



# L&C Automotive Technology Program Receives Vehicle Donation

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**GODFREY** – Students in the Lewis and Clark Community College Automotive Technology program have been given another resource to advance their education with the donation of a 2015 Ford Focus.

In cooperation with Roberts Motors of Alton, Marcus Hicks, a regional technical talent placement specialist with the Ford Motor Company, worked to secure the car donation to help L&C provide additional educational opportunities.



“Ford Motor Company recognizes there’s a real shortage of technicians and we wanted to start helping our dealerships,” Hicks said. “This is just a way to support our dealerships as they help support programs like this at Lewis and Clark.”

According to Roberts Motors Vice President and General Manager John Roberts, the dealership was able to facilitate the vehicle donation through the Ford Automotive Career Exploration (ACE) program.

“Lewis and Clark has always been good in the skill trade fields,” Roberts said. “This allows us to benefit by seeing kids come into the automotive field, get some Ford certifications and, hopefully, come work for us.”

L&C Automotive Technology Program Coordinator Chris Reynolds credits the role Roberts Motors and ACE have played in providing students with access to entry-level Ford service technician certifications, noting that L&C students consistently rank high on completion and participation rates with the program.

“Roberts Motors has sponsored our access to service information and diagnostic software, hosted multiple student interns, participated in program recruiting events and gifted this vehicle today,” Reynolds said. “We are grateful for the Roberts family and Ford Motor Company for their commitment to our program.”

The Automotive Technology program at L&C has received accreditation by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF), a non-profit, independent organization that evaluates and accredits entry-level technician training programs against standards developed by the automotive industry.

For more information on L&C’s Automotive Technology program, visit <https://www.lc.edu/program/autotech/> or call (618) 468-4915.