



## Sir James Whitney School for the Deaf

**BHANU RIJAL**

### ***310B AUTOBODY AND COLLISION DAMAGE REPAIR***

Bhanu was in an automotive repair program. After examining the industry and its long term prospects of employment, he decided that he would “try” another branch of Motive Power.

On his first day at Carstar Collision Repair Service, he LOVED it.

In the first week, he was up to his elbows in sanding dust and couldn't be happier. It wasn't long before he requested a formal change in his OYAP contract. His employer has seen many Hearing Co-op students come and go. Very few have demonstrated such a desire to learn about all aspects of the Auto Collision Repair industry. While some students see a Co-op placement as a course, Bhanu has seen it as an opportunity for a bright future.



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## CAREER EXPLORATION EVENT

### SKILLS ONTARIO - Sheridan College

Female students from E.C. Drury School for the Deaf attended the Women in the Trades workshop at Sheridan College. Workshops included a Robotics Lab, Machining, Welding, A Mentor Panel Discussion and a tour of the Skilled Trades Shops. Our students learned about the fundamentals of robotics and how metal parts are manufactured in large quantities using machines. A highlight learning experience from this trip was when the girls actually got to weld a bookend using welding equipment, head gear and a proper jacket. At the mentor panel, our girls met with an Electro Mechanical Technology Co Op student, an Industrial Millwright, and a Welding Professor (CWA Member, Welding Engineer/Inspector). They had the opportunity to ask these women questions about their experience in the Trades field. The day was ended with a keynote speaker, Jamie McMillan, who inspired us to face barriers and challenges within this workforce. She told us to choose a mountain, and take whatever path it takes to reach the top, and with determination, we will get there.



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