

Ten Arizona High Schools Participate in State Auto Technician Competition

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Mesa, Arizona ([PRWEB](#)) March 04, 2016 -- High School students representing 10 Arizona High School automotive programs will participate in the 2016 Arizona High School Auto Challenge being hosted at Mesa Community College, Friday April 22.

Junior and Senior high school students from across the state first competed online via a written qualifying test administered on Jan. 27. The top 10 schools will select a team of two seniors and one alternate to travel to MCC to demonstrate their automotive skills “hands-on” by fixing a uniformly “bugged” vehicle.

Schools participating in this inaugural event, listed starting with the highest score from the qualifying exam, are:

1. West-MEC – Peoria High School – Peoria
2. Safford High School – Safford
3. Mountain View High School – Marana/Tucson
4. East Valley Institute of Technology High School – Mesa
5. Page High School – Page
6. Flowing Wells High School – Tucson
7. Kofa High School –Yuma
8. Lake Havasu High School – Lake Havasu
9. Marana High School – Marana/Tucson
10. Mingus Union High School – Cottonwood

A full-time student scholarship will be at stake when high school students from these schools from across Arizona test their automotive skills during the Arizona High School Auto Challenge sponsored by Maricopa Community Colleges. Auto instructors from across the Maricopa Community Colleges have banded together to present the Auto Challenge, which replaces a similar competition co-hosted for 22 years by Ford and AAA. Mesa CC: Bryce Bond and Steve Skroch, Glendale CC: Don Davis and Gateway CC: Steve Folks.

The qualifying exam provided all students the experience of sitting for the Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certification tests, the industry standard. Awards, tools and scholarships will be presented to students during the competition, which is also supported by Glendale Community College and GateWay Community

College automotive programs.

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GateWay Community College is a fully accredited public institution of higher education located in Phoenix. Offering more than 125 certificate and associate degree programs in the areas of Business and Information Technology, Health Sciences, Industrial Technology, Nursing and University Transfer, GateWay has emerged as a leading institution to meet the needs of business and industry. Visit www.gatewaycc.edu or call 602-286-8000 for more information. The campus is located at 108 North 40th Street, Phoenix AZ 85034.

Glendale Community College offers innovative higher education curriculum in 111 associate degree, certificate, transfer, workforce development and career re-training programs. Glendale Community College is one of ten colleges in the Maricopa Community College District.

Mesa Community College is nationally recognized for its service-learning, civic engagement and innovative educational programs, which include university transfer, career and technical, workforce development, and lifelong learning. Host to nearly 40,000 students annually, MCC offers more than 195 degrees and certificate programs at its two campuses and additional locations. MCC's student body hails predominantly from the East Valley of Phoenix and includes Veteran, American Indian and International students who enrich the learning experience. Award-winning faculty are dedicated to student success providing the education and training that empowers MCC students to compete locally and globally. MCC is one of 10 colleges that comprise the Maricopa County Community College District. The District also includes the Maricopa Corporate College and two skill centers. For additional information, visit mesacc.edu.

Glendale Community College, Gateway Community College and Mesa Community College are accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) <http://www.ncahlc.org>, 800-621-7440.

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