Back to School!
It is hard to believe that another summer is over and students are heading back to school. We wanted to send out a quick update to keep all of you in the loop about what is happening on campus and around the world with the BYUI automotive program and its students and alumni.

New Bachelor’s Degrees
Exactly one year ago, we launched three new bachelor’s of science degree programs:

- Automotive Engineering Technology
- Advanced Vehicle Systems
- Automotive Technology Management

These degrees replaced the previous degrees and have helped students to prepare more specifically for the jobs that are out there, to customize their coursework, and to graduate more quickly. The new degrees are in response to feedback from the industry that taught us that students with the right training are incredibly valuable. Note: we still offer the associate’s degree in Automotive Technology for technician-bound students.

Welcome to the newest Automotive Faculty Member: Doug Phillips
While Doug has been teaching as an adjunct and visiting faculty member for the past few years, he has now accepted a full-time, permanent position. He has experience in the automotive insurance and collision industries and recently completed a master’s degree in online education.

The Program Continues to Grow
As of this Fall semester, there are now over 300 majors in the automotive program at BYUI. This, of course, is an all-time record, and is consistent with the 20% growth that we have been experiencing for years. We attribute much of this growth to our graduates and interns. As younger students hear about your success, they are inspired to choose automotive career paths like yours.

BYUI now has the largest automotive bachelor’s degree program in the U.S., and this has begun attracting the attention of employers and industry professionals.

We also realize that the great strength of the BYUI automotive program lies in the hands-on experience that is unmatched by any other university. We are working hard to ensure that this component of the BYUI automotive program does not get lost, but gets strengthened with time.

To keep class sizes reasonable, we offer more sections of the labs and have been conducting many of those labs in the Agricultural Engineering building in addition to the Austin Building.
4th Largest SAE Student Chapter in the World

Last year, the Automotive Student Association (ASA) officially became the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE). Now, this group has grown to become the fourth largest of its kind in the world!

With this student society came many opportunities for students, including the chance to participate in SAE Competitions. For the past three semesters, a team of students has been building a “supermileage” vehicle to take to the competition in Marshall, Michigan next year. The students are learning to work together on this exciting project, with the goal of creating a vehicle that will get more than 1000 miles per gallon, while still meeting strict safety, handling, performance requirements. Please pay attention to the competition in June and cheer BYU on!

Student Spotlights

German Izaguirre is currently at Volkswagen of American working as a Customer Product quality intern. He is responsible for identifying and eliminating technical and quality issues.

Seren Ward just completed an internship with DealerSocket, where she analyzed the service department data of dealerships from all over North America in order to help them improve their operations.

Hailey Byrd graduated in July and has accepted a position as a service engineer for Advantage Technical Resourcing, for Ford Motor Company.

Brett Adamson worked as an intern with Toyota USA, and is now returning after graduation to work full-time for them as a product engineer.

New Corporate Recruiting

Last semester, Toyota announced that the BYU automotive program would be one of only six programs in the U.S. that they will actively recruit graduates and interns from. Other companies that will be visiting campus this semester to conduct interviews include names like Ford, DealerSocket, and Camping World.

Faculty Positions Now Open

We have a need for additional faculty members. Currently, we are accepting applications for a new full-time automotive faculty position and for multiple online automotive faculty positions. These jobs are posted on the BYU-Idaho website. If you are interested, or know someone who is, please apply. This is an exciting time to be a part of the BYU-Idaho Automotive Program!

How can you get involved?

- Talk to your employer about hiring BYU automotive students or about getting involved in our advisory committee
- Connect with the faculty on LinkedIn
- Join our “BYU-Idaho Automotive” LinkedIn group & network with students & alumni
- Share your success stories, advice, and encouragement with us; we will pass them on
- Donate financially to BYU or an automotive student
- Tell us what we can do better!

Contact us at www.byui.edu/automotive oron LinkedIn. We’d love to hear from you!

New Online Courses & Certificate

We have been challenged to extend a BYU-Idaho education to people from all over the world. With that, we received approval to offer a Certificate in Automotive Service Technology to international students. The certificate consists of 12 credits and can be earned completely online. To facilitate this certificate, we are developing six online courses that include the areas of electrical, engine performance and drivetrains.