WHAT'S NEW THIS YEAR?

1. Perkins V – Career & Technical Education
   Stakeholder Engagement: The recent passage of the Perkins V legislation ensures that career and technical education (CTE) programs will continue to evolve, modernize and provide high-quality instruction for students.

2. Industry Recognized Apprenticeship Program (IRAP): With the U.S. Department of Labor’s goal of developing industry-recognized apprenticeship programs (IRAPs), The AED Foundation is actively pursuing this opportunity for the equipment industry.

3. Pledge to America’s Workers: As part of a national effort, The AED Foundation has pledged to educate and train 10,000 individuals over the next five years through AED Foundation accredited diesel technology programs and association education seminars and courses. To date, the Foundation has educated over 1,000 individuals.

4. Technician Shortage Research Report: Results from The AED Foundation’s commissioned research about the financial impact the technician shortage is having on the industry will be released at AED’s 2020 Summit.

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE AED FOUNDATION’S CERTIFIED TECHNICIAN PROGRAM?

The AED Foundation’s Certified Technician Program is the first of its kind for the equipment industry. The program offers dealers an opportunity to measure the expertise of their technicians. We know that well-qualified and committed technicians add profitability and customer satisfaction to your dealership.

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE AED FOUNDATION’S CERTIFIED MANAGER PROGRAMS?

The AED Foundation’s Certified Manager Programs offer a blended curriculum of leadership and operational coursework to give managers the tools they need to succeed. Each program provides certification candidates the opportunity to complete learning requirements via web-based self-study courses that employees can complete on their own time and at their own pace.

CERTIFIED TECHNICIAN PROGRAM?

“...No other training will assure you that your team understands what the core issues are, what can be done to fix these issues, and how a fix may affect other portions of the dealership. There is no other training available for dealers quite like it.”

BRUCE TAYLOR
KIRBY-SMITH MACHINERY

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ACCREDITATION: The AED Foundation accredits post-secondary equipment technology programs and recognizes high school diesel technology programs.

RESEARCH: The AED Foundation funds the research that backs up its claims on the importance of workforce development and shares that data with legislators, educators, the media and other stakeholders.

CAREER PROMOTION: The AED Foundation programs offer not just job training but long-term career pathways and continuing education.

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YESTERDAY'S INVESTMENT, TODAY'S RESULTS

The AED Foundation’s Accreditations and Recognition Program has grown to 54 PROGRAMS

Over 900 TECHNICIANS have been AED Foundation certified in the last two years

- Introduced OASIS, the new technical assessment platform

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Before launching The AED Foundation’s accreditation program, no other non-OEM industry accreditation or certification program was available for college degree or high school programs in diesel/equipment technology.

Our accreditation program facilitates relationships between AED member dealers, AED Foundation Accredited and Recognized schools, and the broader industry. A unified effort makes participants more effective in addressing industry challenges.

AED Foundation Accreditation validates that applicant colleges offer high-quality degree programs that provide effective and comprehensive instruction in safety/administration, electrical/electronics, hydraulic/hydrostatics, power trains, diesel engines & fuel systems, and A/C & heating.

AED Foundation Accreditation is an avenue that helps dealers to proactively manage and meet their future needs for qualified entry-level technicians.

All schools must apply for re-accreditation every five years.

In order to impact the industry and tackle the technician shortage, The AED Foundation is building for the future by:

1. Aggressively accredit local equipment technology programs to ensure that there is a sufficient pipeline of highly qualified entry-level technicians in the future. The Foundation plans to grow its number of accredited and recognized school programs to 100 by 2028.

2. Expand The AED Foundation’s recognized high school initiative to help ensure that area college programs have active enrollment and a pool of qualified incoming students.

3. To effectively address the technician shortage and the image of the industry, it’s important to continuously build industry awareness for students, parents, educators, and other stakeholders. The AED Foundation actively works with industry and educational partners, as well as like-minded organizations, to promote rewarding career opportunities available in the equipment distribution industry.

4. Continue expanding industry-specific educational programs to AED members.

5. Over the last two years, The AED Foundation has certified over 900 technicians through our assessment testing, introduced a new platform for assessment testing, which will allow the Foundation to continue to grow and adapt in the future, and accredited and recognized 12 school programs. The Foundation plans to continue its growth to best support the future of the industry.

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The AED Foundation continues to speed up the process to accredit and recognize programs by doing the following:

• Recruiting additional Evaluation Team Leaders (ETLs)
• Working collaboratively with schools to solve equipment and other material resources needs
• Assisting schools to develop a curriculum that meets AED Foundation’s technical standards
• Aggressively accredit local equipment technology programs

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