



GAME TIME

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ACADEMY STUDENTS BECOME PART OF RACING CIRCUIT

UTI's Volkswagen Academy Technician Recruitment Program (VATRP) students are about to become members of one of the most exciting teams in town. Throughout 2008, select Academy students will be working as "pit crew" members for the Volkswagen Jetta TDI Cup racing series.

The Jetta TDI Cup allows Volkswagen to showcase the power and performance of its new clean diesel technology with 30 factory-prepared and managed clean-diesel Jetta TDIs, piloted by amateur drivers aged 16 to 26, who are relative unknowns in the industry. With eight races beginning on North American race tracks this spring, Volkswagen's goal is to find the driver with the most talent and help them break into the world of professional motorsports.

The concept is as revolutionary as the car. At the heart of the Jetta TDI Cup racing vehicle will be the all-new, high-tech 2.0-liter four-cylinder TDI clean diesel engine rated at 170 horsepower and nearly 300 ft.-lbs. of torque in racing trim. Additionally, to highlight its environmental dedication Volkswagen has partnered with Carbonfund.org to certify the entire race series as carbon free.

Paul Kern, Volkswagen Education Supervisor at UTI's Rancho Cucamonga, California, campus believes it's an exciting time to be an Academy student. Twelve students and two instructors will be selected to attend every race to perform a variety of "pit crew" duties

before, during and after each race. Some of the likely duties include driving the cars from the staging area to the pit area, replacing tires, prepping the cars, reconditioning the cars and servicing the cars after each race.

"Using Academy students as technicians for the Jetta TDI Cup series is a great opportunity and gift from Volkswagen. Our students are excited because it takes them outside of the classroom and into a real world experience. Since only qualifying students are able to attend a race, there is a lot of healthy competition at the campuses now. Students are motivated and morale has increased," said Paul.

Throughout racing season, students with the highest grades and hands-on ability will be selected from both the Rancho Cucamonga, California and Exton, Pennsylvania, Academy programs. They will spend three days soaking in the spirit of the racing circuit and using their

technical knowledge to assist with the maintenance of the racecars. The twelve technicians invited to attend the first Jetta TDI Cup race in Virginia are:

From the Rancho Cucamonga campus:

Gabriel Castillo Thomas Richardson
 Alan Perreault Nicholas Roen
 Eric Norwood Ramiro Sanchez-Mendoza

From the Exton campus:

James Auge MichaelBoos
 William Fravel Gregg White
 Joshua Somers Nathan Raines

"The opportunity to take our technicians to these races is just a huge win for our program," said Paul. "I know they are all going to go out and represent the UTI Volkswagen Academy very well. I am looking forward to seeing their training and talent put to work."

See you at the races! ●

2008 Volkswagen Jetta TDI Cup Schedule

Date	Track	With
April 25-27	Virginia International Raceway	Grand-Am / SPEED Touring Car
May 17-18	Mosport International Raceway	Canadian Touring Car / MX-5 Cup
July 4 - 6	Grand Prix of Toronto	Champ Car
Aug 14-17	Lime Rock Park	NASCAR Camping World Series
Sept. 19-20	Iowa Speedway	USAR Hooters Pro Cup
Sept. 27-28	New Jersey Motorsports Park*	SPEED World Challenge/ARCA
Oct. 1-3	Road Atlanta	ALMS / SPEED World Challenge

*Subject to change

PORSCHE



PORSCHE BROTHERS STICK TOGETHER AT SCHOOL AND WORK

Second Location Coming for Training Program

Brothers Michael and Thomas Falcone have spent a lot of time together over the past few years. They both attended UTI's Exton, Pennsylvania, campus where they had every class together. After graduation, they were both accepted into UTI's elite Porsche Technology Apprenticeship Program (PTAP) at the same time. And now, they are both working as Porsche technicians at Sun Motor Cars in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, a suburb of Harrisburg.

Having the unique privilege of being brothers first, school mates second, and co-workers third has worked out well for Michael and Thomas. With an eight-year age difference, they leaned on each other during school and both excelled earning 4.0 GPA's, 99.9% attendance records and taking every ASE course available.

"We were both there to make the other do the best he could. We had goals and we kept each other on task," said Thomas, the younger brother, but also the one who came up with the idea to attend UTI together.

"I had already earned a college accounting and economics degree when Thomas graduated from high school," said Michael. "Thomas saw how miserable I was doing accounting work and I think he realized that a four year college degree wasn't the right path for him either. We have both always loved cars. So, he pitched the idea of going to UTI, and the rest, as they say, is history."

They've both found a second home at Sun Motor Cars too. As one of the highest volume dealerships in central Pennsylvania, it's a privately-owned dealership offering Porsche, Audi, Mercedes-Benz and BMW sales and service. Soon, the Porsche and Audi brands will move into a multi-million, 40-acre location nearby. Michael and Thomas are in training for Audi now as well.

Don Yesacavage is the Service Manager for Mercedes-Benz, but has worked closely with Michael and Thomas. He has been hiring technicians exclusively from UTI for the past eight years.

"Any UTI graduate can hit the ground running," said Don. "They come prepared for work light years ahead of other technicians and already know how to use their tools, understand the literature and diagnose cars more effectively. This immediately makes a big impact on productivity," he said.

Today, Michael and Thomas work one bay apart, but still lean on each other for support and guidance. "We're there to be the best," said Thomas. "Luckily, I had my brother to keep me focused in class, but my advice to everyone is to start UTI with a goal and make it advanced training. It's only six more months of school and the rewards are so high."

Michael echoes the sentiment. "I would never go back to accounting for all the money in the world." ●

MANUFACTURER SPECIFIC ADVANCED TRAINING PROGRAMS

AUTOMOTIVE

AUDI ACADEMY TECHNICIAN PROGRAM

Avondale, Arizona // Exton, Pennsylvania

BMW STEP

(SERVICE TECHNICIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM)

Avondale, Arizona // Rancho Cucamonga, California
Orlando, Florida // Houston, Texas
Montvale, New Jersey

MERCEDES-BENZ ELITE

Rancho Cucamonga, California
Orlando, Florida // Glendale Heights, Illinois
Norwood, Massachusetts // Houston, Texas

MERCEDES-BENZ ELITE CRT

Houston, Texas

PTAP

(PORSCHE TECHNOLOGY APPRENTICE PROGRAM)

Atlanta, Georgia

VOLKSWAGEN ACADEMY TECHNICIAN RECRUITMENT PROGRAM

(VATRP)

Rancho Cucamonga, California
Exton, Pennsylvania

VOLVO SAFE

(SERVICE AUTOMOTIVE FACTORY EDUCATION)

Avondale, Arizona

DIESEL

INTERNATIONAL* TECHNICIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM

(ITEP)

Glendale Heights, Illinois

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GOT GAME?

If you're interested in being accepted into an MSAT program, then remember GAME – the four key areas for students to focus on:

- ▶ Grades or Grade Point Average
- ▶ Attendance
- ▶ Motor Vehicle Record
- ▶ Exam

In addition to good GAME scores, dealers want to hire graduates who are willing to commit to employment, have a positive attitude, some industry/related experience, and a strong work ethic. Remember, only students who "Got GAME" get to play. By following the GAME play-book, you can be on the fast-track to success.