

## **Service Learning Program Abstract**

### **Delta College**

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### **Gearing Up with Automotive Presentations**

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Students in the GM Automotive Technician Certification program at Delta College are getting out from under the hood and delivering presentations in an alternative high school.

This innovative partnership assists Delta students in sharpening their communication skills in personal and professional settings, while providing local alternative high schools with a peak at the possibilities that exist after graduation.

Delta students have learned some of the language and research of the speech discipline and readily apply this knowledge in a practical, active-learning setting outside of class. Students are given the opportunity to show what they know in team presentations that teach automotive safety in an informal setting at Mackinaw Academy in Saginaw Township.

Throughout their presentations, the automotive class adapted their content for each audience. The students at Mackinaw Academy responded with enthusiasm, showing particular interest in the legal/illegal automotive accessories group. After their presentation, Delta students commented on how much fun they had interacting with the students at Mackinaw Academy and how their experience had erased the fears they had about interacting with younger people from different cultures.

This program shows a unique way to integrate service and higher education. It has again shown Delta reaching out from their campus once again, providing two different groups of students with a venue to learn more about themselves and one another.

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#### **Disciplines/Courses Involved:**

Speech

#### **Community Partner(s):**

Mackinaw Academy

#### **Service Provided:**

Automotive Safety Education

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