

Maryland Student, Instructor Receive WIN Scholarships



Already known throughout the WMABA community for its firm commitment to automotive education, the Center for Applied Technology North (CATN) in Severn, Md. recently gained national acclaim thanks to the Women's Industry Network (WIN). CATN sophomore Rickia Mines recently became the proud recipient of one of WIN's 2011 scholarships, while CATN refinishing teacher Rodney Bolton received a special instructor scholarship from the organization.

Bolton, who taught Rickia when she was involved in the school's refinishing program, submitted the talented student's credentials to WIN in consideration for the award.

"She was very motivated and the type of individual who goes after something she wants instead of sitting back and waiting for someone to make it happen for her," he says. "The Women's Industry Network is looking for future women for our industry, and I thought she would be an excellent candidate because of her drive, desire and ambition. She just had everything it would take to do well in this industry."

Polite and articulate, Rickia is already an avid car enthusiast with a genuine love for the collision repair craft.

"When I was young, I used to see my dad work on cars," she says. "I would always try to help, and I just got into it from there. I've always been interested in working hands-on with cars."

While she enjoyed her time in Bolton's automotive painting course, Mines feels most at home doing auto body work.

"I find that to be more hands-on than refinishing," she explains. "Recently, I learned how to take off a bumper and put it back on. I also took off a hood and have been able to take the window regulator out of a door. I took the whole side door apart and put it back together."

Rickia was presented her scholarship during the 2011 Women's Industry Network Conference, held May 1-3 in San Diego, Ca. *Hammer & Dolly* and WMABA congratulate Rickia on her achievement and wish her much success in the years to come.



WIN Scholarship winner Rickia Mines is already showing the talent necessary to enjoy a long and successful career in collision repair.



WIN is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to encouraging, developing and cultivating opportunities to attract women to collision repair while recognizing excellence, promoting leadership and fostering a network among the women who are shaping the industry. For more information, go to www.womensindustry.com.