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New Automotive Equipment Donation Expands Training

Whether it's a cool hot rod, well-traveled 4 x 4, or daily commuter car, everyone wants reliability — and maybe even a little extra performance — when they're behind the wheel. Keeping your vehicle running in peak condition requires that maintenance and repairs be done just right.

Students in SVC's Automotive program are acquiring an important new set of skills, thanks to an anonymous donor whose \$50,000 gift to the SVC Foundation allowed the program to purchase some of today's best equipment.

With the donation, the program purchased a Cylinder Head Seat and Guide Machine and a Cylinder Head Pressure Tester. The pressure tester will be used to check cylinder heads for cracks due to engine overheating, electrolysis, or other stresses. The seat and guide machine allow training in cylinder head rebuilding, as well as performance cylinder head machining. In technical terms, it's pretty cool.

The donor's gift fits perfectly with SVC's focus on excellence. As one of its strategic priorities, the College aligns workforce education programs with regional and state economic development strategies, advancing the State's economy through education.

"Our new equipment expands on what we offer our students in terms of practical experience and employability," said Department Chair Ron Schaffner. "This is the first time we've received a specific donation to Automotive. It's provided an important jump start to our program."

SVC's Automotive program is accredited by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation and the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence.

Many students have reached their goal because of the leadership, support, and generosity you have extended through the SVC Foundation.

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The Pathways Project:

Positioning SVC as a national leader in student achievement

Initiatives taking place at SVC are positioning the College as a national leader in supporting student success. In fact, we were honored to be one of only 30 colleges nationwide — and only three from Washington — selected to participate in The Pathways Project led by the American Association of Community Colleges. With the support of exceptional faculty and staff, SVC is creating program options, identifying learning strategies, and offering support measures that transform lives. The project is funded through a \$5.2 million grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.



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