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### **CCAC hosts 10<sup>th</sup> annual Odyssey Day event to promote use of alternative fuel vehicles**

College receives \$10,000 gift to advance student development in the field of clean energy

PITTSBURGH—The Community College of Allegheny County’s West Hills Center in Oakdale hosted Odyssey Day in collaboration with Pittsburgh Region Clean Cities (PRCC) on Friday, Oct. 4. The education and outreach event is dedicated to promoting the use of alternative fuel and advanced technology vehicles and is designed to educate fleet managers, municipalities, school districts and others about cleaner transportation technologies and the important role they play in providing solutions to growing energy and environmental issues.

The event, themed “Greening Our Fleets and Cities,” featured displays, rides in alternative fuel vehicles, workshops, demonstrations, panel discussions, giveaways, networking, lunch and more. Vendors presented information related to alternative fuel and advanced technology vehicles, and a wide variety of vehicles were on display, including hybrid, electric, bio-diesel, propane, flexible-fuel and natural gas vehicles.

Dr. Evon Walters, CCAC Northwest Region president, and Jamie McMahon, CCAC Educational Foundation CEO, received a check for \$10,000 presented by Rick Price, executive director of Pittsburgh Region Clean Cities. PRCC advances the energy, economic and environmental security of the United States by supporting local actions to reduce petroleum use in transportation

The check, made out to the CCAC Educational Foundation, will endow the PRCC Janet Lauer & Mack Godfrey Scholarship, which will further the advancement of student development in the field of clean energy and sustainability. CCAC students enrolled in a program involving clean energy will be able to apply for the scholarship, with primary consideration given to those enrolled in alternative fuels for transportation courses.

CCAC has hosted Odyssey Day annually since 2010, and interest in the event has been steadily growing, with more than 250 attendees in recent years. CCAC Automotive Technology students routinely participate in the event to broaden their education.

*“The students get current information about what’s going on in alternative transportation and realize the job opportunities are far reaching,”* said Robert Koch, CCAC Automotive Technology instructor and department head. *“It is also a great event for the wider community, which gets the opportunity to see the latest technologies up close.”*

National Alternative Fuel Vehicle Day events will take place nationwide on Thursday, Oct. 17. For more information, visit [afvdayodyssey.org](http://afvdayodyssey.org).

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#### **ABOUT THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY (CCAC)**

Since its founding in 1966, CCAC has flourished, becoming the educational powerhouse it is today—a nationally renowned two-year college dedicated to serving all members of the community. From groundbreaking student success initiatives to top-ranked academic and career-based programs, CCAC continues to be the college of choice for nearly one out of every three adults in Allegheny County.

Each year, more than 25,000 students enroll at CCAC, taking advantage of nearly 160 degree, certificate, diploma and transfer programs while thousands more access noncredit and workforce development courses. Comprising four campuses and four neighborhood centers as well as other off-site locations, including the Energy Innovation Center, CCAC is honored to have one of the largest veteran student populations in the state and takes pride in ranking among the nation's top community colleges for the number of individuals graduating in nursing and the health-related professions.

CCAC graduates have transferred to the nation's most prestigious colleges and universities, have obtained the most academically challenging and competitive degrees, and can be found at leading companies, organizations and institutions throughout the country. CCAC alumni are actively engaged in every sector of society, providing leadership to scores of economic, scientific, civic and philanthropic entities both in the Pittsburgh region and around the world. Visit [ccac.edu](http://ccac.edu) to learn more.