

Press Release



For Release: Immediate

Contact: Judell Anderson, CAE, Executive Director
Alliance of Automotive Service Providers of Minnesota (AASP-MN)
(612) 623-1110

17th Annual Race for Automotive Education Raises over \$10,000

The Alliance of Automotive Service Providers of Minnesota (AASP-MN) held its 17th Annual Race for Automotive Education, January 8, 9 and 10, at ProKart Indoor Racing in Burnsville. The event raised over \$10,000 to support the Alliance's Automotive Education Fund and will fund scholarships for automotive students enrolled in NATEF-certified 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-four teams of auto service and collision repair shops and industry suppliers were joined by six teams of automotive students from Dakota County Technical College, Dunwoody College of Technology, Hennepin 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 1st place and runner-up teams each night. They were:

Tuesday, January 8th

1st Place – Pearson Auto Body, Team #2, Shakopee
Runner-Up – LaMettry's Collision, Team #2, Eden Prairie

Wednesday, January 9th

1st Place – Wenzel Auto Electric, Mankato
Runner-Up – Dunwoody Student Auto Service Team, Minneapolis

Thursday, January 10th

1st Place – Lancer Service Auto Care, St. Paul
Runner-Up – Crystal Lake Automotive, Lakeville

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

- AmeriTrust Group
- Auto Value Parts Stores/APH
- Axalta Coating Systems
- CBIZ AIA
- Finishmaster
- LKQ – Minnesota
- PPG Automotive Finishes
- United Fire Group

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, over \$233,000 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 800 members. For more information, visit www.aaspmn.org.

###

Pearson Auto Body, team #2, 1st Place - Tuesday



Wenzel Auto Electric, 1st Place Wednesday



Lancer Service Auto Care, 1st Place Thursday

