



# ICAIA NEWS



Illinois College Automotive Instructor's Association

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## ***Everyone Is Racing To The Next ICAIA Conference!***



The next ICAIA conference will be held on March 16 and 17, 2023 at Joliet Junior College (JJC).

The faculty and staff at JJC are putting together another great ICAIA conference filled with outstanding presentations and the latest automotive training materials

and equipment in the industry. If you have not done so already, now is the time to start your conference registration and book any necessary lodging. Many hotels in the area sell-out each night and some ICAIA room blocks end March 1. March 3 is also when the early ICAIA registration discount ends.

**Note:** Road construction is occurring on I-55 & I-80 near the JJC exit. Please plan some additional time travel time.

If you are aware of any newer automotive instructors in your area, be sure to reach out and invite them to attend. Share this newsletter and the benefits you have gained from attending ICAIA conferences. Working together benefits our profession, industry, and communities.

This conference will be filled with information on many advancing developments occurring in our industry and profession. Stay up to date on increasing vehicle electrification, ADAS, shifting student learning habits, and many more topics. There will be opportunities to learn and share from each other, build new friendships, and take-home great industry information. We look forward to seeing you there!

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***Database Report***

We anticipate seeing new membership growing with the upcoming conference. Please encourage other automotive instructors you know to join and benefit from membership.

When paying your ICAIA Dues, please sign up for 3 or 5-years. It saves a lot of work behind the scenes and helps prevent members from missing mailings and communications.

If you have any changes for the database, or if you want to know your dues status, please email me at: [doconnor3@icloud.com](mailto:doconnor3@icloud.com) or call me at: 815-343-2987.

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***Treasury Report***

The Association continues to be financially sound. A detailed financial report will be presented at the conference Business Meeting on Thursday.

When you pay your membership dues, you will receive an e-mail from me (Art Koudelka - ICAIA Executive Treasurer) with your membership length (1, 3, or 5 years). Members can see their dues status on the conference registration form they receive in the mail for each conference. Their dues status is listed at the end of their name (G2017-2022 as an example). ICAIA Membership follows the school year and dues are paid in the Fall. Therefore, this year's ICAIA dues pay for the 2022-2023 school year.

**Art Koudelka**  
ICAIA Executive Treasurer  
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# Spring 2023 ICAIA Conference

## March 16 and 17, 2022



The Spring 2023 ICAIA Conference is being held at Joliet Junior College in their automotive training facility located at:

1215 Houbolt Road  
Joliet, Illinois 60431-8938  
Phone: 815-280-2554  
cuward@jjc.edu  
Contact: Curt Ward

### **Host Hotel & Thursday Evening Banquet:**

Thursday evening banquet will be held in the Rock Run Convention Center at the hotel.

Holiday Inn  
1471 Rock Creek Blvd.  
Joliet, IL 60431  
Phone: 779-206-2915  
Group ID: AST  
\$139.00 (+tax)



Other lodging recommendations and room blocks are available on the ICAIA website:  
[www.icaia.org](http://www.icaia.org)

# Online Registration

**ICAIA members can register for conferences and pay membership dues online!**

ICAIA recommends using the online portal as a quick and easy way to register for the conference and pay any membership dues. Just follow the link located on the main ICAIA website [www.icaia.org](http://www.icaia.org). The online registration service is provided by Brushfire and delivers a simple and easy to use process for members and vendors to complete the registration process. Utilizing the online registration portal provides:

- Increased convenience (available 24/7)
- Increased speed (No forms to fill out)
- Improved tracking (Helps the host school and Association plan for numbers)

Industry partners interested in participating in the Thursday morning Trade Show can also register via the online portal.

There is a small fee associated with utilizing the online registration portal, but online registration does deliver great value to the member, vendor, host school, and the Association.

## ASE Education Foundation Training Hours for all members attending ICAIA

ICAIA will be sending training certificates to **all** members attending the ICAIA Conference training sessions and legibly signing in at each session. The certificate will show the training sessions attended and the associated hours. These can provide proof of training for the required instructor training hours for ASE Education Foundation certified programs. Please make sure that you legibly sign in at each session that you attend.

## ISBE Professional Development Credits for Illinois High School Instructors

Only necessary for Illinois High School instructors, ICAIA will be offering **9 ISBE PD Credits** for Illinois High School Instructors attending both days of the Spring 2023 ICAIA conference. These credits will be issued through Illinois Valley Community College (IVCC) which has graciously agreed to provide these PD Credits again.

Illinois high school instructors that need **ISBE PD Credits** should pick up an **ISBE Evaluation form** at the conference registration table on Thursday morning (March 16, 2023). The form will need to be completed and returned to Art Koudelka (ICAIA Executive Treasurer) before leaving on Friday, March 17, 2023, by 12:15 pm. There will be a drop box at the registration table on Friday, March 17 for your convenience.

If your evaluation form is not returned by Friday, March 17, 2023, by 12:15 pm, you will **not** receive ISBE PD Credits for the conference.

IVCC will email you your ISBE PD credits within a few weeks (after the conference) for the ICAIA High School Instructors that turned in their ISBE Evaluation form on time.

# ICAIA Conference Agenda

## Thursday

6:30 – 8:00 a.m.	Trade Show Set-Up
8:00 – 1:00	Trade Show
8:00 – 10:00	Continental Breakfast
8:00 – 9:45	Walk-In Registration
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.	<b>Technical Session #1</b>
11:45 – 12:30	Lunch
12:30 – 12:45	Business Meeting
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.	<b>Technical Session #2</b>
2:30 – 2:45 p.m.	Break
2:45 – 4:15 p.m.	<b>Technical Session #3</b>
4:15 – 6:00 p.m.	Free Time & Travel
6:00 – 6:30 p.m.	Social Hour
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Dinner Banquet
7:30 – 8:00 p.m.	Keynote Speaker/Presentations
8:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Door Prizes

## Friday

8:00 – 8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
8:30 – 10:00 a.m.	<b>Technical Session #4</b>
10:00 – 10:15 a.m.	Morning Break
10:15 – 11:45 a.m.	<b>Technical Session #5</b>



## Did you know ICAIA has a Facebook page?

Stay up to date with ICAIA announcements as well as other opportunities to help your program. Search "Illinois College Automotive Instructors Association" on Facebook. Be sure to check it out and follow us today!

# Upcoming Future Conferences

Spring 2023	Joliet Junior College March 16 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2023.
Fall 2023	Parkland College Dates: TBD
Spring 2024	Host site open. We need a host!
Fall 2024	Host site open. We need a host!
Spring 2025	Host site open. We need a host!

Looking for a way to show to your school's administration the many positive and great things occurring in your program and with your students? Consider becoming a host for a future ICAIA conference. Putting a spotlight on your program and our industry can help convince administration to improve your facilities and purchase needed equipment. Having your administration walk through the vendor display can show them the level of where our industry is at and can also open important industry connections with many of your local vendors.

ICAIA handles many of the administrative tasks necessary to host a conference. ICAIA will take care of participant registration, tracking numbers, paying bills, and officers are there to help find possible presenters and vendors if needed. Hosting also provides scholarship opportunities for your students!

Interested? Reach out to any ICAIA Officer and we are here to help!



*Hosting an ICAIA Conference can help promote your program!*

- What new trends are occurring in the industry?
- What new equipment is necessary in the industry?
- Encourage administration to improve your facilities.
- Media coverage/exposure opportunities.
- Promote student scholarships.

# Notice for a Vote to Increase the ICAIA “Founding Fathers” and Jim Krudl “Rising Stars” Scholarships

A motion to increase the ICAIA “Founding Fathers” and the Jim Krudl “Rising Stars” scholarships from \$500 to \$1000 each was made by the ICAIA membership at the Fall 2022 Business Meeting.

The ICAIA Board agrees with the motion and per the ICAIA Constitution, this notice for a proposed change and vote is being presented to the general membership at least 15 days prior to the Spring 2023 ICAIA business meeting. A notice is also being sent via the USPS to all ICAIA members in good standing.

In keeping with the ICAIA Constitution, only members in good standing at the time of the Spring 2023 Business Meeting are eligible to vote on the proposed change. The motion passes with a positive vote from 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the eligible voting members in attendance at the meeting.

## History:

The ICAIA Scholarship program was approved by the membership at the Fall 1997 ICAIA conference at Southern Illinois University. The first scholarship was then awarded at the Spring 1998 conference hosted by the College of DuPage.

The intent of the ICAIA Student Scholarship program is to:

- 1) Recognize and financially assist well deserving automotive students.
- 2) Promote the image of the professional automotive service industry.
- 3) Assist in the recruitment and retention of students in automotive training programs.

The scholarship recipient will be from the ICAIA conference host school's automotive technology/service program(s). If the host school has an auto body/collision repair or diesel/heavy equipment technology, one additional ICAIA scholarship can be awarded. A maximum of two scholarships funded by ICAIA will be awarded at each conference. If the host school raises funds for additional scholarships, they can also be presented at the ICAIA banquet.

After the passing of the 3 ICAIA Founding Fathers, ICAIA changed the name of the original ICAIA Scholarship to the ICAIA “Founding Fathers” scholarship.

- James Lausted (passed in 2009) Prairie State College
- Paul Rickert (passed in 2017) Waubensee Community College
- Ray Oviyach (passed in 2018) Triton College

In 2019, after the passing of longtime ICAIA member Jim Krudl who supported dozens of students to enter the automotive teaching profession, ICAIA voted to approve a possible third ICAIA Scholarship to a student interested in pursuing a career in automotive teaching. This scholarship is called the Jim Krudl “Rising Star” future automotive teacher scholarship and it was first awarded that spring at Southern Illinois University.

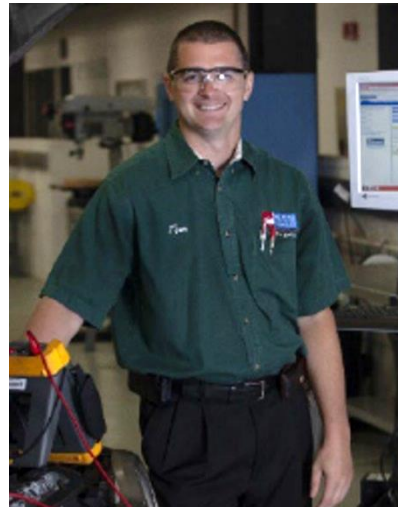
Since its development, ICAIA has funded and awarded 67 student scholarships totaling \$33,500!

# *Passing of ICAIA Member*

## **Tom Robertson**

College of DuPage automotive faculty member Tom Robertson passed away unexpectedly on Friday, November 25, 2022. Born in central Minnesota, he built his passion for cars, trucks, and tractors. Later moving to Maryland, Tom graduated from the local Ford ASSET program in 2000. Moving to Detroit, Tom worked for Ford and Chrysler. In 2007, Tom and his family moved to IL where he became a professor for the automotive program at the College of DuPage. Tom enjoyed traveling the world, fishing, and hunting.

Tom was a longtime ICAIA member, regularly attended conferences, and supported many technical presentations. He had a deep love of sharing his vast knowledge and helping those around him. His legacy will continue with his many students and friends.



**In remembrance of the passion for learning displayed by all ICAIA members who have passed, ICAIA is dedicated to continuing its mission of providing comprehensive automotive technology education and training.**

*In fond memory – ICAIA*



## ***Thank You College of Lake County!***

Thank you to the faculty and staff at the College of Lake County in Grayslake, IL for hosting the Fall 2022 ICAIA Conference on October 13 and 14, 2022. It was a great experience for all to attend with numerous tradeshow vendors and presenters sharing the future of our industry.

Two ICAIA Founding Fathers Scholarships (1 for Auto Tech and 1 for Auto Body) were presented at the Thursday evening banquet to the following students for their hard work both in and out of the classroom:

Lizbeth Mandoza  
Maria Castrejon

*ICAIA thanks the many sponsors, vendors, presenters, and everyone at the College of Lake County for hosting a great conference!*

## **Looking forward to seeing you at the next ICAIA Conference!**

