

# Future mechanics at GLTHS look 'Under Hood' for Tyngsboro seniors

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TYNGSBORO -- Greater Lowell Technical High School students studying Auto Technology participated in the recent annual "Under the Hood Inspections" at the Tyngsboro Council on Aging.

The community outreach program, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Tyngsboro/Dunstable, is held every year and is much anticipated by the senior citizens and Greater Lowell Tech students.

Students and senior citizens sat at tables and ate breakfast while getting to know one another.

"The experience was nice to listen to stories from another generation," said senior Luis Rivera of Lowell.

Then, under the guidance of instructor Steve Boucher, the professionally dressed students conducted on-site, pre-winter car inspections, and performed general maintenance and safety for the senior citizens, including checking fluid levels, tire pressures and tread measurements, and testing batteries.

More difficult issues that were identified but that students were unable to fix on-site were referred to the school's Automotive Technology shop, which is open to local residents from the school's four district communities of Dracut, Dunstable, Lowell and Tyngsboro.

Part of Greater Lowell's mission is to ensure students' readiness for career, college and citizenship. The annual event provides an authentic service-learning field experience for students, allowing them to connect what they have learned in school, apply it to a real-world situation, and use it to pursue post-secondary options and gain employment in the automotive industry.