



ICAIA NEWS

Illinois College Automotive Instructor's Association



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Directing Education & Training

The Fall 2025 ICAIA Conference is hosted by Illinois Central College in East Peoria, IL on October 16 and 17.

The bi-annual ICAIA conferences allow members and industry to come together to share best practices, gain practical training, and gather insight on the latest innovations in technology, tools, equipment, and classroom/lab support. ICAIA members can then stay up to date on trends and developments in preparing our students for careers and life.

Training in the automotive/truck/collision/power equipment areas allows us to focus on developing our students' transferable skills like critical thinking, communication, problem solving, teamwork, and adaptability along with providing practical skills in labs, internships, and jobs.

The importance of this cannot be understated as **ICAIA members are directing the education and training of thousands of students every school day!** We connect with our students, help them grow and learn, and direct them on a path to becoming great individuals.

Invite your fellow technical educators that can also benefit from attending ICAIA. New instructors teaching for the first time, instructors teaching new related subjects, or instructors that have many years of experience, ICAIA is here for the betterment of everyone.

We look forward to seeing everyone in a few weeks at Illinois Central College!

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Treasury Report

The Association continues to be financially sound. Currently, the ICAIA Treasury is at \$53,630.61 with expenses for the upcoming conference yet to be paid.

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). ICAIA Membership follows the school year, and dues are paid in the Fall. Therefore, this year's ICAIA dues pay for the 2025-2026 school year.

Art Koudelka

ICAIA Executive Treasurer
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Conference Registration

We encourage everyone to use the online registration for the conference. For conference planning and management purposes, we do not accept walk-in (day-of) registration.

Conference Agenda & Training Hours

The ICAIA conference agenda allows Instructors who attend both days and the banquet to receive 10 PD Credits (high School Instructors) and 10 hours that can apply towards ASE Education Foundation requirements!

Database Report

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, I can be reached at selza@d211.org or cell phone 630-605-6771.

Steve Elza

William Fremd High School

Fall 2025 ICAIA Conference

October 16 and 17, 2025



The Fall 2025 ICAIA Conference is being hosted by Illinois Central College in their automotive training facility. Follow the ICAIA signs on campus for parking and conference entrance.

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Host Hotel and Thursday Evening Banquet

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Group Code: AUTJ25C
Must reserve by Wednesday,
September 24, 2025



Thursday Evening Keynote

ICAIA is pleased to welcome Carm Capriotto to present to our members at the Thursday evening banquet.

Carm is the founder and host of *Remarkable Results Radio*, the automotive aftermarket's premier podcast.

Starting in March of 2015, *Remarkable Results Radio* has now created 1,000+ episodes.



Remarkable Results Radio has also produced:

- 400+ episodes on the *Town Hall Academy*
- 107+ episodes on *For The Record 'Open Mic'*
- 189+ episodes on the *Aftermarket Weekly*

Within the *Aftermarket Radio Network* there are another 613+ episodes providing the service aftermarket with amazing content beyond 2,300 episodes of rich educational content.

Carm's purpose is to bring like-minded people together who want knowledge that is easy to digest in their daily lives. He's connecting people who care about building a stronger aftermarket and fundamentally changing how aftermarket professionals get their information, insights, training, and strategies.

Join us on Thursday evening at the PAR-A-DICE Hotel and Casino to hear from Carm!

Social starts at 6:00 pm
Dinner starts at 6:30 pm



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. 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.

Prior Registration Required

ICAIA reminds everyone that for conference planning and management purposes, we do not accept walk-in (day-of) registration.

ISBE Professional Development Credits for Illinois High School Instructors

ICAIA will be offering **10 ISBE PD Credits** for Illinois High School Instructors attending both days of the 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. The form will need to be complete and returned to Art Koudelka (ICAIA Executive Treasurer) before leaving on Friday, by 12:15 pm. There will be a drop box at the registration table on Friday morning for your convenience.

If your evaluation form is not returned by Friday 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 and Training Hours

Instructors who attend both Thursday and Friday, as well as the banquet to receive 10 PD Credits (high School Instructors) and 10 hours that can be applied toward the ASE Education Foundation hours. Fully attending both Fall and Spring ICAIA Conferences will provide instructors with 20 hours of update training.

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 – 10:00	Pickup of Conference Materials
10:00 – 11:45	Technical Session #1
11:45 – 1:00	Lunch / Business Meeting / Door Prizes
1:00 – 2:45	Technical Session #2
2:45 – 3:00	Break
3:00 – 4:45	Technical Session #3
4:45 – 6:00	Free Time & Travel
6:00 – 6:30	Social
6:30 – 7:30	Dinner Banquet
7:30 – 8:00	Keynote Speaker & Presentations

Friday

8:00 – 8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
8:30 – 10:15	Technical Session #4
10:15 – 10:30	Morning Break
10:30 – 12:00	Technical Session #5

Upcoming Future Conferences

Fall 2025	Illinois Central College October 16 and 17
Spring 2026	Southern Illinois University March 26 and 27
Fall 2026	Waubonsee Community College October dates TBD
Spring 2027	Host site open. We need a host!
Fall 2027	Joliet Junior College October dates TBD

Thank You to College of Lake County!

Thank you to the faculty, staff, students, and administration at the College of Lake County for hosting the Spring 2025 ICAIA Conference. It showcased numerous tradeshow vendors and engaging presenters that shared the latest technology, information, and training trends with ICAIA members!

During the Thursday evening banquet, three College of Lake County automotive students were presented scholarships for their hard work both in and out of the classroom:

- Delores King Lewis: ICAIA Founding Fathers Scholarship
- Jovani Estrada: Jim Krudl Rising Star Scholarship
- Konrad Austin Mahler: Alliance of Automotive Service Providers of Illinois and ICAIA Scholarship

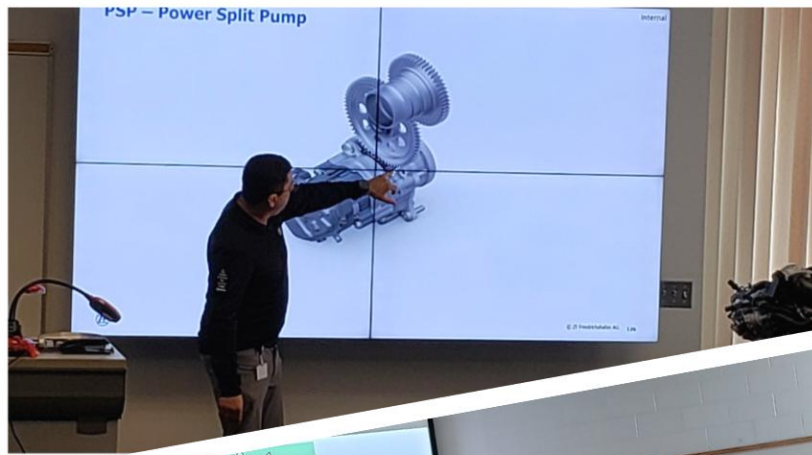
ICAIA thanks the many sponsors, vendors, presenters, and everyone at the College of lake County for hosting a great conference!



Looking forward to seeing you at the next ICAIA Conference!



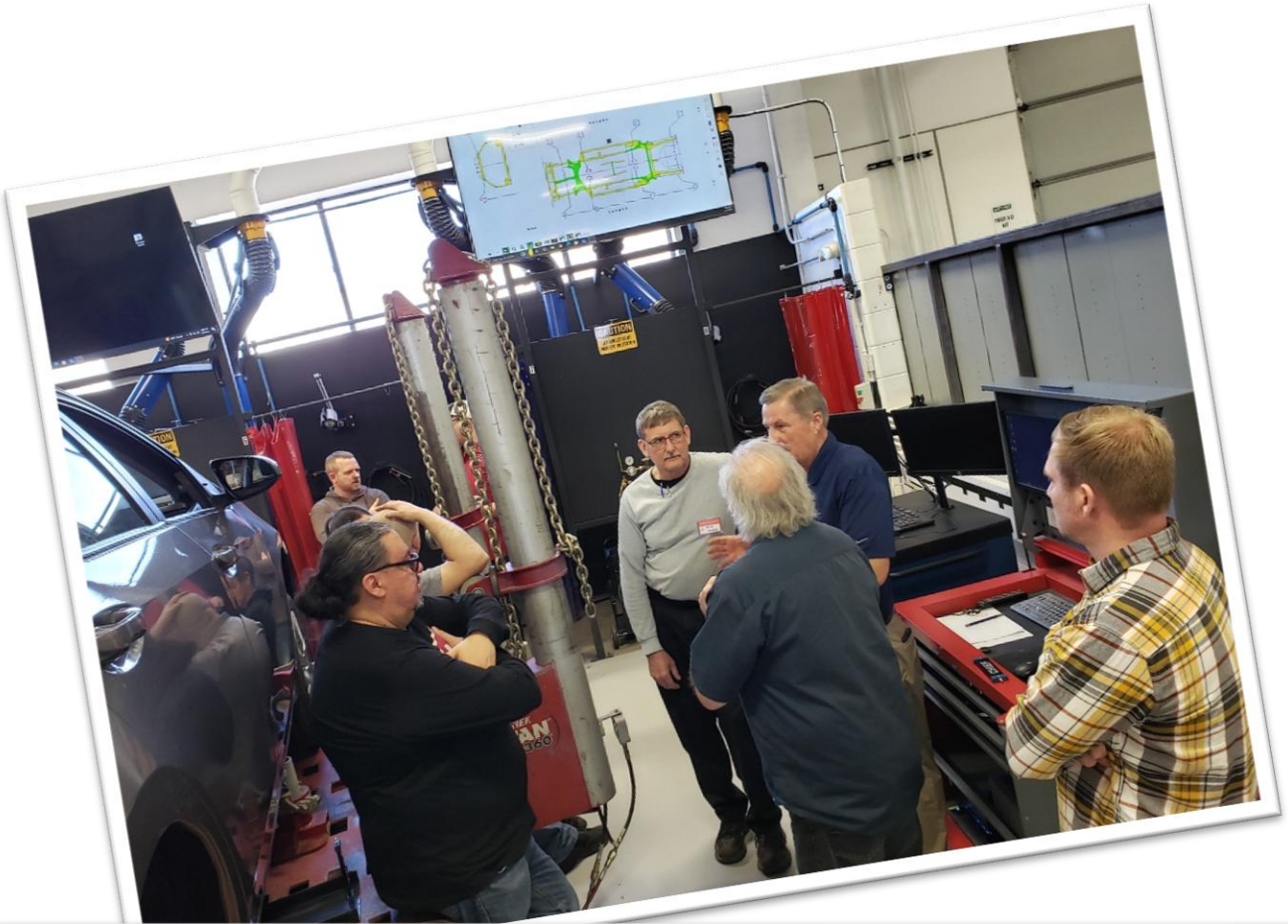


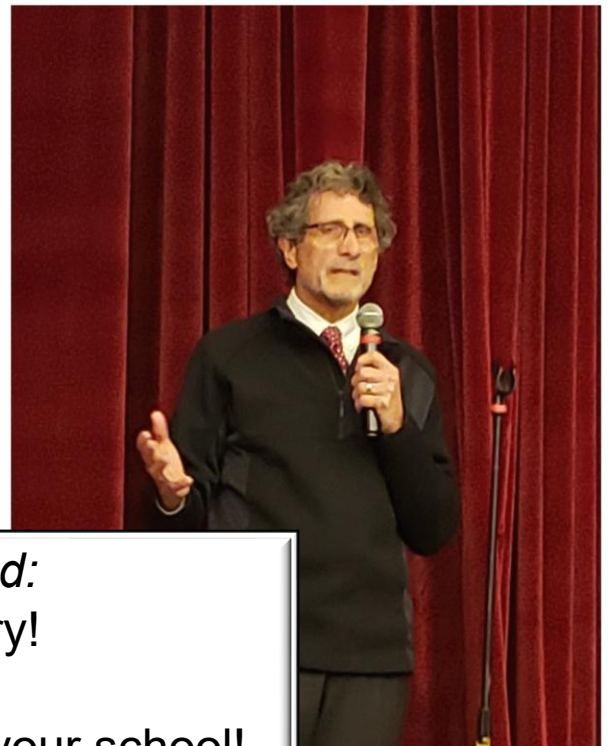












Attend an ICAIA Conference and:

- See the latest in the industry!
- Share ideas with peers!
- Learn a lot to take back to your school!
- Make new friends!
- Have a great time!



ICAIA on Facebook

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!

