

LeCroy instructor completes training conference

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Lee Brown, left, receiving his certificate from Tom Berryman, right.

Lee Brown, automotive instructor at the W.A. LeCroy Career/Technical Center, recently completed a conference for advanced automotive technology.

The annual conference is hosted by the Alabama Center for Automotive Excellence located on Lawson State Community College's Bessemer campus.

Nearly 50 high school instructors from across the state participated in the three-day event, which was presented by Lawson State's General Motors ASEP, Ford ASSET and Toyota T-TEN instructors.

"The conference was a great opportunity for Mr. Brown to network and learn what is on the horizon for his students," said Dr. Perry Ward, president of Lawson State.

The conference included sessions on Ford's communication networks and multiplexing strategies; General Motor's newest engine technology; and Toyota's hybrid vehicle, the Prius.

The Alabama Center for Automotive Excellence is the flagship for the College's Bessemer campus. It not only serves the growing industry in Alabama but across the southeast.

"For over 20 years the Bessemer campus has provided product specific classes for companies such as General Motors, Ford, Toyota, Mercedes-Benz and AC Delco," Ward added.

In addition to the manufacturer's programs, the Alabama Center for Automotive Excellence also offers medium and heavy truck technology along with auto body and collision repair.

Lawson State's Mission is to prepare students for successful employment or advancement in the automotive technology field through theory classes, practical labs and internships.

The Center is dedicated to a seamless bridge between high school and college automotive programs.