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**Abraxas Students Receive Auto Body Repair Certification as Part of Ready for Hire**

**Shelby, OH (April 24, 2024)** – The Ready for Hire Program at Abraxas in Richland County has expanded program offerings to include training curriculum and experiences that allow students to become certified in auto body repair.

Students received additional hands-on auto body repair practice thanks to a donated fender by [Milliron Auto Parts](#) in Mansfield. Students appreciated the opportunity to have hands-on practice. One student said, “It is a lot of fun to work on an actual fender!”

Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Pfeifer lead the program, are happy with its success, and take pride in the fact that students will leave Abraxas with a marketable skill. “The skills we teach can be implemented immediately, giving the students a valuable edge in the job market. Not only are they learning technical skills relevant to the automotive industry, but they are also developing problem-solving abilities and teamwork dynamics,” they said. One student said the program is teaching him patience, an essential skill for any career.

Mrs. Pfeifer and Mr. Thomas said it is gratifying to witness their students’ progress as they gain confidence in their abilities. “With each project completed, they are refining their craftsmanship and cultivating a strong work ethic and attention to detail. We are excited to continue nurturing their talents and watching them flourish as they embark on their future careers.”