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**Larry Sapaugh Receives Distinguished Business/Industry Award
For Educational Partnership with Jefferson College**

In recognition of the educational partnership between Sapaugh Motors and Jefferson College in offering auto collision repair classes at the Herculaneum dealership, Larry Sapaugh recently received the Missouri Community College Association (MCCA) 2009 Distinguished Business/Industry Award.

Pictured, from left, is Jefferson College President Dr. Raymond Cumiskey, Larry Sapaugh, and Missouri Governor Jay Nixon, who presented the award on behalf of the Missouri Community College Association.



Despite the nation's economic downturn and turbulence within the automobile industry, Sapaugh's support of Jefferson College and its technical training programs has been exemplary in fostering increased educational opportunities and local economic growth.

In 2007, Sapaugh began providing dealership space and equipment free of charge in conjunction with a partnership that enables Jefferson College to offer state-of-the-art auto collision repair classes. As part of the ever-popular Automotive Technology program at Jefferson College, students now have the opportunity to obtain I-CAR certification. From the inception, enrollment in the auto collision repair sequence has been at or near maximum levels.

Sapaugh's connection with Jefferson College goes beyond the classroom, as his daughter (and family business partner) graduated from Jefferson College in 1997. Through the years, he has also hired numerous graduates from the Automotive Technology program and contributed thousands of dollars to the Jefferson College Foundation to provide scholarships for deserving students. Additionally, as a business owner, Sapaugh personally bought a series of newspaper ads in support of the College's successful tax levy campaign in 2002.

The annual MCCA Distinguished Business/Industry Award is presented to individuals who maintain educational partnerships with community colleges in a concerted effort to stimulate increased worker training and retraining activity, while supporting economic development.