

# Career Talk

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### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello CTC Parents, Students and Staff:

The next two months are a very important time for our students academically as the current semester ends on January 12th. Our teachers are providing bell-to-bell instruction as we accelerate the learning process to ensure that students master their current program curriculum before moving on to the second semester. Parents are encouraged to get involved in our school in various ways. Parent involvement in schools can include discussions after school, helping with homework assignments, engaging in extracurricular activities, keeping abreast of academic progress, imparting parental values, participating in parent meetings, attending school activities, and volunteering in the classroom.

Many of our students continue to demonstrate that they are community contributors and have been volunteering their time and talents for the good of others. Kudos to our SkillsUSA officers and advisors who collectively organized a successful Hygiene and Winter Items Drive to help those in need this holiday season by donating coats, hats, gloves, scarves, socks and non-perishable food items. The items were shared with SHIP in December for disbursement.

Our school would like to congratulate the 122 students who were recently inducted into our Celeste Carroll chapter of the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) in December. NTHS believes that outstanding student effort and achievement should be rewarded and encouraged while seeking to cultivate the ideals of scholastic achievement, service and leadership.

Our school would also like to congratulate the 552 students who recently competed in the local SkillsUSA competitions held at CTC last month. Students competed in twenty-five (25) separate competitions against their peers; showcasing the skills they have attained in their respective technical programs. Students placing first (Gold), second (Silver) and third (Bronze) in the local competitions are eligible to compete at the next level. That next level, the SkillsUSA Regional competition, is scheduled to take place in February.

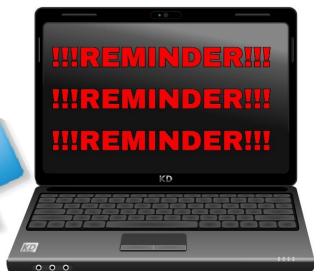
Finally, as we fully enter the winter season, I want to express my own gratitude for the important business and industry partnerships that CTC has established over the last few decades. Through these unique partnerships, teachers are inspired to develop new techniques, and gain experiences to draw upon and incorporate into their instruction. Students also learn that the community cares about education and about their academic and career success.

Sincerely,

Michael Concepcion

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## Important Dates & Reminders



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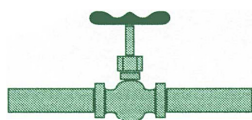
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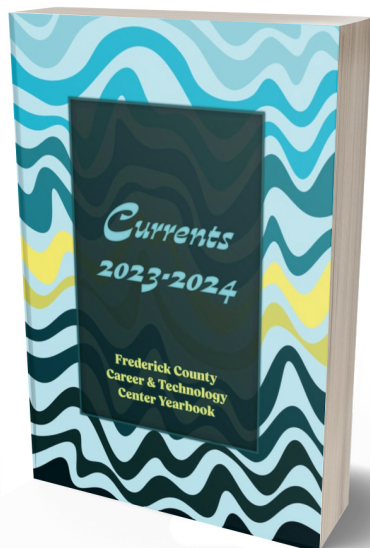
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## Resources & Support

### DIGITAL FOOTPRINT

#### WEB WISDOM: YOUR DIGITAL IDENTITY

In today's digital age, a person's online presence can significantly impact their future educational and career opportunities, which makes it important to be aware of your digital footprint. Imagine your digital footprint as a giant trail of all the stuff you do online – the likes, comments, selfies, TikToks, posts, and even the memes you share. It's like leaving a trail of breadcrumbs or your online shadow – everywhere you go, everything you do or say, even the funny cat videos you watch, it all leaves a mark. Just like your real-life reputation, your digital footprint shapes how people see you online. It's the collection of all the information and content about you that is available online, including social media profiles, comments, photos, blog posts, and more.

This is important to think about because first impressions matter a great deal. Sometimes your first impression may be your online presence, which can influence peoples' decisions. Scholarship committees, college admissions, and employers all scour the internet to try and find reasons why you may or may not be a good choice.

#### HERE ARE SOME TIPS TO CONSIDER:

- **Privacy settings:** It is important to understand and adjust privacy settings on social media platforms to control who can see your posts and information.
- **Think Before You Post:** Once something is posted, even if you delete it, it can be on the internet forever so think twice before posting anything.
- **Google Yourself:** You should periodically search your own name and information to see what comes up. This allows you to assess and improve your online reputation.
- **Positive Online Contributions:** Try to not be a troll or engage with trolls, instead try and be a positive light, share your achievements, engage in meaningful discussions, and show your interests and talents.
- **Manage Digital Mistakes:** Apologize and correct if you have posted something you regret, this shows maturity and responsibility.

I encourage you to look at what your personal branding and digital footprint look like. You can develop a consistent online identity that reflects your values, interests, and aspirations. Look into creating professional online profiles to help guide others to see what you would like them to see. LinkedIn profiles can be created in high school, for networking and showcasing your skills and achievements. Something less formal could be a personal website or blog where you can showcase your work, projects, portfolio, and interests. These are all ways to take control of your online presence and to use it as a tool to help you achieve your educational and/or career goals.

For more helpful information and career guidance, contact:

Ms. Edmonds, CTC Career Coach  
Brenna.Edmonds@fcps.org



### SETTING SMART GOALS

We hope you are feeling refreshed in the New Year. From this point until the end of the school year, each day will bring more and more daylight! We cannot believe we are halfway through the school year! As we embark on the second semester, now is a great time to do some self-reflection around the first semester and set some goals for the rest of the year. January was Mental Wellness Month, but it is important to focus on Mental Wellness all the time, not just in January! Mental wellness is not something that occurs on its own, it is a muscle that needs to be strengthened every day. If you do not already have a self-care practice, the new year is a great time to incorporate one into your everyday routine. Small changes can turn into wellness habits that set the stage for hope, joy, and resiliency in the new year.

Second semester is a great time to reflect on what went well during the first semester and what could be better. What are your strengths? What was challenging? Once you have determined what area to improve upon, here are some ways to support you in achieving your goals. Set a SMART goal. **SMART goals are:**

**S - Specific.** Set goals that are clear and well-defined about what you wish to achieve (rather than, "I would like to wake up earlier next semester," a more specific goal would be, "I will wake up at 7:00am every morning on Monday-Friday.")

**M - Measurable.** How will you know when you've achieved their goal? Track your progress!

**A - Achievable.** What specific actions will you take to achieve your goal? Consider any resources you will need to achieve your goal and whether or not it is achievable, given your set of resources.

**R - Relevant.** Why is this goal important to you? What are the benefits? Why is it meaningful?

**T - Time-bound.** When do you want to achieve your goal?





# Resources & Support

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## Helpful Resources

The [CTC Career Exploration & Job Prep Guide](#) provides helpful tips and resources!

The [Peterson's Test and Career Prep](#) provides resources that will help improve your test scores, explore colleges, universities and scholarships, explore careers, and prep for vocational tests. You will need to take a minute to complete the "New User Signup" if you are new to this database. Once you do that you are good to go.

The [Ferguson's Career Guidance Center](#) offers a wealth of resources for students to assess their career goals and interests, plan their education, learn workplace skills, find apprenticeships and internships, conduct a job search, and much more.

Click the links provided above to check out these great resources! You can also find these resources and many more on the [CTC Media Center](#) page.

Please see Ms. Leatherman in the CTC media center if you have any questions or need assistance.

## TutorMe

Tutor Me is an online tutoring program that will connect any FCPS middle or high school student to a live tutor, 24 hours a day in over 300 subjects. Log on day or night and in under 30 seconds you will be connected to one of over 10,000 verified tutors from the nation's top universities who are all experts in their field(s). Once matched, you'll enter a lesson space that features audio and video chat, screen sharing, virtual white boards and much more. The program can be used from home or school. Tutors can provide homework help, understanding concepts, writing support, and SAT prep. There are also options for students that speak Spanish, French, and many other languages.

Students are able to [log into "Tutor Me"](#) using the single sign-in Clever tool found on their Chromebooks. Students can even access past tutoring sessions later on if needed. Teachers have added a link via their individual Schoology Course Page to the One-Pager. If your student needs help finding it, please have them reach out to their teacher for assistance.

Here is an Introductory Video: [Tutor Me Overview](#). Additionally, the following [support documentation and videos](#) will help students successfully navigate and use the TutorMe platform.



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## 2023 SKILLSUSA LOCAL COMPETITION WINNERS

In December, students across 17 programs competed in 24 career-related SkillsUSA Local competitions that challenged students to put into action technical skills learned in their program. Students were celebrated with an awards ceremony on December 8<sup>th</sup> at the JBK Theater at Frederick Community College where the top 5 finishers in each competition were revealed. In most instances, top 3 finishers in each contest are eligible to move on to the SkillsUSA Regional competition and possibly beyond where they compete with other technical students from around the state. Please congratulate all winners on this tremendous accomplishment!



### **Autobody & Collision Repair**

#### **Contest: Collision Repair Technology**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Ben Kimbark
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Connor Allen
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Andrew Work
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Allison McTigue
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Gabe Olivio

### **Automotive Service Technology**

#### **Contest: Automotive Maintenance & Light Repair**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Nikolas Lawson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Matthew Young
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Terrance Vattimo
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Brody Summers
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Brandon Parra

### **Automotive Service Technology**

#### **Contest: Automotive Service Technology**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Charlie Shell
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Gray Drennan
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Wyatt Weinrich
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Nick Pusey
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Jeremiah Manahan

### **CAD Architecture**

#### **Contest: Architectural Drafting**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Mishani De Silva
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Cameron Latch
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Lexy Partyka
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Kaden Aiello
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Sabrina Farrell

### **CAD Engineering**

#### **Contest: Technical Drafting**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Michael Umana
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Varshith Jatla
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Caleb Yudt
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Connor Sloan
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Tyler Schirle

### **Carpentry**

#### **Contest: Carpentry**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Evan Burd
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Matthew Piedramartel
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Corey Doody
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Spencer Strassberger
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Levi Moser

### **Cisco Networking Academy**

#### **Contest: Internetworking**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Victor Pan
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Chloe Wood
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Alejandro Clerch
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Abigail Rivas
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Emil Moujalled

### **Computer Technician Analyst**

#### **Contest: Information Technology**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Will Semenick
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Daniel Morris
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Stan Butovsky
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Trent Butte
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Jackson Fanning

### **Cosmetology**

#### **Contest: Cosmetology**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Valeria Cruz
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Chloe Stone
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Kylie Shankle
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Ava Sanders
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Hanna MaGaha

### **Cosmetology**

#### **Contest: Esthetics**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Madison Watson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Brielle Simpson
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Renee Jones
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Abigail Wright
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Anjali Operario

### **Cosmetology**

#### **Contest: Nail Care**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Amy Eichelberger
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Erica Lopez

### **Criminal Justice & Homeland Security**

#### **Contest: Crime Scene Investigation**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Angela De La Cruz, Jade Elizalde, Anthony Flores
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Daniella Degbe, Sarah Guillen, Brielle Martinez
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Madison Aker, Angelina Crowder, Anais Tafeyem
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Andrew Bobby, Carl Diskin, Guadalupe Peralta Orellano
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Natalie Allen, Zinyada Hill Howell, Willow Vanskiver

### **Criminal Justice & Homeland Security**

#### **Contest: Criminal Justice**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Cameron Vachon
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Aidan McGarrity
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Yara Camila Diaz
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Aubrielle Boston
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Caleb Dillman



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## **Culinary Arts**

### **Contest: Baking & Pastry Arts**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Amaya Ferguson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Kristen Smith
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Ariana Pulido
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Kai Lynn
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Victoria Ogundipe

## **Culinary Arts**

### **Contest: Culinary Arts**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Gavin Preston
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Blaine Trivett
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Hayden Williams
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Marck Zamudio
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Dominic Fazio

## **Cybersecurity/Security +**

### **Contest: Cybersecurity**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Samuel Betiku
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Chloe Wood
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Victor Pan
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Alejandro Clerch
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Cullen Duggan

## **Digital Design & Printing Methods**

### **Contest: Advertising Design**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Noah Dame
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ashley Delcid Gonzalez
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Kim Koomson
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Sarah Ntumba
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Ntumba Martinez

## **Digital Design & Printing Methods**

### **Contest: Photography**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Kim Koomson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jaden Stokes
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Elian Mundo Varley
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Neydy Membreno Paz
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Brittany Holmes

## **Electricity**

### **Contest: Electrical Construction**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Joshua Onspaugh
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Andrew Potter
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Trent Wivell
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Jacob Ridgley
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Adolfo Rivera

## **HVACR & Plumbing**

### **Contest: Plumbing**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Ryder Dean
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Conner Langston
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Joshua (Josh) Price
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Joseph Tito
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Sarah Michael

## **HVACR & Plumbing**

### **Contest: Sheet Metal**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Declan Brennan
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Cash Wheat
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Andrew Winkler
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Luke Iferd
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Christopher (Chris) Gallagher
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Joshua (Josh) Arthur

## **TV/Multimedia Production**

### **Contest: Digital Cinema Production**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Hanna Koonze and Grace Philips
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Liam Hoheusle and Ethan Putnam
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Nora Dugan and Alex Ramos
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Ed Mattern and Riley Sullivan
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Lindsay Hawes and Nataly Torres

## **TV/Multimedia Production**

### **Contest: Television Video Production**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Nora Dugan and Alexandra (Alex) Ramos
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jennifer Porter and Jayleen Santos
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Lia Contreras and Nia James
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Trina Cheng and Aryaman Kantawala
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Zachary (Zak) Koehler and Ryan McNee

## **Welding Agricultural & Commercial Metals Technology**

### **Contest: Welding**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Emory Moore
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Thomas (Tommy) Alexander
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Cody Salonis
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Christian Ibarra
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Jacob White



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Abigail Wright

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Aniya Irvin  
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Victoria Ogundipe  
Shelby Querry  
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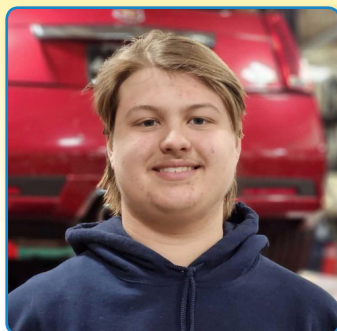
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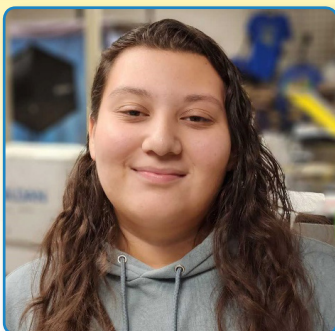
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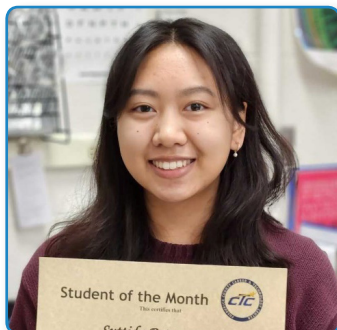
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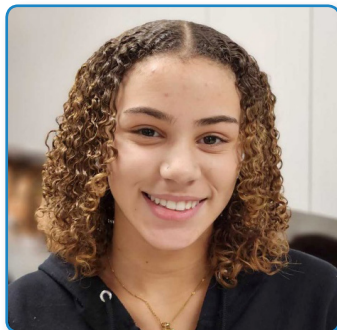
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Teacher Academy



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# Student Spotlight 11

## ASPIRING EDUCATORS: FREDERICK HIGH SENIOR SOFIA DRIVER

It might seem like Frederick High senior Sofia Driver wants to do it all, but her true focus is early childhood education and becoming an educator.

In addition to competing in cross country and track, serving as a legislative affairs co-coordinator for the Frederick County Association of Student Councils and serving as an alternate student page during the Maryland General Assembly, Sofia is a star graduate of the Teacher Academy of Maryland (TAM) program at the FCPS Career and Technology Center.

Check out this [blog post](#) all about Sofia and her success in TAM!

"Aspiring Educators: Frederick High Senior Sofia Driver.", FCPS Connect, Jan. 2024



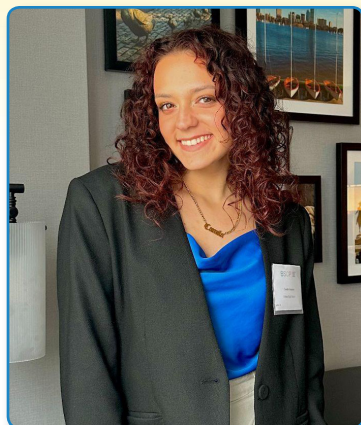
## CTC BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE STUDENT EARNS NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Camila Gonzalez has earned national recognition as the gold award winner in health science from the Hispanic Heritage Foundation.

Established by the White House in 1988, the Hispanic Heritage Foundation (HHF) is an award-winning nonprofit that identifies, inspires, prepares and positions Latino leaders in the classroom, community and workforce to meet America's priorities. The Youth Awards was founded in 1998 by the Hispanic Heritage Foundation. The

Youth Awards honors Latino high school seniors who excel in the classroom and community and for their excellence in various categories including: Community Service, Education, Engineering, Entrepreneurship & Business, Green Sustainability, Healthcare & Science, Media & Entertainment, Public Service & Social Justice, and Technology. Gold, Silver, and Bronze recipients are selected in each category and receive a one-time grant to fund their college education or to fund a community service effort that tackles a social issue.

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# Teacher Spotlight



## CONGRATULATIONS MR. HICKS! NATIONAL CCAR/ELECTUDE/ASE INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR

Tracey Hicks, an ASE Certified automotive instructor from Frederick, Maryland, was recently honored with a national achievement award as the CCAR/Electude/ASE Instructor of the Year. Fifty-three automotive professionals were recognized on November 15, 2023, at the Fall Board of

Governors meeting of the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) held at the Hilton Clearwater Beach Resort & Spa Clearwater, Florida.

Left to Right: Homer Hogg, Darrell Christopher, Tracey Hicks, Charles Ayers, Tim Zilke



The ASE annual awards spotlight top scorers on the ASE Certification tests from among the ranks of the approximately quarter million ASE Certified professionals nationwide. Charles Ayers, President of CCAR; Darrell Christopher, Director of Sales-North America, and Tremell Walker, Account Manager-Southeast, both from Electude; Homer Hogg, Chair of the ASE Board of Directors; and Timothy Zilke, ASE President & CEO, presented the award to Hicks.

Tracey Hicks with his students in the CTC Automotive Technology program



"Tracey, who teaches at Frederick County (Maryland) Public Schools, is one of the outstanding ASE certified professionals recognized annually by different

segments of the automotive service and repair industry. Each of these elite technicians is presented with an industry-specific award recognizing their achievement," said Zilke.

"ASE has honored extraordinary industry professionals from across the nation for more than 40 years," Zilke continued. "This is made possible by the support of our many award sponsors, whose ranks include some of the best-known names in the industry. We are proud to partner with CCAR and Electude to recognize Tracey's commitment to excellence in providing the very best in automotive technology education to his students. This dedication is reflected in the talented professionals we recognize each year and Tracey represents the best of the best."

Thirty-five companies from both OEM and Aftermarket segments sponsored the individual technician recognition awards in the Auto, Truck, Collision, Parts, and Service categories, along with awards for instructors. In addition to looking for top scores on ASE tests, award sponsors examine on-the-job excellence, community service and other factors when selecting honorees.

About the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Established in 1972 as a non-profit organization, the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) is a driving force in the transportation industry. As an independent third party, ASE upholds and promotes high standards of service and repair through the assessment, certification and credentialing of current and future industry professionals, and the prestigious ASE Blue Seal logo identifies professionals who possess the essential knowledge and skills to perform with excellence. Today, there are approximately 220,000 ASE Certified professionals at work in dealerships, independent shops, collision repair shops, auto parts stores, fleets, schools and colleges throughout the country. For more information about ASE, visit [www.ase.com](http://www.ase.com).

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