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## GM Honors Automotive Technology Professors

OGDEN, Utah – Two Weber State University automotive technology professors were honored recently by General Motors Corp. for their outstanding service, which in turn will provide the automotive technology program and its students with greater potential resources.

Instructor Joseph Grundvig, a Salt Lake City resident, received a world class technician award from GM. Grundvig becomes one of 700 people worldwide who have received this honor.

“The GM world class technician award indicates that Joe is a master technician in nine different areas of automobile diagnosis and repair – that’s a very difficult award to earn,” said automotive technology program manager John Kelly. “Having Joe as part of our department is a benefit to our students, our faculty and our program.”

A direct benefit to the automotive technology program is that vehicles, equipment and tool donations from GM are based on instructors’ level of training.

Professor Rick DeMoss received a distinguished service award from GM for his many years of service to the GM Automotive Service Education Program (ASEP). The distinguished service award is given to one individual annually in the United States. DeMoss was instrumental in helping start the ASEP at Weber State in 1986. He has since seen more than 1,000 graduates complete the program.

Kelly says the recognition from GM that will increase the likelihood of the automotive manufacturer contributing more resources to WSU's department of automotive technology.

WSU's automotive technology program's relationship with ASEP is one of the oldest in the nation. ASEP is a two-year associate degree program with an emphasis in General Motors service technology. Students alternate between formal classroom training and hands-on work experience in a General Motors dealership.

WSU's automotive department is one of four schools in the nation offering a four-year degree in automotive technology. The program is the only one in Utah that has partnerships with GM, Toyota, Honda and DaimlerChrysler. These same partners also serve as potential employers for the program's four-year graduates.

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