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REQUEST FOR COVERAGE/PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

- WHAT: News conference to announce that Odessa College Automotive Technology program has earned the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF) Master Accreditation.
- WHO: Odessa College administration, faculty and staff; NATEF Evaluation Team Leader George Arrants; National Hot Rod Association Pro Stock Motorcycle Racer Steve Johnson; Odessa Chamber of Commerce representatives; new car dealership representatives; and area business and industry leaders.
- WHEN: 2 p.m. Monday, May 23
- WHERE: Saulsbury Conference Center - Outside
Electronics Technology Building
Odessa College campus
- OTHER: Johnson, a former automotive technician, will be attending the event to help OC celebrate earning NATEF Master Accreditation, which is the highest level of achievement recognized by NATEF.

A two-time winner of the prestigious NHRA U.S. Nationals, Johnson currently is in 10th place in the Full Throttle Series standings. He owns and competes for the Steve Johnson Racing Team in the NHRA's Pro Stock Motorcycle Class. He has competed on other Series and types of motorcycle racing, as well. In 1987 and 1989, he was Drag Bike USA's Pro Stock Motorcycle Champion, and in 1989, he won the American Motorcyclist Association's Rebel Nationals. In 2007, Johnson finished among the top 10 in the NHRA Pro Stock Motorcycle Class. In 2008, he posted back-to-back wins in Indianapolis and Charlotte, earning him a brief second in point standings position. He ended the NHRA Full Throttle 2010 season sixth in Pro Stock Motorcycle point standings.