

# Don McNabb

I am an alumni of this program and upon hearing my former instructor was retiring, I felt compelled to apply for the position to continue to move the program forward. This program was instrumental in me becoming the person I am today. In my adolescent years at that time, I faced some adversity and decided to see what this program was about, which became one of the best decisions I made in my life. My teacher Rick Estes was tough and set structure in my life which was what I needed at the time. He taught me that with hard work, respect, and honing my skills I could be successful. Upon completion of the program, I moved on to a technical school, Baran institute, known today as Lincoln Technical College. Following the completion of my studies at Lincoln Technical College, I proceeded to go into the industry I had grown to love. I spent 18 years in industry before finding myself as an instructor. I would like to do for young men and women what Mr. Estes did for me, and through the passion I have for the Auto body industry and my belief of paying it forward I want to help young men and women be successful.

I have worked in 3 different body shops that cover the spectrum of body shops. I started in a small dealership where I primarily performed collision repairs, I then moved on to a shop that focused on restoration as well as collision. In this shop we refinished everything from cars, trucks, motorcycles, tractors, heavy equipment, and even passenger busses. Finally, I worked in a production shop as a flat rate technician.

As a former Auto body technician, I have many relationships with local shops, jobbers and businesses. I'm working closely with these people to move my program forward using them on my advisory committee.

The future direction of the program will be to preform repairs on modern and classic cars. Teaching students both disciplines will make them into a well-rounded technician to prepare them for entry into the industry. In addition to performing collision repairs and restorations on vehicles I'm introducing motorcycle and car custom paint and graphics. I have already taken steps to introduce air brushing and pin striping, with featured local industry artist as guest speakers, with a demonstration session. My goal is to grow the program. We will be holding a car show in to showcase our program, students, and completed and in process projects.

