Start Your Career Engine

October 28, 2016
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Community College of Philadelphia’s West Regional Center Auto Facility
4725 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19139

Entrance is on Ludlow Street at the rear of the building.
Lunch is included, and registration is required.
Register online at ccp.edu/auto-RSVP
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The automotive industry is a technology-driven field that is constantly advancing as manufacturers develop new ways to make vehicles safer and more environmentally friendly. Faulty airbags and false emissions reporting are two major automotive stories making the headlines today. How can technology be used to prevent these incidents from happening again?

Join us for a day filled with action-packed workshops and technology demonstrations as you learn about industry trends and how Community College of Philadelphia can prepare you for these emerging career opportunities. You’ll also hear from a successful graduate of our Automotive Technology program.

We’ll provide tours of our high-tech auto facility, and show you how to get started on this exciting career path.

Successful Graduates of the Automotive Program

When Robert Schwarz graduated from Roman Catholic High School, he didn’t want to go to college, but he enrolled in the Automotive program and found it to be an inexpensive path to a career he enjoyed. After graduating from Community College of Philadelphia, Robert went on to earn his bachelor’s degree in Automotive Technology and worked as a technician for nearly 10 years. He now teaches full time at Middle Bucks Vocational School.

When Suzanne Grego was eight years old, her father brought her to a classic car show, and she was instantly curious about the machines and how the engine produced such a magnificent noise. Years later, when the time came for her to purchase her first car, she became even more excited about the ins and outs of automobiles. She started doing her own oil changes and replacing brake pads with a little assistance from her father. After graduating with a bachelor’s degree in Film and English, she headed to California to become a filmmaker, but the West Coast was not for her and she moved to Philadelphia. She realized fixing cars was what she wanted to do for a living, and enrolled in Community College of Philadelphia’s Automotive Technology program. She graduated in 2003 and was hired at a Ford Dealership. Suzanne now works as a Fleet Management technician for the City of Philadelphia.

Kafi Birch grew up in North Philadelphia and was homeschooled. After high school he enrolled in the Automotive Technology program at Community College of Philadelphia, where he completed the program in two years and graduated at the age of 18. He was hired as a technician at Otto’s BMW and worked there until 2010 to join SEPTA as a bus mechanic. He quickly rose through the ranks at SEPTA to the position of Surface Operations Manager, thanks in part to his college degree.

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