

Press Release



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13th Annual *Race for Automotive Education* Raises Nearly \$10,000 to Support Automotive Students

The Alliance of Automotive Service Providers, Minnesota (AASP-MN) recently raised over \$9,800 in its 2015 fundraising campaign to support AASP-MN's Automotive Education Fund. The majority of that money was raised during its annual *Race for Automotive Education*, held January 13 & 14, 2015, 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 faced off 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. In all, 24 teams of mechanical and collision shops and industry suppliers were represented.

The competition was fast and furious and when the checkered flag waved, trophies were awarded to the following victors:

Tuesday, January 13

First Place - Superior Service Center, Eagan (Team 3)
Runner - Up - Pearson Auto Body, Shakopee

Wednesday, January 14

First Place - Lancer Service Auto Care, St. Paul
Runner - Up - LaMettry's Collision, Richfield (Team 1)

"This event not only raises money for a very worthy cause, but serves as a unique and fun team-building activity for the shops that participate," said Judell Anderson, AASP-MN Executive Director. "There's no doubt that the competitive spirit is alive and well among AASP-MN member shops!"

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 \$161,000 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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