



Merit Award

Holley Compton

Automotive Technology Program

William D. Ford Career Technical Center

John Glenn High School

Nominator: James Schirmer, Automotive Program Instructor

Holley has been around drag racers, snowmobiles, and dirt bikes all her life. She became interested in pursuing a career in auto repair by helping her dad work on vehicles. Her career interest inventories always included mechanics and auto related jobs.

One of her role models is Speed Channels' Jessi Combs on *Extreme 4X4*. Holley has talked to the 8th grade students on tour at the Center and encouraged the girls to consider her program area. Her instructor says she is not just a mentor and role model for girls, but that through her work habits, she is also a role model for the guys in the program.

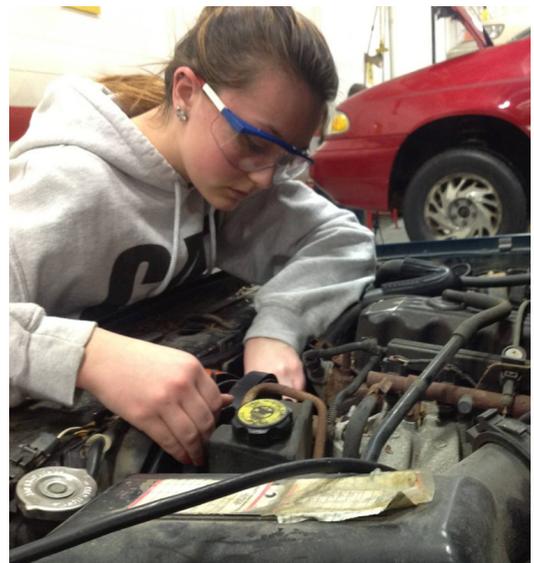
When her family moved last year, Holley decided that she wanted to continue in her auto program, so she commutes an hour each way every day to stay in the program.

Holley is a member of the National Technical Honor Society and has many Positive Behavior Tickets and attendance awards.

She is a member of SkillsUSA and participated as part of a select team at Tech Trek at the North American International Auto Show. She participated in Ford AAA, SkillsUSA, and MITES competitions this year. She is also a world archery champion.

Last year, Holley worked a co-op job in an auto parts warehouse. This year she applied to area auto dealerships for a co-op position as an Automotive Youth Educational Systems intern. She is interested in working on high end race vehicles.

Holley plans to attend WYO-Tech to continue her auto studies.



Every time someone questioned whether, as a girl, I should pursue an auto related career, it made me more determined.

~ Holley Compton