



## 2018 Nebraska SuperTech Competition Winners

Morgan Barnes of Truck Center Companies – Norfolk is the 2018 Nebraska SuperTech Champion. 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 19.

As the Nebraska 2018 SuperTech winner, Barnes will receive transportation and lodging to represent Nebraska at the National SuperTech competition September 16 – 20 in Orlando, FL. The competition is hosted by the American Trucking Associations’ Technology and Maintenance Council. The runner-up was Joel Kaup of Truck Center Companies – York and third place was Jeremiah Dasovic of Truck Center Companies - Omaha. Additional winners won cash prizes including station winners. Following are the winners from each station.

First time participant	Company	Location
Jeremiah Dasovic	Truck Center Companies	Omaha

Student Champion	Community College	Location
Jack Compton	Northeast Community College	Norfolk

Station Name	Name	Company	Location
HVAC	Michael Volkmann	D and K Diesel	Lincoln
Vehicle Inspection	Brian Stevens	Truck Center Companies	Omaha
Engine Electrical	Joel Kaup	Truck Center Companies	Norfolk
Engine Diagnostics	Joel Kaup	Truck Center Companies	Norfolk
Alignment	Tim Ziemann	Truck Center Companies	Lincoln
Shop Skills	Jeremiah Dasovic	Truck Center Companies	Omaha
Tires	Jeremiah Dasovic	Truck Center Companies	Omaha
Precision Measurement	Morgan McCormick	Truck Center Companies	Lincoln
Engine Mechanical	Morgan Barnes	Truck Center Companies	Norfolk
Drive Train	Ben Schultz	Inland Truck Parts and Service	Lincoln

A student competition is also held with students from three of Nebraska’s Community Colleges. Jack Compton from Northeast Community College in Norfolk earned the top student prize, a \$500 voucher for tuition or books. This was Compton’s second year as student champion.

This event would not be possible without our volunteers and sponsors. Member organizations provided 35 judges, sponsors and equipment suppliers to this year’s event.

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.

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