NORTH ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

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**ADVISORY MEETING**

**AUTOMOTIVE COLLISION REPAIR**

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December 2, 2021 2021@ 6:00 pm

The Cypress College Auto Collision Repair Program conducted an advisory board meeting with the following attending via Zoom:

* Larry Ramos - Cypress College-ACR Instructor
* Dan Snook – Cypress College -ACR Instructor
* Lidia Coman - Cypress College - ACR Shop Manager
* Jeannie Mitch- Cypress College- Counselor
* Joe DiDonato- BASF
* Fred Gruner- Nvidia
* Denise Pina – Brea Auto Body
* Virgina Pina – Brea Auto Body
* Roxana Peikar –Property Damage Appraisers Orange County/Los Angeles
* Andrew Nunez -Fullerton High School

Larry:

-welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked attendees to introduce themselves

-stated the mission of the department: to provide entry level technicians for the collision industry

-talked about safe lab protocols and procedures during Covid-19 pandemic. Students continue, line previous semester, to be in the lab for a limited number of hours as they observe safe lab protocols: social distancing, face masks, face shields, disinfecting

-instruction is synchronous: in person for students who show up in class and at the same time on- line for those who are not in class

-most importantly, asked that the Advisory group approve all the new ACR programs to include the AC1 Detail Tech Certificate, AC2 Paint & Refinishing, AC3 Structural Certificate, AC4 Appraisal and Management Certificate, the Advanced Technician A.S., the ICAR Gold Certificate, and the ICAR Gold A.S. The Advisory members overwhelmingly agreed the curriculum updates were necessary for student skills, transfer and employment.

Jeannie: this type of instruction it’s better for the students; they get more benefits for having all materials posted on canvas platform and they can access it at their convenience

Larry: if students get sick, all materials are on canvas and they can keep up with tasks

Larry: asked if there is value to teach students pre-scan for an entry level technician position.

Roxana: thinks it’s a good idea to teach that; all shops she works for, do pre-scan

Virginia: at her shop they do pre-scan and post scan and it’s a good way to conduct business. She hired a young high school student who works part time at her shop and it’s impressed how fast he learned the pre-scan and post scan process. These skills are easily picked up by the younger workers.

Denise: younger generation do enjoy this, they are also adding value to the workplace

Joe: asked if there are other shops using All Data and what are the procedures for shops when you first get a car

Virginia: when a car comes in, they first do an estimate, scan it, the estimator goes over the damage with technician; with new cars it’s getting more technical because of the hundreds of computers in each car

Roxana: when she’s teaching the estimating class, she pulls the OEM one stop and explain why the do scanning. She will pull info justifying why they scan.

Denise: Brea Auto Body shop uses All Data, Acura & Honda direct OEM. Recommends to expose collision students to different platforms, knowing how to pull the data, just basic pull up, interpret it and having it ready for the technician

Virginia: recommends to add this to the curriculum & have it become standard training tool

Denise: if there are any problems with the repairs, technicians need to go back to manufacture repair standard.

Joe: in his class he taught safety on hybrid car and trained the students to disconnect battery to 20 -year hybrid car; he also explained all it takes to disconnect a hybrid battery

Denise: there are a lot of dangers around electric cars; these are highly explosive cars too

Virginia: cannot emphasize how important hybrid safety is

Larry: ADAS (Advanced Driver Assistant System) is covered in his classes, but questions if it’s the role of the mechanic or technician

Denise: ADAS is required for collision technicians as well for mechanics; ADAS is part of the collision industry; we are leaning it, we are teaching our technicians, It’s not mechanical only.

Fred Gruner: collision technicians need to recalibrate the cameras after a collision repair

Denise: need to have it in the curriculum, otherwise your students will be left behind

Virginia: at her shop, she brings someone to calibrate it; they are so advanced, some manufactures are requiring to be calibrated by dealers only; aftermarket is not accepted anymore

Joe: how do you do it camera calibration

Denise: recommends to add calibration as a secondary class

Roxana: suggests to teach how to pre-scan at the collision classes

Denise: also add ADAS, pre-scan and post-scan.

Joe: what tools are you using to scan

Virginia: they use generic tools or manufacture specific; they have a subscription, some cars cannot be touch, manufacture is getting more specific on who is touching their cars

Larry: do you suggest to partner with manufactures to support a specific car

Virginia: yes, as cars are getting more technical, more specific

Larry: who is driving this: OEM or insurance companies

Denise: it is OEM driven; recommends having an OEM representative in the advisory committee

Dan: every year at SEMA Show, he approaches the manufactures but has not had any success on partnerships; he tried with Ford, Kia but are not willing to give data access, they only suggested to subscribe and pay for it. He would like help on this.

Denise: knows some people who can get to manufacture directly. Asked Dan to put together a list of exactly what he wants and she will forward it to her friend who is connected to manufactures.

Roxana: never worked in a shop who has All-Data, majority of technicians are not going into the high-tech shops, majority of them use One- Stop

Larry: is OE training still available to instructors? Ford, Chevy? Pay for it?

Dan: he doesn’t know if they are available, will research on line

Denise: she uses I-CAR for training; recommends to have students apply for scholarship, auto body education foundation will also help the school, they have money to help schools,

Larry: has been communicating with Melissa Marscin from Education Foundation and will include applying for scholarships in student’s assignments.

Virginia: will Honda come on-board? They are heavily involved in Cerritos College, GM might be willing to get involved with Cypress College

Larry: Andrew Nunez picked up a lot of donations from Cypress College Auto Collision

Andrew: asked for a Cypress College Collision Program for his high school classroom; he has students interested in continuing education at Cypress College. He will like to have Larry or Dan as a guest speaker in his class

Joe: is Fullerton High the only HS collision in Orange County?

Andrew: might be the only collision teaching High School in California; received a lot of support from administrators, they see the value of automotive training

Joe: what’s the max time allowed with students

Andrew: 30 students, 3 years course, 5 days a week, one hour, he will ask for help if his program continue to grow

Larry: asked if there is any way he could help his program with paint mixing systems or MIG machines.

Andrew: the paint he received from Cypress College has helped; they are good now

Virginia: offered her support for Andrew and his Fullerton High collision program

Larry thanked everyone for their participation and input. Meeting adjourned at 7:18pm