

# Auto Tech News

The Automotive Technology Department at Weber State University is committed to developing highly trained and qualified graduates prepared to enter the workforce and adapt to the evolving needs of the automotive industry. In an effort to better align our programs with those needs, we have undergone a rigorous evaluation of our department's offerings. This evaluation was conducted by a professional consultant working in conjunction with Weber State University and several of our industry partners. The outcome of this consultation is a more efficient and streamlined department, with offerings that allow us to better fulfill the needs of our students, the community, and the automotive industry.

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## Program Expansion

ATEP now has spring & fall start options along with morning & evening offerings.

## New Direction

Below is a summary of the new direction for the automotive technology department at Weber State University:

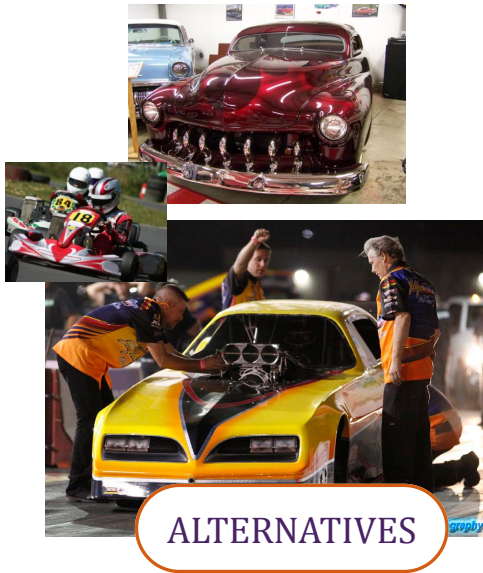
1. The Automotive Technology Education Program (ATEP) has expanded. The program now offers spring and fall start options, morning and evening offerings, and is currently filled to capacity for the 2014-15 academic year.
2. The General Motors (GM) Automotive Service Education Program (ASEP) will remain the same. It has been determined that there is a growing demand for these technicians in this market area.

3. The Toyota T-TEN program will no longer be offered. This was a mutual decision between WSU Automotive Technology and Toyota based on the lack of demand in this market area.
4. The Mopar CAP program has transitioned into a self-study, web-based program which will work in conjunction with ATEP. This decision was made based on the demand for Chrysler trained technicians in this market area.
5. The Collision Repair program has been placed on hold and is not currently accepting any new students. WSU Automotive Technology is meeting with members of the Collision Repair Advisory Committee along with other industry members to determine the best options for our graduates.
6. Traditional recruitment visits to high schools will no longer occur. Instead, on-site technical demonstrations provided by WSU Automotive Technology faculty are available upon request.

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Looking for possible future alternatives in  
place of the California Education Trip

## Annual California Education Trip

In addition to our program offerings, the Annual California Education Trip was also evaluated. At this time, WSU is currently unable to host the activity. Some possible future alternatives under consideration are:

- A private tour of the Ardell Brown car collection
- An activity at the Miller Motor Sports Park
- An activity at the Rocky Mountain Raceways

We are confident that our new direction will allow us to better meet student, industry, and community needs. We appreciate your support, and are looking forward to working with you this school year.

Sincerely,

*Automotive Technology*