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## Senior Spends Summer under the Hood

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Nick Holbrook Photo Andy Scheck

Nick Holbrook, soon-to-be senior at Campolindo, has spent his summer working as an intern at Nick's Mercedes Service repair shop in Lafayette. Having gained experience in his ROP Advanced Automotive Technology course at Campolindo, Holbrook was able to secure the ROP internship.

Holbrook worked to assist technicians with transmission flushes, ignition tune-ups among other things. He repaired Mercedes models from as old as 1980 and as recent as 2007.

Holbrook is having a great time. "I have been learning so much this summer."

His automotive teacher at Campolindo, Steve Boone, was instrumental in helping him land the internship. Boone called Nick's Mercedes on Holbrook's behalf and explained that ROP will pay for work-site insurance coverage.

Boone said Holbrook is a strong student. "He is eager to learn and always willing to give a hand to anyone working on a car."

Nick Wilhelm, proprietor of Nick's Mercedes, was interested and has been happy with his intern. "He is a quick learner, and he's getting a lot of hands-on experience."

Holbrook said his interest in cars stemmed from his interest in mechanics and tinkering. Holbrook hopes to attend automotive technology school after graduation to further pursue his interest.

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