

# Press Release



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## **AASP-MN Hits the Track to Support Student Scholarships**

The Alliance of Automotive Service Providers of Minnesota (AASP-MN) recently raised over \$9,000 during its 2017 fundraising campaign to support the AASP-MN Automotive Education Fund. The majority of that money was raised at the Association's 15<sup>th</sup> annual Race for Automotive Education, held January 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> at ProKart Indoors, Burnsville, and will fund scholarships for automotive students enrolled in NATEF-certified mechanical and collision repair programs in Minnesota.

During the course of the two-night event, 120 racers tore up the track in state-of-the-art European karts, reaching speeds of nearly 40 miles per hour. Many fans and spectators were also on hand to cheer their teams on. 24 teams of mechanical and collision repair shops and industry suppliers were represented and the competition was fierce.

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

Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Place – St. Anthony Mobil, St. Anthony  
Runner-Up – Hopkins Auto Body Team #1, Hopkins

Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Place – LaMettry's Collision Team #1, Richfield  
Runner-Up – aaa Auto Parts Team #1, Rosemount

"Members use this event as an opportunity for team-building, and at the same time raise money for a very worthy cause," said Judell Anderson, AASP-MN Executive Director. "Everybody had a blast!"

In addition to the 24 race teams, the event was supported by the following sponsors:

- Autoshop Solutions
- Auto Value Parts Stores/APH
- CBIZ AiA
- Finishmaster
- P.P.G. Automotive Refinish
- Peter's Body Shop

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 \$190,000 has been distributed directly to students enrolled in automotive programs through the association's scholarship program and Skills USA participation.

*The Alliance of Automotive Service Providers of Minnesota (AASP-MN) is an association of independently-owned automotive service businesses and industry suppliers dedicated to improving the state's automotive service industry and the success of its members.*

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