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**Regionally known programs attract Indiana students  
to Baker College's Auto/Diesel Institute in Michigan**

OWOSO, Mich. - More than 30 students from Porter County Career and Technical Center (PCCTC), Valparaiso, Indiana, recently traveled to Baker College's Owosso campus to learn about post-high school educational options at the Auto/Diesel Institute (ADI) of Michigan.

"Baker College's ADI offers high quality programs in a state-of-the-art facility that are significantly different than a typical technical school," said Mike Wester, PCCTC auto services instructor who coordinated this year's visit. "The staff is excellent in helping students understand the need for secondary education and how to affordably obtain it. Several of our students have taken advantage of the education offered there."

This is the fourth year PCCTC students studying auto or diesel service technology have visited the campus.

Mike Konopacke, Baker College of Owosso vice president for admissions, said, "The ADI of Michigan has some of the most recognized programs in the region. A strength of the curricula is the opportunity to acquire extensive hands-on experience while being guided by experts in the field."

The 43,000-square-foot ADI facility has two fully equipped automotive labs, three diesel labs, four engine and transmission labs and three lecture classrooms.

ADI offers associate and certificate technology programs in diesel and automotive services, including the MOPAR College Automotive Program in partnership with Chrysler Group LLC, that are accredited by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF).

Diesel service technology is the only Michigan program that has earned NATEF's Master Accreditation.

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The largest private college in Michigan, Baker College is a not-for-profit higher education institution accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. Founded in 1911, Baker College grants doctoral, master's, bachelor's and associate degrees, as well as certificates in diverse academic fields including applied technology, business, education, engineering, health science, information technology and social science. Baker College has on-ground campuses throughout Michigan and offers online programs that can be completed 100 percent online without ever visiting a campus. In 2016, the Online Learning Consortium recognized Baker College Online with the OLC Quality Scorecard Exemplary Endorsement, the highest ranking for online higher education programs. For information, visit [www.baker.edu](http://www.baker.edu) or follow Baker College on Twitter, @bakercolllege, or on Facebook, [www.facebook.com/bakercolllege](http://www.facebook.com/bakercolllege).

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#### **Photo caption for both photos**

*Baker-ADI-Indiana students1 & 2.jpgs* - The high quality of programs at Baker College's Auto/Diesel Institute of Michigan regularly attracts students from outside the state. This is the fourth year that a group of high school students from Valparaiso, Indiana, have toured the state-of-the art facility in Owosso.