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NEAT awards another \$5,000 in scholarships

Five students in Oregon and Western Washington are the latest to receive NEAT scholarships to attend automotive or collision repair training programs at area community colleges.

This was the ninth year the non-profit NEAT (Northwest Education and Automotive Training) organization presented scholarships as part of its effort to attract and encourage students to pursue training and careers in the industry. To date, NEAT has presented nearly \$37,000 in scholarships to 56 students at 11 different schools in Oregon and Southwest Washington.

This year's winners of the \$1,000 scholarships are:

- Tony Chen, a 2008 graduate of Portland's Benson High School who plans to pursue mechanical repair training at Portland Community College (PCC);
- Timothy Higgs of Olympia, Wash., a mechanical repair student at South Puget Sound Community College;
- Craig Johnson of Vancouver, a collision repair student at PCC;
- Lee Jones of Vancouver, also a collision repair student at PCC; and,
- Jaron Mosher of Elmira, Ore., who plans to pursue mechanical repair training at Lane Community College in Eugene.

"We were pleased with both the number and quality of the applicants for this year's scholarships," said John Yoswick, a NEAT volunteer who helped with this year's scholarship selection process. "We were particularly glad to continue to have more high school seniors apply, as well as students from many different parts of Oregon and Western Washington."

Winners are chosen using a point system based primarily on an instructor evaluation, a statement of career goals, and grade point average. Additional points are available for those with industry work experience or school or community activities and honors, and for those attending or enrolling at schools participating in NEAT.

For more information about NEAT, call (503) 702-7845.