



# Merit Award

*Casie Carr*

Automotive Technician Program  
Newaygo County Career-Tech Center  
White Cloud High School

Nominator: Bernie Blain, Automotive Technology Instructor

Casie has always had a fascination for engines and likes learning about new things. When her boyfriend suggested she consider the automotive class at the tech center, she found a challenge she enjoys!

She started the class with minimal automotive experience. Yet her determination and hard work have contributed to her now being qualified for an entry level position at an automotive repair facility. Her instructor is confident that she will be an asset to such a company.

At first, she felt that she was not taken seriously. All of the boys in her class tried to help her - too much. She found it annoying that they would do things for her without explaining what they were doing. She wanted to try things on her own and liked to learn from her mistakes. Eventually, her classmates figured out that she could hold her own and she was thrilled when they started to take her seriously and even started asking her for help.



Casie recently earned the ABC (Attitude, Behavior, and Commitment) award in her automotive class. She has interned at the Newaygo County Sheriff's Department, where she says she has learned to manage her time and interact professionally with the public.

Casie would like to work in the design aspect of the automotive industry, perhaps combining her interests in graphic design with paints and custom designs.

Casie plans to continue her automotive education and is investigating colleges that can help her achieve her career dreams.

**I** *f it's something that you know you want to do, then no one but you is standing in your way.*

~ Casie Carr