

Blue Ridge Community College

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Our Automotive Systems Technology Program continues to grow into one of our largest enrollment programs at the College. The program, taught at both the Henderson County Campus and the Transylvania County Campus, is certified by National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation and Automotive Youth Educational Systems. These affiliations mean students know they have chosen a quality program meeting national standards and are ensured the training is current, complete, and applicable. For employers, it means they are ensured well-trained entry-level technicians and are encouraged to get involved with the program in an advisory role. Last year the program became a National Training Center member of the National Alternative Fuels Training Consortium (NAFTC), headquartered at West Virginia University. With the high enrollment coupled with shrinking equipment budgets, lead instructor Chris English is talking more lately about the need for donated cars. The program needs late model cars in running condition to use in their lab to train students on the latest repair and maintenance technologies. If you have a car that you no longer need and would be interested in donating to the Automotive Systems program, give Chris a call at (828) 694-1835.

Remember to visit www.blueridge.edu/scholarships.php to download the Foundation Scholarship Application Form. Scholarships applications are currently available for the 2011-2011 academic year. The deadline to apply is March 1.

Another resource on Web site (www.blueridge.edu) is information for “Job Seekers.” Choose “Job Seekers” on the left side and you will find job opportunities at Blue Ridge along with a huge amount of information to aid in your job search. Job seekers are also invited to visit the Henderson County JobLink Career Center on our campus for one-on-one assistance. For more information, contact the Center at (828) 694-1755.

Finally, if you are interested in meeting people from diverse backgrounds who share a common interest in learning based on sharing and fellowship, you can become a member of The Blue Ridge Center for Lifelong Learning (BRCLL) and. Lifetime memberships are available for a one-time \$40 fee. Check out their Web site (www.brcll.com) which details information about their upcoming classes.