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Toyota's Young Black Scholars mentoring program pairs Southern California high school students with Black employees at Toyota's Torrance headquarters.

BLACK PRESS PUBS HONORED BY DAIMLERCHRYSLER

Two member publications of the Black Press of America have been named winners of the prestigious 2006 DaimlerChrysler Financial Services/National Newspaper Publishers Foundation Entrepreneurial Award. The winners, Virginia-based *Richmond Free Press* and North Carolina-based *The County News* were announced during the foundation's annual Newsmaker Awards Banquet, held in Washington, D.C.

This is the second year for this award, which celebrates the business acumen of the Black press. The grand prize winner receives $10,000 and the use of a DaimlerChrysler-brand vehicle for one week.

FORD/AAA TOP TEEN AUTO TECHS COMPETITION

Six million dollars in scholarships and prizes awaits winners of an annual competition widely considered to be the Indy 500 of auto repair. Fifty state champion teams representing their respective high school's automotive technology programs compete for the coveted national title.

To be held June 27, the national finals in Dearborn, Mich., require teams to take written exams then race the clock to diagnose problems and repair vehicles. To qualify for the national finals each state holds its own Auto Skills competition.

The Ford/AAA Student Auto Skills Competition

is for high school juniors and seniors enrolled in secondary school automotive technology courses. The Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates the auto industry will need 35,000 new technicians each year through 2010. The competition's goal is to encourage students to continue their education and to pursue careers in the automotive industry. For more information, call 202-371-9600.

GM MINORITY DEALERS HONOR CUMBA

General Motors Minority Dealers Association member and past director, Martin Cumba, has been named recipient of the annual GMMDA Trailblazer Award in honor of his significant contribu-

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