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### **Century College Welcomes “Newer” Car Donations**

When Donald Quigley of Lindstrom, a retired farmer and construction worker, was ready to part with his shiny, red, low-mileage Chevrolet Impala, complete with automatic transmission and air conditioning, he decided to donate it to Century College for use in the Automotive Services Technology program.

Tim Micko of Century’s auto program was delighted to have the vehicle because of its year – 2000. While many people consider donating their older-model vehicles, it is more helpful for the college to have newer models. “It is great to have newer vehicles for the students to practice on,” said Micko. “They need to know how to repair features such as airbags that are found in the newer models. It is helpful for them to tear these vehicles apart and put them back together.”

Micko said graduates of Century’s two-year auto program go to work at most every car dealership in the area, including all of those found on Highway 61 from Maplewood to White Bear Lake. Other students start their own auto repair shops or advance to four-year colleges to earn degrees in engineering. Students starting in the program range in age from 18 to 40.

“I’m just happy I can help these students,” said Quigley. “You can make good money in vehicle repair.”



Photo: Tim Micko of Century College and car donor Donald Quigley of Lindstrom