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Marine Trades Association of New Jersey Foundation Announces 2019 SkillsUSA Marine Service Technology Contest Awards

Manasquan, NJ – The Marine Trades Association of New Jersey (MTA/NJ) Foundation is pleased to announce the winners of the 2019 SkillsUSA Marine Service Technology Contest. Since 2006, the MTA/NJ Education Foundation has awarded nearly \$25,000 to deserving students through scholarships and student awards.

Three vocational school students received medals competing in individual skill stations and a written test. The hands-on test stations included many aspects of 2-stroke and 4-stroke outboard, stern drive and inboard troubleshooting and repair. Students were tested on valve adjustment, boat systems wiring, ignition system troubleshooting, volt and ohmmeter use, water pump service, precision measuring and trailer service. The written test included the above listed topics including diagnostics, service and repair of marine accessory items. Contestants were judged on safe work practices, cleanliness, organizational skills, accuracy, speed and completion of assigned tasks, worksheets and paperwork.

The awards were presented as follows:

Gold Medal Winner: Matt Cardinal of Ocean County Vocational Technical School

Silver Medal Winner: Allen Cordano of Gloucester County Institute of Technology

Bronze Medal Winner: Tyler Goldsmith of Ocean County Vocational Technical School

Each medalist was awarded a “tool of the trade” provided by the MTA/NJ Foundation. In addition to scholarships and student awards, the MTA/NJ Foundation is aggressively working to address workforce issues through marine training reimbursements, industry certification courses, and education and training in the classroom and on the job for members and their employees. The MTA/NJ Foundation has provided over \$10,000 for training since 2014.

For more information about the MTA/NJ Foundation or to make a donation, please contact the MTA/NJ office at 732-292-1051; email: info@mtanj.org.

About SkillsUSA

SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, leaders and industry representatives working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. SkillsUSA's mission is to help its members become world-class workers, leaders and responsible American citizens. SkillsUSA is an applied method of instruction for preparing America's high-performance workers in public career and technical programs. It provides quality education experiences for students in leadership, teamwork, citizenship and character development. It builds and reinforces self-confidence, work attitudes and communications skills. It emphasizes total quality at work—high ethical standards, superior work skills, life-long education, and pride in the dignity of work. SkillsUSA also promotes understanding of the free-enterprise system and involvement in community service.

About the MTA/NJ

The Marine Trades Association of New Jersey (MTA/NJ), established in 1972, is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting, advancing, and protecting the recreational marine industry and waterways in the State of New Jersey. The MTA/NJ is dedicated to the interests of the industry for the benefit of its individual members and the consumers whom they serve. In addition to many accomplishments, the MTA/NJ produces two boat shows, the Jersey Shore Boat Sale & Expo held in September at FirstEnergy Park in Lakewood and the New Jersey Boat Sale & Expo held in February at the New Jersey Convention & Expo Center in Edison. The MTA/NJ proudly endorses the Progressive Insurance Atlantic City Boat Show.