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## Golden West College Hosts Nationwide Honda Technician Conference



*Faculty and staff from more than 60 Honda PACT programs across the country meet at Golden West College for Technician Conference.*

*Huntington Beach, Calif. —* Representatives from more than 60 Honda PACT (Professional Automotive Career Training) programs across the nation gathered at Golden West College on July 23–24 for the 2024 Honda PACT Educators Conference.

The annual conference featured updates on program initiatives, instructor professional development for new tools, test drives of new Honda electric vehicles and networking opportunities for faculty and administrators. A conference awards

dinner was held on July 24 at the Hilton hotel in Costa Mesa, where automotive technology faculty John Kasabian was awarded the “Challenging Spirit” award by the Honda PACT team.

The Honda PACT program offers automotive technician training that enables students to become Honda- and Acura-certified technicians. As part of the two-year program, students are required to complete a paid internship at a Honda or Acura dealership within their surrounding area, which often turns into full-time employment following completion of the program. In return, Honda receives trained technicians who are ready to jump start their careers.

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"We were excited and honored to be asked to host this year's Honda PACT Educators conference at GWC," says Dean of Career Education and Business Dorsie Brooks. "The event was a great success and highlights the mutual partnerships between community colleges and industry partners."

As a Honda PACT partner, GWC receives cars, tools and job placement for students. Honda recently loaned 12 new vehicles to the College's automotive technology program for students to practice on.

"Over the years, GWC has been recognized as a regional leader in educating the next generation of Honda and Acura technicians, and being selected to host this year's conference underscores that," says Dean Brooks.

*Located in the coastal community of Huntington Beach, also known as "Surf City," [Golden West College](#) is highly regarded for academic quality and innovation. Founded in 1965 as part of the multi-college Coast Community College District, GWC provides enriching and innovative programs that help students: transfer to four-year institutions, earn associate degrees, complete certificates in career and technical education, advance their careers, and demonstrate college readiness.*