

# Press Release



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## **19th Annual Race for Automotive Education Raises over \$13,000**

The Alliance of Automotive Service Providers of Minnesota (AASP-MN) held its 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Race for Automotive Education, September 28, 29 & 30, at ProKart Indoor Racing in Burnsville. The event raised over \$13,400 to support the Alliance's Automotive Education Fund and will fund scholarships for automotive students enrolled in ASE Accredited auto service and collision repair programs in Minnesota's technical colleges.

During the three-nights, 150 racers took to the track in go-karts reaching speeds of up to 40 miles per hour. Twenty teams of auto service and collision repair shops and industry suppliers were joined by ten teams of automotive students from Dakota County Technical College, Dunwoody College of Technology, Hennepin Technical College (north & south campuses), St. Cloud Community & Technical College and South Central College. The student teams were sponsored by 1 Collision Network. Many spectator fans were also on hand to cheer on their team.

Trophies were awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> place and runner-up teams each night. They were:

Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Wenzel Auto Electric, Mankato  
Runner-Up – Further Performance, Minneapolis

Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> (Student Night)

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Hennepin Technical College, Eden Prairie  
Runner-Up – Hennepin Technical College, Brooklyn Park

Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Place – LaMettry's Collision, Minnetonka  
Runner-Up – Heppner's Auto Body, Team #1, Twin Cities

In addition to the 30 race teams, the event was supported by the following sponsors:

- 1 Collision Network
- Auto Value Parts Stores/APH
- Axalta Coating Systems
- FinishMaster
- LKQ – Minnesota
- Lube Tech & Partners
- Podium
- PPG Automotive Finishes

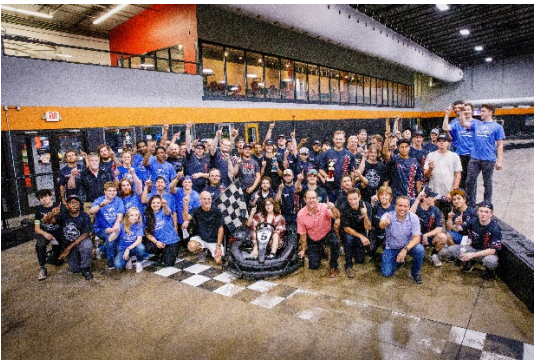
The Automotive Education Fund was established in 2002 to provide financial resources to support automotive students, enhance automotive programs and raise awareness of career opportunities in the automotive service industry. Since its inception, nearly \$290,000 has been invested in student scholarships, Skills USA and automotive education programs throughout the state.

AASP-MN is an association of independently-owned automotive service businesses and industry suppliers dedicated to improving Minnesota's automotive service industry and the success of its nearly 700 members. For more information, visit [www.aaspmn.org](http://www.aaspmn.org).

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Tuesday night's winning team from Wenzel Auto Electric, Mankato



Thanks to the support of 1 Collision Network, automotive students from 6 tech colleges were able to participate in this year's event



LaMettry's Collision took 1<sup>st</sup> place in Thursday night's race