Triton College and Audi of America form mutual partnership ‘built on education’

River Grove, Ill. – Triton College and Audi of America have started a new partnership that will enhance the education of Triton’s automotive technology students to better prepare them for automotive technician jobs in a growing market.

Triton boasts a well-regarded automotive program taught by experienced faculty who’ve thoroughly trained countless of mechanics, many of which work within Triton’s district. In fact, several Audi of America employees received their quality education at Triton College.

The partnership between these two institutions was celebrated with the donation of a 2013 Audi Q7 vehicle to Triton’s automotive program on June 4 on Triton’s campus in River Grove. The vehicle will serve as an opportunity for students to gain the knowledge and training of Audi vehicles, including its advanced technology.

"The opportunity to provide our students instruction on Audi is to provide them with a preview of the technologies coming to other vehicles in the near future,” said Dr. Chuck Bohleke, dean of Business and Technology at Triton. “As a premium brand, Audi has a number of technological advancements and to work with Audi opens up doors that can take students to the top of their chosen profession in a very short time.”

“We are proud to begin this new partnership with Audi, a company that believes in our institutional mission of educating and training our students to put them on the forefront of career opportunities,” said Dr. Doug Olson, vice president of Academic and Student Affairs at Triton. “We look forward to a long-term partnership with Audi built on education.”
Audi of America’s Director of After Sales Peter Donnellan was one of five Audi representatives in attendance at the presentation at Triton. Donnellan is a graduate of Triton College’s business program.

“When I found out about this partnership we were forming with Triton College, I said ‘I have to be there,’” he said. “This is a great opportunity for both of us. It’s an opportunity to expose students to the new technology Audi has, so they can learn what Audi is and what makes up an Audi vehicle… They’ll learn how to diagnose our vehicles and how to fix them. And with the pool of educated students to come out of Triton, we hope they’ll consider becoming interested in working for Audi.”

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, automotive technician jobs are expected to grow 9 percent by 2022.

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Triton College is one of the nation’s premier two-year institutions of higher education dedicated to student success. Located 14 miles from downtown Chicago, in River Grove, the school offers close to 100 degree and certificate programs at its 100-acre campus that features a comfortable, friendly and diverse atmosphere. More than 12,000 students enroll at Triton each year to take advantage of Triton’s small, accessible classes, qualified faculty, affordability and financial assistance. Triton College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission; member, North Central Association. [www.triton.edu](http://www.triton.edu)

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