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Northwest Iowa Community College's Automotive Program Voted One of the Top 20 in the Nation by *Tomorrow's Tech* 2013 School of the Year Contest

Northwest Iowa Community College's Automotive Program has been voted one of the top 20 Automotive Programs in the nation by the *Tomorrow's Tech* 2013 School of the Year Contest, sponsored by O'Reilly Auto Parts and WIX Filters. This honor recognizes NCC's Automotive Program as being part of an elite group of automotive programs in the United States.

"This year's nominations are a reminder that technical schools across the U.S. continue to embrace automotive training as part of their curriculum," said Mike Harvey, brand manager for WIX Filters. "These skills are critical to auto technicians being trained in new technologies required to service today's high-tech, complex vehicle systems."

Chuck Ball, Instructor- Automotive, said, "NCC's Automotive Program was one of the first programs to be established at the College in 1966. We are proud of the fact the program has won many awards throughout the years and that our curriculum is able to change and grow alongside industry. *Tomorrow's Tech* is a publication that is geared towards automotive students from over 1100 schools. We are very pleased to be listed as one of the top twenty schools in the nation by *Tomorrow's Tech* and their 2013 School of the Year Contest. We work very hard to make sure our students have 'the edge' when entering the workplace in a very fast and evolving field. We know we have a great program, but it is nice to receive recognition from a contest like this to reaffirm our students are getting what they need to enter the industry."

The next step in the contest is the instructors and students at the top twenty schools are being asked to provide additional information about their automotive program and learning environment through the production of a video. The videos, submitted from the Top 20 schools, will be loaded on the *Tomorrow's Tech* YouTube Channel, <http://www.youtube.com/user/TomorrowsTechnician> available for all to view. Judges from *Tomorrow's Tech*, WIX Filters and O'Reilly Auto Parts will review the videos and select the four regional finalists and later, name the winning school.

To view the video on NCC's YouTube Channel go to:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L6WCL3dtzY0&feature=youtu.be> (Editor's note: We are not sure when the videos will be loaded onto *Tomorrow's Tech* YouTube Channel)

The Top 20 Schools for 2013 are:

Region 1:

- Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School, Marlboro, MA
- Elizabethtown Technical and Community College, Elizabethtown, KY
- Lincoln College of Technology – Columbia, Columbia, MD
- Windham Technical High School, Willimantic, CT
- Lakewood High School, Lakewood, OH
- Sinclair Community College, Dayton, OH

Region 2

- Lincoln College of Technology – Indianapolis, Indianapolis, IN
- Hoffman Estates High School, Hoffman Estates, IL
- Northwest Iowa Community College, Sheldon, IA
- Baker College – Flint, Flint, MI
- Fox Valley Technical College, Appleton, WI

Region 3:

- San Jacinto College, Pasadena, TX
- R.L. Turner Automotive Technology, Carrollton, TX
- Eastern Oklahoma County Technology Center, Choctaw, OK
- Crowley's Ridge Technical Institute, Forrest City, AR
- Southeast Community College, Milford, NE

Region 4:

- Salt Lake Community College, Salt Lake City, UT
- Rio Hondo College, Whittier, CA
- Westwood College, Denver, CO
- Pocatello High School, Pocatello, ID

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Automotive Service Technology students