

Chantilly Academy Auto Technology and Volkswagen Partnership Program

On June 4, 2009, Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. in partnership with Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) gave 12 new Audi and VW automobiles including 1 Audi SUV to the 13 Automotive Technology instructors in FCPS on which students can work.



VW Donates New Jetta to Chantilly Academy

Gray Brill, Auto Technology instructor at Chantilly High School Academy, received a new clean diesel VW Jetta; an invaluable resource for his students.

The donation of the VW Jetta to Chantilly Academy is a result of a five-year 2.1 million initiative between VW and Fairfax County Public Schools whose goal is to establish advanced automotive technologies programs by training next-generation engineers and mechanics. The partnership program will teach Chantilly students about Volkswagen's new clean diesel engine as well as other environmentally conscious technologies. Along with donating vehicles, Volkswagen agrees to provide access to the company's online mechanic training, specialized tools, and other teaching tools. According to Mr. Brill, this initial training is a critical component for a successful partnership. In addition, Chantilly Academy and Volkswagen plan to collaborate to develop and implement a program in which Volkswagen technicians will provide information about the Jetta's clean diesel operation, maintenance, repair, and other technologies integral to the teaching process and success of Academy students. Auto technology students will also have the opportunity to shadow and participate in seminar opportunities and visit VW job sites to learn about mechanics, sales, and marketing.

Mr. Brill and the auto technology students are thrilled at the opportunity to advance their skills with Volkswagen.