

Career Tech Matters

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Later this month, juniors in Brian Morrison's Auto Collision Repair program will display car hoods in the commons that they have painted. But beneath the paint lies weeks of a valuable learning experience.

Brian (right) puts strategic damages in the hoods, such as edge rollovers, flat areas and damage on contours that the students must repair.



"It covers all the aspects of what they'll run into damage-wise" on the job, Brian said, adding that he demonstrates several scenarios and metal straightening.

"The most important skill for them to learn is metal straightening,"

Hear student Amber Kelly explain the refinishing process:
<https://tinyurl.com/y636e5pd>.

he said. "You want to straighten the metal as much as you can — 90, 95 percent — and then after that you have to rely on the fillers to take care of the rest."



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Top: Amber Kelly preps her car hood, sanding out damage inflicted by instructor Brian Morrison. Above: Amber Kelly applies a clear coat to her hood.



ABOVE: Mason Willis' hood during the design phase (top) and completed (bottom).



Students with their hoods (clockwise): Isiah Maughmer, Chandler Brooks, Anna Betts and Chris Johnson.

