is an exciting new resource on the IWITTS web site, connecting educators with research-based articles on recruiting and retaining women in technology. The site contains journal articles on bridge courses, spatial reasoning, and learning style, among others that will introduce educators to research on the most effective strategies for recruiting and retaining women, and include examples of programs that have had real results. Future phases of the Portal will incorporate best practice case studies, student recruitment tools, downloadable posters and marketing materials.

[Check out the WomenTech Portal](#)

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### **FCCLA Leadership Conference, Apr. 12-14**

More than 1,100 students and advisers from across the state have registered for the Colorado Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) State Leadership Conference, scheduled for April 12 through 14 at the Denver Marriot Tech Center and Food Events Competition at Johnson and Wales University, April 13.

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### **Cosby to Headline AACC Convention, April 14-17**

Actor/comedian and education advocate Bill Cosby has been confirmed as speaker for the closing session of the 2007 AACC Convention, April 14 through 17 in Tampa, Florida. During a 10 a.m. to noon brunch session on April 17, Dr. Cosby will address the growing threat to educational access and the critical role of community colleges as a gateway to higher education. For additional information on ticket purchases for the brunch, see [www.aacc.nche.edu](http://www.aacc.nche.edu) and click on the Convention link.

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### **NAPE Institute Slated for April 16-19**

National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity will hold its 28th annual Professional Development Institute, "Collaborations: Creating Success for Special Populations," April 16 through 19, at the DoubleTree Hotel in Washington, D.C.

The Institute offers programs for equity coordinators, non-traditional coordinators, state and local special population coordinators, Title IX coordinators, professional development and resource project staff, CTE researchers, single parent/displaced homemaker program coordinators, CTE teachers and administrators, TANF program personnel, one-stop program personnel and community-based organization staff.

Highlights of this year's Institute include:

- Keynote speech by Dr. Patricia Stanley, deputy assistant secretary, USDOE, OVAE;
- Intense training, workshops, and forums;
- National experts discussing current issues in education and workforce development;
- Strategies sharing opportunities with state and national leaders;
- Opportunities for interaction with members of Congress and their staffs;
- Opportunities to meet with your own legislators to discuss critical equity issues;
- Participate in a Silent Auction to benefit the NAPE Education Foundation;
- An evening cultural event with your colleagues.

Register at: [http://www.napequity.org/nape\\_online\\_registration.htm](http://www.napequity.org/nape_online_registration.htm)

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### **Colorado CTE Event Calendar**

For upcoming meetings and events related to career and technical education, please see our online Colorado CTE Event Calendar at [www.calendarwiz.com/ctecalendar](http://www.calendarwiz.com/ctecalendar). You will see a drop down calendar category choice, which will let you limit the event types you would like to view to "General CTE" or "Career and Technical Student Organizations" or "All" events. Just click on an event to see a pop up window with event details such as event contacts, location, maps, websites, etc. You even have the ability

to download events directly to your personal Outlook calendar. Contact Julie Eddy at [julie.eddy@cccs.edu](mailto:julie.eddy@cccs.edu) or 303-595-1527 with any questions, comments, or event additions.

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### 2007 VE-135 Deadlines

The **March 1, 2007 deadline for the VE-135 follow-up has passed** and late notices will soon be emailed to any districts with incomplete follow-up records.

CCCS is required by law to collect the VE-135 follow-up and enrollment data each year in order to comply with the accountability requirements set forth by both the state funded Colorado Vocational Act (CVA) and the federally funded Carl D. Perkins Act. The VE-135 enrollment and follow-up data affect your CVA reimbursements, program renewals (5-year trend reports), whether or not you qualify for the extra Perkins reserve funds, and your Perkins performance subindicators. Other reports may be produced internally throughout the year for CCCS staff from the data in order to maintain, as well as continually improve, CTE in Colorado.

- You **must report the VE-135 data** even if you do NOT receive state or federal funding for your approved CTE programs.
- If you **contract with another school** to send your students to attend their approved CTE program, then your school is required to provide the VE-135 student enrollment and follow-up data to the contractor institution and they in turn are responsible for reporting the data to CCCS. Both institutions are responsible for implementing a system between them in order to assimilate the data for reporting to CCCS.

The **next deadline for the 2006-2007 VE-135 reporting year is the enrollment, which needs to be complete by June 30, 2007.**

Contact Julie Eddy at [julie.eddy@cccs.edu](mailto:julie.eddy@cccs.edu) or 303-595-1527 with any CTE data reporting questions or comments. Thank you for all of your reporting efforts!

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### **Electronic Revisions for Program Approvals**

All revisions to existing CTE programs must be entered in the electronic Program Approval system at [www.cccs.edu](http://www.cccs.edu). Click on Career and Technical Education and follow the Program Approval prompts.

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### **Valuable CTE Websites**

CTE Directory: [http://www.cccs.edu/Docs/CTE/Voc\\_Director\\_Directory.pdf](http://www.cccs.edu/Docs/CTE/Voc_Director_Directory.pdf)

Secondary CTE Job Board: <http://www.cccs.edu/HR/CTE-JobBoard.html>

Colorado Community College System: <http://www.cccs.edu/>

Credentialing Office: <http://www.coloradocredentialing.org/>

CTE Forms and Reports from CCCS: <http://www.cccs.edu/CTE/FormsReports.html>

FCCLA: [www.fccla.cccs.edu](http://www.fccla.cccs.edu)

Colorado DECA: [www.deca.cccs.edu](http://www.deca.cccs.edu)

Colorado DECA Newsletter: <http://www.deca.cccs.edu/NEWSLETTER.HTM>

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FBLA Newsletter: <http://www.fbla-pbl.cccs.edu/newsletters.htm>

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