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## Nebraska SuperTech Competition Winners

Mike Paitz of Truck Center Companies is the 2016 Nebraska SuperTech Champion. Sponsored by the Nebraska Trucking Association, Nebraska SuperTech is Nebraska's premier skills competition for heavy-duty diesel truck technicians.

More than 100 competitors registered to take the qualifying online, ASE-style test. The top 16 from the online test advanced to the hands-on skill stations final round hosted by Central Community College in Hastings, NE on July 20.

As the Nebraska 2016 SuperTech winner, Paitz will receive transportation and lodging to represent Nebraska at the National SuperTech competition September 18 – 22 in Raleigh, NC. The competition is hosted by the American Trucking Associations' Technology and Maintenance Council. The runner-up was Tim Blake with Truck Center Companies and third place was James Cantrell of Truck Center Companies. All three are from the Omaha, NE location. Additional winners won cash prizes including station winners. Following are the winners from each station.

First time participant		Company	Location
James Cantrell		Truck Center Companies	York

Student Champion		Community College	Location
Ian Folkerts		Northeast Community College	Norfolk

Station Name	Name	Company	Location
Drive Train	Damon Winn	Truck Center Companies	York
Vehicle Inspection	Mike Paitz	Truck Center Companies	Omaha
Precision Measurement	Cole Macklem	Southeast Community College	Lincoln
Auxiliary Power Unit	Kevin Nebuda	Truck Center Companies	Omaha
Air Brakes	Scott Resler	Wick's Trucks	Omaha
Engine Diagnostics	Mike Paitz	Truck Center Companies	Omaha
Shop Skills	Tim Blake	Truck Center Companies	Columbus
Engine Mechanical	James Cantrell	Truck Center Companies	York
Wheel End	Tim Blake	Truck Center Companies	Omaha
Electrical	Scott Resler	Wick's Trucks	Omaha

A student competition is also held with students from four of Nebraska's Community Colleges. Ian Folkers from Northeast Community College in Norfolk earned the top student prize, winning a tool voucher.

Career education and worker competency in transportation, distribution and logistics are two of Nebraska's economic development selling points. Showcasing the proficiency of commercial vehicle technicians highlights the field as a career that's important to Nebraska's growth as a North American distribution hub.

The Nebraska Trucking Association's Maintenance Council organizes the Nebraska SuperTech competition. The Nebraska Trucking Association is the provider of effective information, services and advocacy to Nebraska trucking companies and affiliated businesses.

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