

Hi-Way Fuel technician earns national award

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A local resident who spends his summers working at Hi-Way Fuel, in Washougal, is the newest recipient of the "Educator of the Year" award, as chosen by Mitchell 1.

Mike Godson, of Washougal, received the award July 23 during the North American Council of Automotive Teachers conference at Central Piedmont Community College, in Charlotte, N.C.

"It's a terrific honor," he said. "I just hope I can live up to the expectation of being the Educator of the Year."

Mitchell 1 is a company that sells automotive service information online. Selection criteria for the award requires that a master automotive technician excel on all ASE automotive tests, covering topics such as engine repair, automatic transmission, manual drive train and axles, suspension and steering, brakes, electrical systems and heating and air conditioning.

As the national honoree, Godson received a check for \$500 and a one-year extended subscription to Mitchell 1 OnDemand5 Repair software. Mitchell 1 also provided roundtrip airfare and accommodations for Godson and his wife Christina to attend the NACAT conference and awards dinner.

He has taught at Clark College since 1995 and currently serves as the head of its automotive department.

Ted Kotsakis, a dean from Clark who flew to North Carolina for the NACAT conference, presented Godson with a plaque, honoring him for his dedication to professionalism and the automotive

students.

"I enjoy helping young people develop a marketable skill so they can be productive members of society," Godson said.

After he graduated from the Arizona Automotive Institute in Glendale, Ariz. in 1977, Godson received a certificate in automatic transmissions and an associate in applied science degree from Clark College.

He has worked at Hi-Way Fuel since 1988.



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