

On May 12, 2010, Career Institute hosted a completion event to celebrate graduates from four automotive training program providers in the community including: Chaffey College, Chaffey Adult School, CTEC and Baldy View ROP. Career Institute refers its participants to these various programs and our Career Mentors aid participants in graduating and job placement. This event was covered by the Daily Bulletin.

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FINDING A CAREER PATH

Students finish auto course

R.C. institute provides skills for job hunters

By Liset Márquez Staff Writer

ONTARIO — Just nine weeks ago, Shawn Darby had never picked up an impact wrench.

But now, the San Bernardino resident knows how to use the tool. He also can complete a 7,500-mile service checkup in half an hour, which includes changing tires and oil as well as checking brakes.

Darby, 20, was among 18 students who graduated Wednesday from a 10-week auto mechanics training course offered by the Rancho Cucamonga-based Career Institute.

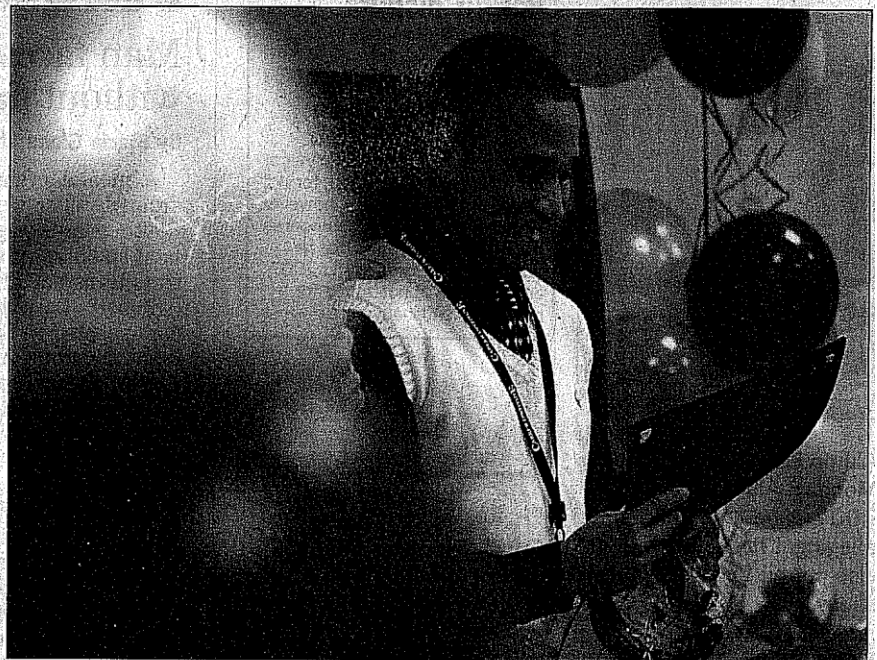
A ceremony for the students was held at BMW Western Regional Training Center in Ontario.

"I wanted to be a cook, but I found out that I really liked it so much that I want to open up my own auto shop someday," he said.

As part of the program, students were paired with various auto dealerships in the area for hands-on training, said George Root, an instructor at Baldy View Regional Occupational Program.

The San Bernardino Workforce Development Department funded the specialized training through the Workforce Investment Act.

Students received 100 hours of work experience in their field, a certification in



Jennifer Cappuccio Maher Staff Photographer

Shawn Darby, 20, of San Bernardino receives his certificate from Career Institute for completing a 10-week auto mechanics training course. He graduated Wednesday at BMW Western Regional Training Center in Ontario. Darby said he wants to open his own auto shop someday.

entry-level auto mechanics, tools, work boots and continued mentoring on how to pursue a career in the auto-mechanic field. "Since they entered my class, they not only developed the skills, but they also have hope. Hope that there is a job out there," Root said.

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