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- Mentor Dan Campodonico with Student Daniel Perez

Daniel began working with mentor Dan Campodonico in the Heavy Duty shop where he was exposed to welding and fabrication work. He became fascinated by the various techniques used for welding and is leaving his options open for a welding career. He has had the opportunity to work on dump trucks and other heavy pieces of equipment, replacing pieces that have come off the vehicles or reinforcing other components, R & R and balancing tires and more. Dan C has enjoyed his time mentoring Daniel and "sparking" a new interest in welding. Dara Dubois, (Transportation) Education Programs Consultant with the California Department of Education commented on the quality of the welds Daniel performed on a plate that was to be mounted on a cement truck "they look better than some of the welds I have seen by professional welders - great job". Daniel stated the best part of being an AYES Intern is "he is learning lots of things" working with his mentor and learning the trade.

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- Instructor Mike Yonan, Student Jorge Tapia & Mentor Miguel Aguilera

Jorge Tapia started working with journeyman automotive mechanic Miguel Aguilera in July when the students started back to school. Miguel enjoys sharing his experiences and teaching the students new diagnostics and repair procedures that they typically wouldn't learn in a regular shop environment. "I can share many of the experiences I have had in the automotive industry and hopefully save them from some of the same mistakes". Jorge really enjoys "having more hands on and one- on- one time with his mentor" and learning how to make repairs correctly the first time. He especially enjoys helping diagnose the problem and being involved in

the process from start to finish as well as seeing the end result of a correctly operating vehicle according to manufacturer's specifications.