

Press Release



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21st Annual AASP-MN Race for Automotive Education Raises Over \$14,000 for Student Scholarships

The Alliance of Automotive Service Providers of Minnesota (AASP-MN) held its 21st Annual Race for Automotive Education, January 23-26, at ProKart Indoor Racing in Burnsville. The event raised over \$14,000 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 four nights of racing, forty teams (195 racers) of auto service and collision repair shops and industry suppliers took to the track in go-karts reaching speeds of up to 40 miles per hour. Many spectator fans were also on hand to cheer on their team.

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

Monday, January 23rd

- 1st Place - Fairway Collision & Mechanical, Vadnais Heights
- Runner-Up – Collision Specialists Inc., Red Team (CSI Green came in 3rd), Austin

Tuesday, January 24th (student night)

- 1st Place – DCTC Team #1, Rosemount
- Runner-Up – DCTC Team #2, Rosemount

Wednesday, January 25th

- 1st Place - Wenzel Auto Electric, Mankato
- Runner-Up - LaMettry's Collision, Minnetonka
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Thursday, January 26th

- 1st Place – Suburban Chevrolet, Eden Prairie
- Runner-Up – Heppner's Team #3, St. Paul

In addition to the forty race teams, this event was supported by:

- 1 Collision Network
- 3M
- Auto Value/Benco Equipment
- CBIZ
- Dentsmart PDR
- Finishaster
- Justice Brothers Car Care Products
- LKQ-Minnesota
- Lube-Tech & Partners
- United Fire Group

NEW this year, we will be awarding prizes at the Annual Meeting & Leadership Conference on April 5th for the top team of the week and other notable race accomplishments!

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 \$310,000 has been invested in student scholarships, Skills USA and automotive education programs throughout the state.

For more information, visit www.aaspmn.org or call the Alliance office at 612-623-1110.

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.

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