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Del Mar College Diesel Applied Technology AAS Degree Program Gains AED Foundation Accreditation

AEDF Also Recognized Tuloso-Midway High School

Schaumburg-IL- The AED Foundation (AEDF) is pleased to announce the accreditation of the Del Mar College (DMC) Associate in Applied Science (AAS) degree in Heavy Equipment Maintenance Technician offered through its Diesel Applied Technology Program. Located in Corpus Christi, Del Mar College joins South Plains College in Levelland as The AED Foundation's second accredited school in Texas. AEDF also announces Tuloso-Midway High School, located in Corpus Christi, as the first AEDF Recognized High School in Texas.

"We are pleased that Del Mar College has chosen to demonstrate its commitment to academic excellence and continuous improvement through the process of accreditation," stated The AED Foundation Executive Vice President and COO Jason Blake. "Your accreditation signifies to equipment industry stakeholders that your college has met rigorous industry-specific national construction equipment technical standards. It further signifies to current and prospective students that your program provides the best in diesel-equipment technical education as defined by the industry it serves."

"Del Mar College is excited about receiving AEDF accreditation and the employment opportunities this certification will provide our students earning their AAS degree to become maintenance technicians for heavy equipment," added Dan Korus, Dean of DMC Workforce Programs and Corporate Services. "AEDF is one of the nation's premier heavy equipment dealer certifications, and the College believes this credential will help us meet workforce demands within our regional economy."

Del Mar College's term of AEDF Accreditation is five years, starting this month and running through March 2026. The AED Foundation is dedicated to developing and improving construction equipment industry partnerships that meet local dealers, manufacturers, and technical colleges' mutual needs. The AED Foundation is proud to be affiliated with Del Mar College through this accreditation and is committed to the ongoing success of DMC's Diesel Applied Technology Program and its Heavy Equipment Maintenance Technician degree program in the Department of Architecture, Aviation and Automotive.

Davis Merrell, Dean of the Industry and Public Services Division, which is one of three DMC academic divisions, added, "Gaining AED accreditation will allow students completing the program's course material to show prospective employers that they are following industry standards based not only on the curriculum but also new or updated trends as they develop. The program will truly benefit from this accreditation, and it will enable our faculty to maintain rigorous coursework and show relevance to future students and their employers because program accreditation such as this is a very important designation that our graduates can put on their resumes."

About AED

Established in 1919, Associated Equipment Distributors (AED) is an international trade association based in Schaumburg, IL, representing over 700 construction equipment distributors, manufacturers and industry-service firms nationwide. AED members sell, service and rent equipment to such markets as heavy and light construction, mining, agriculture, forestry, aggregates, engines and industrial.

Established in 1991 and directed by AED members, The AED Foundation (AEDF) addresses professional education and workforce development in the industry. This includes AEDF Accreditation of diesel-equipment technology college programs and AEDF Recognition of secondary diesel programs.

About Del Mar College

Del Mar College provides quality programs, individual attention, outstanding instruction through faculty with real-world experience and affordable costs to credit and noncredit students living in the South Texas Coastal Bend region. The College offers students programs that match current and emerging career opportunities that range from fine arts, sciences and business to occupational and technical fields.

Nationally recognized while locally focused, DMC is among top-ranking community colleges in the country granting Associate degrees to Hispanic students and is recognized as a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) with the student body being 69% Hispanic. Fall 2020 enrollment in academic and occupational programs reached nearly 10,580 students; and during the 2019-2020 academic year, the College enrolled some 23,200 academic, occupational and continuing education students overall.

Degree programs Del Mar College offers include Associate in Arts, Associate of Arts in Teaching and Associate in Science degrees in over 53 university transfer majors as well as Associate in Applied Science degrees, Enhanced Skills Certificates, Certificates of Achievement and Occupational Skills Awards in more than 144 occupational fields. In Fall 2021, DMC will begin offering its first baccalaureate level degree, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Del Mar College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award Certificates of Achievement and Associate degrees.

(Data taken from the Fall 2020 Del Mar College Pocket Profile.)