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Under the Hood Journal

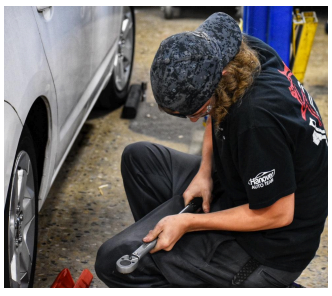
May 2025

Pre-Apprentice Graduation!

CONGRATULATIONS to our 2025 class of Pre-Apprentices as we celebrate each of them completing 336 hours of technical and leadership training this school year with Tech Pathways! What a year it's been, learning, giving, growing and new experiences. To say we are proud of them, and to witness their growth this year, is an understatement!

We celebrated with a friendly competition in the shop, the "Garage Gauntlet," a series of stations designed to challenge their technical abilities in a fun and supportive way. Afterwards, we heard each student present a retirement speech. This was part of a reflective project intended to help them consider the end of their careers even as they are just beginning. They had to imagine how a loved one might describe the kind of employee and person they hope to be after a long career as a Technician.

No matter what their futures hold, we are thankful to have had a part of each of their stories! Congratulations Tech Pathways Class of '25!



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Leadership in Action: The Capstone Project

As the Tech Pathways year wraps up, our Pre-Apprentices take on one of their most meaningful challenges: the Leadership Capstone Project.

More than a writing assignment, it's a personal and professional blueprint. Students turn lessons on goal-setting, mentorship, teamwork, and emotional intelligence into a real-world plan. Hiring managers review these documents ahead of interviews, gaining insight into each student's mindset, work ethic, and leadership potential.

From financial planning to team goals and mentorship, this is where theory becomes action. It's not just about what students know, but how they'll lead.

We remind students all year: leadership tools only matter if you use them. The Capstone proves they're not just carrying the toolbox, they are ready to build.

What Our Current Apprentices Are Up To

Apprentice Matthew took his experience and knowledge on the road this month with a visit to New Salem Elementary! He spoke to first graders about his job as a Technician and showed off our cool Hanover OffRoad rally car. He demonstrated a few technical skills and shared which school subjects he now uses in his work. We love connecting with local students, and love seeing our youngest Technicians get involved, as they can be the most relatable!

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Giving Back: Students Restore and Donate Vehicles to Local Mission

Throughout the school year, Tech Pathways pre-apprentices have been hard at work restoring two vehicles for donation, turning them from shop projects into meaningful gifts. These hands-on repairs challenged them to apply their growing technical skills while preparing them for roles as automotive technicians.

Last week, smiles said it all as the students handed over one of the completed vehicles to Missionary Wheels, a nonprofit operated by Spring Grove Alliance Church. The organization supports overseas missionaries by providing reliable transportation during their time in the U.S., a critical resource that helps them focus on rest, reconnection, and their ministry.

It was more than just a project. It was a powerful lesson in using skills to serve others.

More information can be found here: www.springgrovealliance.org/wheels

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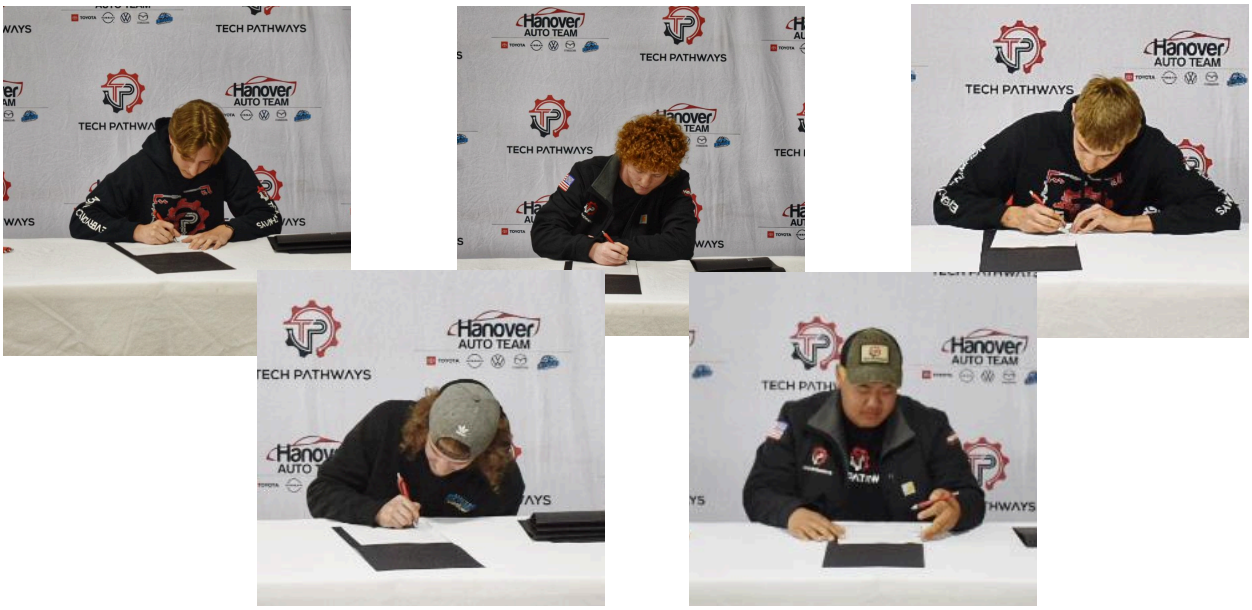
Signing Day!

Signing Day was a huge success for Zachary, Levi, Jacob, AJ, and Aaron. After many hours in the classroom and in the shop, volunteering in the community, presenting in front of their families and peers, and a few celebrations in between… their journey as PRE-Apprentices has come to an end! Join us as we congratulate these 5 new APPRENTICES of Hanover Auto Team!



Exciting Upcoming Dates

- **Tech Pathways Closed:** May 16 - September 2
- **Welcome to Tech Pathways Event Night:** August 28

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We look forward to another fantastic year of learning and growth together!