

With souvenir torque wrenches in hand, 12 former service attendants celebrate their promotion to mechanic "C". Front row, from left are Jaime Anaya, Armando Solis, Robinson Feliciano and Amarjit Brar. Second row, Richard Caballero, Richard Perez and Lorenz Legazpi. Back row, Willie Reliford, Darryl Strickland, Perez Mondragon, Adam Lopez and Mario Bernabe.



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Maintenance Instruction Dept. Honors 12 Mechanic "C" Grads

By LISA HUYNH

(April 3, 2003) Twelve service attendants have upgraded their training and skills – and they've been promoted to the position of mechanic "C".

The Maintenance Instruction Department honored the 24th class of service attendants, Thursday. Class members completed an 18-month mechanic "C" On-the-Job Training (OJT) program.

The program, which was implemented in 1974, is conducted over an 18-month period. It includes nine months of classroom instruction and nine months of supervised on-the-job training at an operating division.

The students must commit to attend four-hour classroom sessions two times a week for 36 consecutive weeks.

"They learn everything that pertains to bus equipment, electrical systems, brake systems and engine diagnostics," says Senior Maintenance Instructor Steve Mullaly.

The 12 new mechanics are all now working at the operating divisions.

"This program is a great opportunity for anyone who wants to move to the next level in this career," says Mullaly. "I'm very proud of this group of guys. They all did really well."

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