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NATEF Announces New Trustees for 2017

LEESBURG, Virginia, January 10, 2017 – The National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF) today announced five new members of the Board of Trustees for 2017. New trustees are Michael Godson, Professor, Clark College, Vancouver, Washington; Todd Helms, Senior Vice President, Genuine Parts Co., Atlanta, Georgia; Tim Lawrence, Executive Director, SkillsUSA, Leesburg, Virginia; Pat McCormick, High School Auto Career Development, Ford Motor Company, Allen Park, Michigan; and Heather Robertson, Director, Talent Acquisition, Bridgestone Retail Operations, Nashville, Tennessee.

“We are delighted to have such dedicated individuals as Michael, Todd, Tim, Pat and Heather among our trustees,” said Trish Serratore, NATEF President. “Their knowledge and involvement within the industry brings a lot to the NATEF mission of helping to provide tomorrow’s technicians with the best possible education through our program accreditation.”

The 2017 officers are: Chair, Jim Anderson, Auto Instructor at Greenville High School, Greenville, Ohio; Vice Chair, Chris Wallace, Technical Training Integration Manager for General Motors, Warren, Michigan; Treasurer, GERALYNN KOTTSCHADE, Owner, Jerry’s Body Shop, Mankato, Minnesota; Secretary, Tim Zilke, President & CEO, ASE, Leesburg, Virginia; and Past Chair, Joe Torchiana, Founder of Torchiana Automotive Training Institute, West Chester, Pennsylvania.

“NATEF’s success depends greatly on the guidance, knowledge and counsel of our officers and Board of Trustees,” Serratore said. “We thank these dedicated individuals for helping us meet the educational needs of our industry and are grateful for their service and the support of their respective companies in helping to ensure the supply of qualified, entry-level automotive professionals well into the future.”

NATEF was founded in 1983 as an independent, non-profit organization with a single mission: to evaluate technician training programs against standards developed by the automotive industry and recommend qualifying programs for NATEF accreditation. The NATEF process has resulted in accredited automotive training programs in all fifty states at the secondary and post-secondary levels. For more information about NATEF, visit www.asealliance.org.

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