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Auto Dealers CARing for Kids Foundation Awards More Than \$1 Million In Scholarships and Prizes to Area's Top Automotive Technical Students at 2019 Tech Comp

*--Gloucester County Institute of Technology captures first place honors and advances to nationals--
--Bucks County Technical High School and Western Montgomery Career and Technology also place--*

East Norriton, Pa., March 11, 2019 – The Auto Dealers CARing for Kids Foundation held its 26th Annual Greater Philadelphia Automotive Technology Competition (Tech Comp) on Friday, March 8th. At the event, 24 of the area's top automotive technical students competed for a portion of more than \$1 million in scholarships, tools and prizes that were available.

First place was captured by Fred Holland and Riley Radcliff of Gloucester County Institute of Technology under the direction of Instructor Glenn Hubert. Together, the winning pair walked away with more than \$243,000 in scholarships, tools and prizes. They will now represent the Greater Philadelphia region at the National Automotive Technology Competition in New York City in April. Holman Ford Lincoln of Turnersville was the team's dealership sponsor.

Second place honors went to Raymond Lamer and Szymon Wisniewski of Bucks County Technical High School. The team, which was sponsored by Reedman-Toll Chevrolet and led by Instructor Byron Cesari, collected more than \$175,000 in prizes. Jake Duffy and Nathan Hammerle of Western Montgomery Career and Technology Center collected more than \$90,000 in earnings as the third-place winners. Sponsored by Nissan 422 of Limerick, they were under the direction of Instructor Donald Bray.

The purpose of the Tech Comp is to build awareness for the growing need for qualified auto technicians in today's workforce as well as spotlight their specialized skills and professionalism. Auto technicians of the 21st Century must have highly-polished math and computer skills in addition to mechanical aptitude. This competition traditionally focuses on all those skill sets. It provides the opportunity for elite teams of the finest automotive technical students from the Philadelphia area to work against the clock in a timed, hands-on automotive technical skills competition. The students tested their knowledge at 10 workstations ranging from engine mechanical to communication skills and performed a Multi-Point Inspection of a previously-bugged vehicle.

The first part of the regional competition involved a 100-question written exam in November. The exam covered the eight National Institute of Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) areas of the automobile, which are Engine Repair, Engine Performance, Electrical/Electronic Systems, Brakes, Heating and Air Conditioning, Suspension and Steering, Manual Drive Train and Axles and Automatic Transmissions. There were approximately 90 students who took the written exam from 20 different schools. The two highest scoring students from the top 12 schools are those who qualified for the March 8th hands-on competition. Photos from the event as well as additional information can be found on MoreThanAutoDealers.com.

About the ADAGP and Auto Dealers CARing for Kids Foundation

The Auto Dealers Association of Greater Philadelphia (ADAGP), established in 1904, is the oldest association of its kind in the nation. Comprised of 190 franchised new car and truck dealers throughout the five-county Philadelphia area, the Association owns and produces the Philadelphia Auto Show. The Auto Dealers CARing for Kids Foundation is the philanthropic arm of the ADAGP. It is a 501(c)(3) public charity that aims to enhance and enrich the lives of children in the communities where its dealer members work and live. Since its incorporation in 2003, the Foundation has contributed more than \$13.7 million to area children's charities and organizations.

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