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**Leesburg, VA., December 5, 2013** – Forty-five automotive professionals were recognized on November 20, 2013, at the Fall board meeting of the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) held at the Fairmont Hotel in Newport Beach, California. The annual awards banquet spotlights top scorers on the ASE Certification Tests. Thirty-eight different companies from both OEM and Aftermarket segments sponsored the individual technician recognition awards in the Auto, Truck, Collision and Parts categories, along with three instructor awards. In addition to looking for top scores on ASE tests, award sponsors examine on-the-job excellence, community service and other factors when selecting honorees.

“ASE has been honoring the best of the best in our industry for more than 40 years, and this year we recognized forty-five outstanding individuals from all across the nation,” said Tim Zilke, ASE President & CEO. “We couldn’t do this without the support of our many award sponsors, whose ranks include some of the best-known names in the industry. Their commitment to excellence is reflected in the talented individuals we recognize each year.”

The National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence was established in 1972 as a non-profit organization to help improve the quality of automotive service and repair through the voluntary testing and certification of automotive technicians and parts specialists. Today, there are more than 330,000 ASE-certified professionals at work in dealerships, independent shops, collision repair shops, auto parts stores, fleets, schools and colleges throughout the country. For more information about ASE, visit the Web site at [www.ase.com](http://www.ase.com).

2013 ASE Award Winners				
Award/Company	Winner	City	State	Employer
Axalta Coating Systems/ASE Refinish Technician of the Year	Leonard King	Frederick	MD	Europros Collision Center
Big O Tires/ASE Automobile Technician of the Year	Marlon Gonzalez	Winchester	CA	Big O Tires
BodyShop Business/ASE Master Collision Repair & Refinish Technician of the Year	Larry Willis	Harriman	TN	Sexton Automotive of Oak Ridge
Bosch/ASE Master Automobile Technician of the Year	Andy Dزيدuch	Hickory Hills	IL	European & Japanese Auto Service
Bridgestone Retail Operations/ASE Master Automobile Technician of the	William O'Hara	Fairfield	CA	Firestone Complete Auto Care

Year				
Byrl Shoemaker/ASE Industry Education Alliance Instructor of the Year	Carl Hader	Grafton	WI	Grafton High School
Cengage Learning/ASE Master Automobile Technician of the Year	Joseph Tuholski	Tucson	AZ	Milex Auto Service
Chrysler/ASE Master Automobile Technician of the Year	Keith Warner	Hoxie	AR	Cavanaugh Chrysler Dodge Jeep
Chrysler/ASE Master Collision Repair & Refinish Technician of the Year	Christopher Cargill	Toledo	OH	Yark Automotive Group
Delco Remy/ASE Master M/H Truck Electrical/Electronic Systems Technician of the Year	Jerry Denaple	Buford	GA	Publix Supermarkets
Freightliner/ASE Master M/H Truck Technician of the Year	Jerry Bisbee	Blanchard	OK	The ATC Freightliner Group
Western Star/ASE Master M/H Truck Technician of the Year	Steven Ulrich	Nunn	CO	Transwest Truck Trailer & RV
Gates Tools for Schools/ASE Instructor of the Year	Ronnie Bush	Jackson	TN	Tennessee College of Applied Technology - Jackson
GM/ASE Master Automobile Technician of the Year	Kevin Collins	Johnstown	PA	Thomas Buick GMC
Honda/ASE Master Automobile Technician of the Year	Mark Hunter	Royersford	PA	J.L. Freed & Sons, Inc.
Acura/ASE Master Automobile Technician of the Year	Jeffrey Miller	Mount Wolf	PA	Bobby Rahal Acura
Identifix/ASE Aftermarket Drivability Technician of the Year	William Cochran	Hazlet	NJ	Kenny & Billy's Service Center
Merchant's Tire & Auto Centers/ASE Automobile Technician of the Year	Anthony Sarzynski	Baltimore	MD	Merchant's Tire & Auto Center
Midas International/ASE Automobile Technician of the Year	Christopher Gorman	New Lenox	IL	Midas Auto Service
Mitchell1/ASE Technician of the Future	James Larson	Williamsburg	OH	Porsche of the Village
Motor Age Training/ASE Master Training Specialist of the Year	Lloyd Koppes	Cincinnati	OH	Toyota Motor Sales
National Tire and Battery/ASE Automobile Technician of the Year	Bruce Nelson	Coon Rapids	MN	National Tire and Battery
Navistar/ASE Master M/H Truck Technician of the Year	Brad Stump	Harrisburg	PA	Five Star International
Navistar/ASE Master School Bus Technician of the Year	Brian Wiggins	Twin Falls	ID	Rush Truck Center
Navistar/ASE Parts Specialist of the Year	Timothy Ehrhart	Clarion	PA	Zacherl Motor Truck Sales
Nissan/ASE Master Automobile Technician of the Year	John McKeage	Lisbon	ME	Lee Nissan of Topsham
Infiniti/ASE Master Automobile Technician of the Year	David Ellingsen	Elkton	MD	Porter Infiniti

Pep Boys/ASE Master Automobile Technician of the Year	Michael Gerhart	Williamstown	NJ	Pep Boys
Peterbilt/ASE Master M/H Truck Technician of the Year	Jeremy Hockett	Wichita	KS	Doonan Truck & Equipment of Wichita
PPG/ASE Master Refinish Technician of the Year	Scott Chaney	Franklin	KY	Chaney Auto Works
Snap-on/ASE Master Automobile Technician of the Year	Skip Meserve	Fallston	MD	DJ's Car Care
Snap-on/ASE Master Collision Repair & Refinish Technician of the Year	John Flieger	Wayland	MA	Middlesex Auto Body
Snap-on/ASE Master M/H Truck Technician of the Year	Robert Phipps	Kneeland	CA	Bettendorf Trucking
SpeeDee Oil Change & Tune-Up/ASE Automobile Technician of the Year	Cass Pujol	Colfax	CA	SpeeDee Oil Change & Tune Up
Subaru/ASE Master Automobile Technician of the Year	Greg Sampley	Schoolcraft	MI	Maple Hill Subaru
TECH-NET Professional/ASE Master Automobile Technician of the Year	Dana Haglin	Boulder	CO	Haglin Automotive
Tire Kingdom/ASE Automobile Technician of the Year	Rob Brennan	Pembroke Pines	FL	Tire Kingdom
Toyota/ASE Master Automobile Technician of the Year	Stephen Keeney	Coon Rapids	MN	Carlson Toyota
Toyota/ASE Master Collision Repair & Refinish Technician of the Year	Roger Christopher	West Allis	WI	Don Jacobs Toyota
Lexus/ASE Master Automobile Technician of the Year	David Benkert	Cincinnati	OH	Performance Lexus
USAF/ASE Technician of the Year	SrA Chad Cassidy	Ramstein AFB	Germany	US Air Force
Valvoline Career Tech/ASE Instructor of the Year	Terry Sparks	Cookeville	TN	Tennessee College of Applied Technology - Livingston
Valvoline/ASE Master Automobile Technician of the Year	Richard Edgar	Redmond	WA	City of Seattle
Valvoline/ASE Parts Specialist of the Year	Charles Stockton	Midland	MI	Advance Auto Parts
Volvo/ASE Master Automobile Technician of the Year	Kurt Wegner	Santa Fe	NM	Santa Fe Volvo



### 2013 ASE Technician Award Winners

Front row (R to L): Jeff Miller, John McKeage, Cass Pujol, Steve Keeney, Bill O'Hara, Ronnie Bush, Jerry Bisbee, Carl Hader

Second row: Bruce Nelson, Chris Cargill, Scott Chaney, Roger Christopher, SrA Chad Cassidy, Terry Sparks, Brad Stump, Dave Ellingsen, Rick Edgar

Third row: Steve Urich, Kevin Collins, Bob Phipps, Rob Brennan, Chuck Stockton, Kurt Wegner

Fourth row: Bill Cochran, Jeremy Hockett, Lloyd Koppes, Mark Hunter, Larry Willis, Skip Meserve, James Larson, Mike Gerhart

Fifth row: Andy Dzduduch, Chris Gorman, Greg Sampley, Keith Warner, Tim Ehrhart, John Flieger, Dana Haglin

Last row: Brian Wiggins, Joe Tuholski, Lenny King

\*Not pictured: Dave Benkert, Jerry Denaple, Marlon Gonzalez & Butch Sarzynski

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