

2011 Capital City Corvette Club Scholarship Recipients

Jeremy Rathbun John Bechtel Memorial Scholarship

The following is a note from Jeremy.

Dear Capital City Corvette Club,

I am writing to thank you for the \$750 John Bechtel Memorial scholarship that was awarded to me. I really appreciate being chosen for this award. The money will be a great help with my college expenses.

Next fall I plan on attending WYOTECH in Pennsylvania for 12 months for Collision Repair and Refinishing to get my certificate. Eventually, I would like to own my own body/custom shop.

Again, thank you very much for supporting my further education.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Rathbun.



Dylan Leece Colin Nethaway Memorial Scholarship



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Julie Cotroneo

John Bechtel Memorial Scholarship

Julie Cotroneo, a graduate of the Capital Area Career Center's Collision Repair program and Haslett High School, is this year's recipient of the John Bechtel Memorial Scholarship. Julie pursued an education in the automotive field and has excelled in her efforts. She intends to continue her education at Wyotech, in the field of collision repair and restoration.

As a child, Julie preferred Matchbox cars to dolls, and her love of cars has never diminished. She looks forward to a career in restoration, and in her words, "I would love the opportunity to learn a craft that would maintain my interest and passion for the 'art' of automobile collision repair and refinishing. I hope to have the opportunity to fulfill my dream of working in a field where I can make a good living and 'give back' by providing excellent craftsmanship to those who entrust me with the task of restoring their vehicles. My 'end result' objective would be no less than meticulous attention to the repair of the smallest imperfections, and my standard for repair and design would demand nothing less than perfection."

It is clear that Julie is truly committed to the quality and work ethic that is reflective of the standards of John Bechtel and the members of the Corvette Club as a whole.



Brennen Hitchcock

Colin Nethaway Memorial Scholarship

Brennen Hitchcock, a 2010 graduate of the Capital Area Career Center Auto Technology program and Webberville High School, is this year's recipient of the Corvette Club's Colin Nethaway Memorial Scholarship. Brennen's academic achievement at CACC, receiving an average grade of 99% for his two years in the program, speaks to his love of cars. His attendance and work habits also reflect Brennen's desire to excel.

Brennen plans on attending Michigan State University, to study Mechanical Engineering, with the goal of designing safer and more efficient cars. Brennen came to CACC because he believes that he will be a better engineer because of his background in Auto Technology. Brennen indicated that he will take his experiences as a mechanic and use them to make the most error proof and user-friendly designs that he can; and to eliminate the common miscommunications between engineer and mechanic.

As Brennen stated in his essay, "Not many people can find something they truly enjoy and love to do. I fortunately have been blessed with this passion for the automotive industry." This truly embodies the spirit of the Colin Nethaway Memorial Scholarship, reflecting not only Brennen's beliefs, but the beliefs and experiences of Colin as well.

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Brandon Coppernoll & Brad Hoedeman Colin Nethaway Memorial Scholarships

The two \$250 scholarships that CCCC provided to students from the Capital Area Career Center have been named in the memory of Colin J. Nethaway, a student from the center. The 2009 scholarship recipients were Brandon Coppernoll and Brad Hoedeman.

Brandon and Brad are pictured with John Bechtel, past President of Capital City Corvette Club. John passed away in January of 2010 and a new scholarship has been named in his honor.

In Remembrance of Colin Nethaway



Colin Nethaway was killed in a automobile accident while on his way to the Capital Area Career Center in January of 2008. The annual automotive scholarship that Capital City Corvette Club sponsors was renamed to the Colin Nethaway Memorial Scholarship in his memory.