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**SATURN OF HARRISBURG DONATES VEHICLE TO REWARD
HARRISBURG CAREER & TECHNOLOGY SCHOOL AUTOMOTIVE STUDENTS
FOR GOOD GRADES & ATTENDENCE**

HARRISBURG – Saturn of Harrisburg will donate a 1997 Saturn SL-2 to the Harrisburg Career and Technology Academy’s (HCTA) Automotive Technology program. The vehicle will be awarded to a student that excels in his or her academics and is dedicated to regularly attending school. The dealership will donate the vehicle on Wednesday, April 26 at 10:00 a.m. to the Harrisburg Career and Technology Academy, located at the William Penn Campus, 2915 N. 3rd Street in Harrisburg.

Automotive students with a grade point average between 2.0 and 4.0, and a 95% or better tardy/attendance record are eligible to participate in a drawing to win the vehicle in the 2006-2007 academic year. Saturn of Harrisburg is among many new car and truck dealers in the greater Harrisburg area assisting the Harrisburg Career and Technology Academy’s Automotive Technology program to become a nationally-certified training facility. Donated vehicles that were obtained for the Academy are being utilized as learning tools and have enabled the instructor to demonstrate the tasks relating to the current instruction.

The Pennsylvania Automotive Association (PAA) Foundation, through a grant from the U.S. Department of Labor, has also been dedicated to improving the learning environment within the Academy’s automotive technology program. The goal of PAA Foundation is to enhance the employability of and provide career opportunities for students of HCTA automotive technology program; strengthen their personal life skills; encourage opportunities for post-secondary and continuing education; and promote financial independence.

PAA has provided the Academy with tools, equipment, curriculum, and a project coordinator to help the program become certified with the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF). Upon certification, the school’s potential for funding from public and corporate sources increases, and it gives the school a mechanism for recruiting students based on demonstrated program excellence. Through this partnership with PAA, the facilities have been dramatically improved, and the students are involved in a true learning process with a structured curriculum.

Established in 2002, the PAA Foundation focuses on attracting bright, qualified young people to the automotive industry in the Commonwealth; offering training opportunities to those interested in working in the industry; enhancing the image of the dealer community; and providing avenues for charitable giving by the dealer community. In 2006, the PAA Foundation will be awarding \$200,000 in post-secondary scholarships to worthy high school students with an interest in entering Pennsylvania’s automotive industry.

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