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Nissan delivers donated SUV to LCTI Auto Technology program  
Infiniti QX56 worth more than $16,000 arrives at Lehigh County school

SCHNECKSVILLE, Pa. | Nissan North America Inc. representatives on Monday delivered the second of two vehicles the company donated to Lehigh Career & Technical Institute’s Auto Technology program.

Nissan/Infiniti Technical Training Specialist John Buskey and Infiniti Dealer Technical Specialist Michael D. Wetherill arrived just in time to give LCTI’s morning Auto Tech students an opportunity to check out the vehicle – a 2005 Infiniti QX56 valued at $16,554. They delivered a donated 2014 Nissan Versa valued at $9,300 to the school in August.*

Buskey, Wetherill and, Darrin Schlegel, a Nissan/Infiniti technical training specialist, reviewed the QX56’s features and specifications with students before discussing what it’s like to work for Nissan and how to thrive in the automotive industry. All three men began their careers as auto technicians.

This marks the first time in more than a decade that a foreign-owned automaker has donated a vehicle to LCTI, so Nissan’s gifts are timely and will serve as excellent teaching tools, according to Auto Tech instructors Michael Bernadyn, Kevin Ferenchak and Rich Sikora.

Most of the program’s vehicles were manufactured by domestic automakers. Adding an Infiniti and a Nissan to the mix means LCTI can offer students a more diversified training experience and better prepare them for the workforce. “We’re getting the latest, greatest technology” with the QX56 and the Versa, Bernadyn says.

Many of his students intern and, ultimately, go to work for car dealerships that sell and service vehicles produced by automakers based outside the U.S. “Foreign cars are just as popular as domestic cars,” Bernadyn says.

Impressed by LCTI students’ consistent and often award-winning contest performances, Wetherill approached Bernadyn last spring in New York at the National Auto-Tech Competition and proposed a vehicle donation. Wetherill and Buskey toured the school’s Auto Tech facilities and gained a deeper understanding of the program’s offerings and

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needs during delivery of the Nissan. Further impressed by the program and its students, they proposed donating the Infiniti.

Buskey says Nissan is committed to supporting automotive education by donating vehicles to schools that are training the next generation of industry professionals.

“Too many times, schools are dealing with cars that are extremely old and worn out. The new technology isn’t there with those vehicles,” he says. “So, it’s important for us, and any manufacturer, to participate by donating newer vehicles.”

*A 2014 Nissan Versa donated to LCTI arrived at the school in August. A news release issued Friday listed an incorrect delivery date.*

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Lehigh Career & Technical Institute is Pennsylvania’s largest career and technical school. Founded in 1971, LCTI each year provides more than 45 skills-based programs of study, as well as academic instruction for about 2,700 students from 10 of Lehigh County’s public high schools. LCTI also offers industry-relevant training and credentials for adults working in the Lehigh Valley and beyond. The school’s state-of-the-art facilities encompass 450,000 square feet on a 47-acre campus in the Schnecksville section of North Whitehall Township. Visit lcti.org for more information about LCTI.