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Nicolas Ramirez receives Scholarship to complete NGTC program

Nicolas Ramirez of Alto is one of the winners of the 2015 Collision Repair Education Foundation’s Atlanta I-CAR Committee Scholarship. The award may be used for tuition, room and board, as well as required supplies while studying collision repair at North Georgia Technical College.

NGTC Auto Collision Repair Instructors Jeremy McAfee and David Rice were on hand as NGTC President Dr. Gail Thaxton gave Nicolas the good news.

“This means the world to me,” he said. “We’ve been praying for a month because I didn’t think I could afford to take classes next semester. I appreciate this from the heart. For me and my family, this is a miracle from God.”

For almost 20 years, the I-CAR Education Foundation has supported career and technical school and college collision repair programs through curriculum development, sales, and support and philanthropic scholarships and grants

Nicolas began taking classes at North Georgia Technical College in August, 2014. Shortly after, he was hired by David Wilbanks at Wilbanks Body Shop, Inc., in Alto.

“He is a hard worker and very deserving,” said David Rice. “In the lab, he finds things to do. If he gets done with a project, he grabs a broom. He does the same thing at work. He works any day he can when he’s not in school and he works evenings and weekends.”

In fact, Ramirez was at work when he got the call to come back to the NGTC administration building.

“This is one of our most outstanding students,” said NGTC Director of Institutional Advancement. “He has excellent work ethics, and he knows the value of this education he is getting. We are so thrilled to be able to work with him to get this impressive scholarship.”

Nicolas lives in Cornelia with his family, parents Nicolas and Maria Ramirez, four brothers and two sisters. He is also grateful for the support and encouragement he receives from Sandra Albarran of Cornelia.

For more information on the I-CAR Education Foundation, visit http://collisioneducationfoundation.org/. For more information about programs of study at North Georgia Technical College, call 706-754-7700 or visit www.northgatech.edu.