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## Auto Body Repair Techniques Program



Teacher Daniel Chudy is pictured receiving the re-accreditation certificate on behalf of the Autobody Repair Techniques program from CNAB Chair Murray Russell on November 20. The Techniques program, along with the Motorcycle & Powersports program, were both recently re-accredited for the maximum 5 years by CNAB (CARS National Accreditation Board) after a rigorous re-evaluation of the programs. Accreditation was originally earned by both programs in 2000 after a very thorough examination of all facets of the program by seasoned industry experts and was then compared to national standards. This is a much examined program as it also underwent an internal College Comprehensive Review this year.

The Autobody Repair Techniques program was launched in 1996 with 40 students and was designed as a pre-employment program to give aspiring apprenticeship candidates a marketable skill set to make them more attractive to employers from their first day on the job. Many Techniques students come back to the College to complete their apprenticeships as they gain industry experience. The program remains very popular with applicants with 76 students admitted this year. Despite its overwhelming and longstanding success, the program continues to be the only post secondary program of its type in Ontario. The continuous, generous support from industry can be seen in the photograph. A new "body in white" (nothing to do with the colour) shell, recently donated by BMW, is seen complete with its high-tech, carbon fibre roof panel. Another recently donated body shell from BMW, not pictured, is equipped with light-weight aluminum panels and magnesium strut-tower mounts. These donations are particularly appropriate as the body shop is currently in the process of setting up its first aluminum-only lab which avoids the risk of metal contamination while cars are undergoing sheet metal repairs. Like the rest of this fascinating industry, the autobody world continues to evolve!

## Autobody Repair Techniques Students Practice Safety



Techniques students Patrick Nwandu and Harjit Saggi show off the latest line in Auto Painters' Personal Protection Equipment. Both are wearing "Shoot Suits" for use while spray painting. These suits are lightweight, non-static, breathable and washable yet provide protection against the chemicals encountered in a paint booth.

## Level 3 AST Grads Ready to get Certified



The first level 3 block release of the 2009/2010 academic year have completed and are on their way to successfully write their certificate of qualification with what we and their employers have taught them. (Prof. Vic Conley)

View the SoT video (2 minutes) by clicking [here](#)