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Mercury Marine powering education at Moraine Park
Donation benefits Engine Research and Development students
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For five students in Moraine Park Technical College’s Engine Research and Development (ERD) program, receiving the two-year associate of applied science degree just got a little easier. Fond du Lac-based Mercury Marine has provided $20,000 to the Moraine Park Foundation, $5,000 of which is being used for scholarship funds.

Mitchel Fry of Beaver Dam, Jordan Mueller of Chilton, Alex Prunty of Lomira, Brody Rivest of Sheboygan and Jacob Sedarski of Green Lake each received a $1,000 scholarship from Mercury Marine.

“I was first introduced to engines at a young age when my father and I would work on rebuilding engines in different vehicles,” said Sedarski. “I have always been interested in engines and wanted to learn more. Receiving a scholarship to Moraine Park’s ERD program helped with tuition and other fees and made it possible for me to go to school,”

“Working with Moraine Park is a great opportunity for Mercury Marine, the College’s Engine Research and Development Program and the Fond du Lac community,” said Mark Schwabero, president of Mercury Marine. “Cooperating to provide important programs such as this strengthens Moraine Park and provides needed, qualified technicians for our area and beyond.”

ERD students are trained to work with engineers in companies that manufacture small engines. Engine research and developers focus on endurance and emissions with the goal of making engines run cleaner and smoother. Graduates perform lab testing, gathering test data from engines and dissembling engines for engineers.

For more information on the Moraine Park Foundation, visit morainepark.edu/foundation. For more information on ERD, visit morainepark.edu/programs.

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Moraine Park Technical College was established in 1912 and is one of 16 technical college districts that make up the Wisconsin Technical College System. With campuses in Beaver Dam, Fond du Lac and West Bend, Moraine Park offers more than 100 associate of applied science degrees, technical diplomas, apprenticeships and certificates delivered in a variety of formats — classroom, online and blended. Training and technical assistance for businesses is also offered.

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