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New year, new entry-level job skills for adults

On Monday, **January 20, 2009**, the high school students at the Muskegon Area Career Tech Center (MACTC) will head home for the day and adult students will take their place. The adults who choose to enroll in the adult and community education courses will be taught by industry-certified instructors through twice-a-week, hands-on training for ten or more weeks. Classes are offered on Mondays and Wednesdays, and Tuesdays and Thursdays during the late afternoon and evening hours. Courses include: Auto Body Refinishing, Auto Service, Business Professional/Finance Training, Level One-CNC (Computer Numerical Control) Machining Operations, Early Childhood Development, Horticulture/Floral Design, Machine Tool, PC Maintenance/Residential Cabling, Public Safety/Protective Services, Restaurant/Catering and Culinary Management, Basic MIG (Metal Inert Gas) Welding, and Basic TIG (Tungsten Inert Gas) Welding. To ensure personal attention, safety, and hands-on learning, most class sizes are limited to 15.

According to Paul Hoppa, Family Literacy Specialist for the Muskegon Area Intermediate School District (MAISD), the training provides adults with personal growth experiences in practical career-related areas. "There are no qualifications or experience required to participate. All adult students are welcome. These are entry-level opportunities that will expose adults to the latest technologies, equipment, and top-notch instruction. We hope many adults from throughout West Michigan will take advantage of this exciting resource right here in Muskegon County," said Hoppa.

Class tuition for each course is \$295.00 and some courses may require additional material or textbook fees. To learn more, contact your nearest Adult and Community Education office, call the MAISD at 231-767-7217, or visit www.muskegonisd.org for a detailed registration brochure. Deadline for registering is **Monday, January 12, 2009**. This training program is a cooperative venture between local Adult and Community Education Programs and the MACTC.

The MACTC, located on the Muskegon Community College Campus, can be found at the corner of Harvey Street and Stebbins Road right next to the wind turbine. The MACTC opened to Muskegon area high school students in January 2005 and is operated by Muskegon Area Intermediate School District (MAISD).

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