Recent Event for our Department:
Ardell Brown has made significant contributions to our program and in order to honor him we have named the automotive wing of our building after him. In conjunction with this event we had the Inaugural Wildcat Cruise.

We started up at Kirt’s Drive Inn in North Ogden and had a police escort all the way to campus. A wall wrap with some of Ardell’s cars was unveiled during the ribbon cutting ceremony. Weber's President, Charles A. Wight spoke at the event. We then made our way up to the Weber State football game. Over 50 cars participated and toured the facility.

Weber State Universities Development Office created a YouTube video of the event: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gu_vlvbLHAE

“Every automobile tells a story about the time it was built—what people were like, what technology was available. If no one renovated and collected these classic cars, those insights would be lost forever.”

- Ardell Brown, Auto Enthusiast

Adrell and his wife Donna standing in front of the wall wrap with Weber State University’s Spirit Squad.
**Curriculum:**

**Changes:**

We are currently evaluating the curriculum of the following courses:

Automotive Electronics 1 & 2  
Advanced Automotive Technologies.

We are evaluating the course material and content. The department along with advisory committee members will assess the course material and ensure that modern techniques and components are appropriately utilized in the courses.

**Currently Being Taught:**

The GM ASEP program is currently going through their Automatic and Manual Transmissions classes. Which are being taught by Professor John Kelly. The Automotive Technical Education Program (ATEP) students are currently in Engine Repair and Engine Performance classes being taught by Scott Holland and Blair Newbold.

**Announcements:**

**Annual Scholarship Contest:**

Weber State Automotive Technology’s Annual Scholarship Contest is coming up. The written exam will be on December 3, 2015. The top twelve schools will be invited back to participate in the Hands-On Contest on February 2, 2016.

Last years winners:

1st place: Syracuse High School/Wayne Burbank  
2nd place: Vale High School/Drew Barnes  
3rd place: Riverton High School/Jay Que Hales
Student of the Month: Chris Westmoreland

Chris is a senior in the Advanced Vehicle Systems Bachelor Degree program. He is the President of the Weber State University Auto Tech Club. He was offered a full time job by Toyota Motor Sales-Toyota U.S. Cooperation. He currently works for Toyota Bountiful as a Service Technician.

Faculty and Staff Member of the Month: Blair Newbold

Blair Newbold graduated from Weber State Universities ATEP Program in Spring of 2008. Then went on to get his Bachelor’s Degree with a double major in Field Service Operations and Technical Sales. He worked for MSM Automotive for nine years as a BMW/Saab/Mini Cooper Repair Technician. He is an avid fisher and outdoorsman. He loves to ride four wheelers and snow mobiles.

Auto Tech Club

Upcoming Events:

The club will be attending the Automotive Expo with Adrell Brown in January. As well as competing in the Autorama Peddle Car Competition along with a presentation from the club officers at the Autorama Student Career Day.

Kaizen Cobra:

The fiberglass body has been fitted on the chassis of the Cobra Project. Club members will be working on the hood design and fabrication next. The Cobra currently runs and drives. Future newsletters will contain more details about the project.

Chris is handing of the keys to the Camaro ZL1. This GEAR UP student earned the privilege of revving the Camaro by answering automotive trivia questions.
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