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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Andrew Echternach Wins Northwest Iowa Community College's *Auto Body Champion Award***

Andrew Echternach, Collision Repair & Refinishing, Okabena, Minnesota, was presented the *Auto Body Champion Award* Wednesday, July 21, 2010.

This award is available to CRR students in the 1<sup>st</sup> year who are eligible for graduation and have earned the highest points during the year in 10 hands-on competitions: Welding, Estimating, Refinishing, Fall GPA, Structural Repairs, Mechanical Repairs, Spring GPA, Job Interview, and ASE Tests. Points are lost for attendance issues. Echternach scored the highest points total since the award started in 2006-2007.

The award consists of \$1,000 and their name on a perpetual plaque. The money can be used for anything such as pay down tuition loans, additional tools for work, or relocating for a new job.

Echternach commented, "It's pretty cool that I won this award. I can now buy the tools I need for my new job. I really liked the Collision Repair & Refinishing Program. The program really is a lot of fun. I liked the guys in my class - it is going to stink to have to leave them. I want to thank everyone in my class and in particular Steve (program instructor) for teaching me everything, helping me out, and answering all my questions!"

Echternach, who graduated in July, has taken a position in Worthington, MN.

*Pictured (left to right): Steven Youngs, program instructor; Andrew Echternach; and Sheila Van Engen, NCC Foundation*