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FROM THE MAZZ...

Dear ADAGP Members & Friends,

Well folks, after 27 years, which is more than 100 Driving Force letters, here I am penning my last one. I could write two simple words that I want to leave you with but thank you without context just isn't enough here...so allow me to elaborate.

Thank you to your incredible Dealer Members, especially your Board of Directors, who from day one instilled their trust in me. Many of them were mentors to me, others challenged me in a way only they could, and many turned into very dear friends. When I moved here with my beautiful wife nearly 30 years ago, we had no acquaintances on the East Coast. Now we are leaving with what I know will be lifelong friends and a lot of them are familiar faces from around the infamous ADAGP Board Table.

Next, I have the upmost gratitude for your Associate Members and current agencies of record. They understand how Associations work, how successful partnerships can be, the importance of loyalty and so much more. I've been privileged to work with some great company leads who are truly dedicated to the betterment of the local retail auto industry and I take great pride in passing on those strong relationships to your future ADAGP Staff, which leads me to my next note of thanks...

Someone once told me that one of the greatest measurements of a company's success is the tenure of its staff. I am beyond proud and grateful to have one of the most tenured Association staff in the country. While I know they all share a little bit of crazy to work with me for as long as they have, they all share the DNA that's needed to continue to make your Association, Foundation, Auto Show and so much more the very best it can be. When I made the decision to retire, knowing who I was leaving the work with made the decision all the easier. With that, get ready for many more successes, fresh ideas, new events and more in the months to come. You're in great hands.

- Kevin Mazzucola

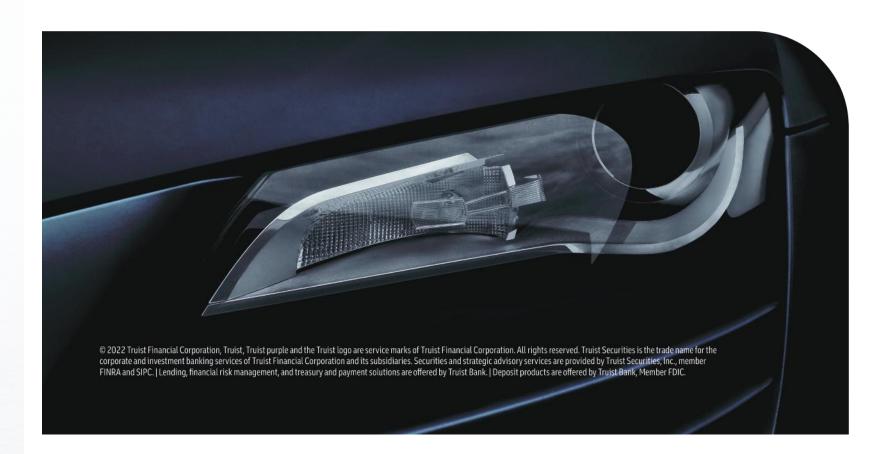


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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fellow Dealers & Associate Members,

I trust you are all doing well! I will cover a bit of business and conclude with our 27th farewell to Kevin Mazzucola! Just kidding... kinda!

First, I want to recognize your ADAGP staff, who have been working hard to roll out several new dealer value initiatives this year. It has not been an easy task, especially during this year of transition, but I am proud to report they are delivering and doing a fantastic job!

The new ADAGP education series kicked off in June with a two-day Service Advisor training session. The classroom was full and feedback from the service advisors in attendance was overwhelmingly positive. If this initial education series is any indication of what is to come, our dealer members should be excited and energized about the support and value your ADAGP is poised to bring you as it evolves into the future. We look forward to launching additional sessions for a wide range of dealership positions in the coming months. So be on the lookout for enrollment!

Save the date! Custom Alley at Oaks is set for October 25-26. This exciting new show, which bridges our world of automotive, will be unlike any you have seen before. More details will be released soon. But know this... you will want to be there!

In the coming pages you can learn more about the expanded offerings of your ADAGP, which are designed to bring more value to our Dealer and Associate Members.

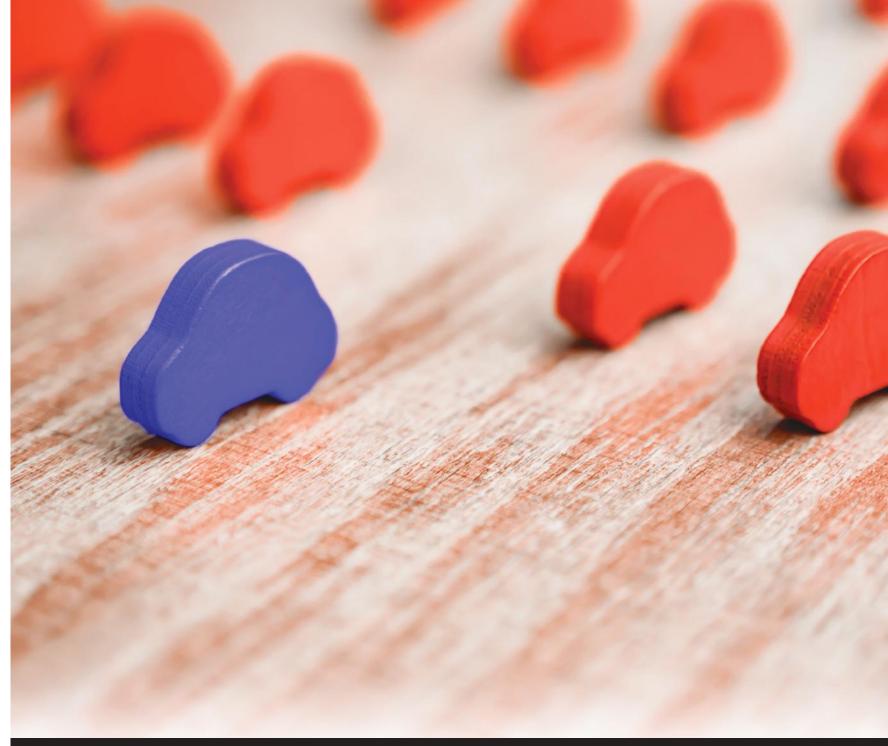
But I would now, on behalf of our Board of Directors, Foundation Trustees, and members, like to say a final thank you and farewell to our friend and colleague, Kevin Mazzucola.

Thank you for your contributions to the success of this Auto Dealers Association and Caring for Kids Foundation. The work you have done throughout your career has enhanced and enriched our Philadelphia dealer community, but your impact did not stop there, and you leave behind a lasting legacy. One that is felt by each of the 675,000 children who received a new winter coat, by each Nurse supported by our Black-Tie Tailgate donation to CHOP, by each family that has an annual tradition of attending the Auto Show, by each ADAGP team member you counseled and supported over the years, by each dealer you can also call friend... and the list goes on!

Kevin, you built something truly special, and I speak for all past, present and future ADAGP Members when I say, thank you! Congratulations on an incredibly successful career. We wish you continued happiness on whatever path your years in Wyoming will take you, and your lovely wife Gina!

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Hosted Dealer Road Shows to keep members engaged and connected.



Helped showcase area dealers as the true community partners they are!





Helped your dealer members leave a legacy at Children's Hospital of Philly via its long-standing Patient Welcome Center.



Launched the incredible Driving Away the Cold New Coat Program in 2008.



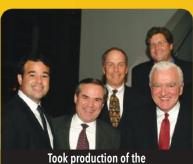
Called Bingo numbers with joy and gratitude over the CHOP In-Hospital TV Network.



"THE TOURNAMENT."



Helped break ground at the second Children's Hospital of Philadelphia in its history.



Took production of the Philadelphia Auto Show in house.



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Lobbied for the betterment of the retail auto industry and the fantastic dealers in the Greater Philadelphia area.



Annually pumped up the City of Philadelphia about the return of one of the best Auto Shows in the country.





TUNERS TRUCKS CLASSICS COLUMN TO THE COLUMN TECHS

Psst...we've got news to share...and it includes an awesome opportunity for our dealers to engage with potential future techs of the world!

We are proud to announce details for Custom Alley @Oaks, an event where automotive enthusiasts and guests from the surrounding area will gather for the unique experience of three distinct custom car shows under one roof. And...the best part for our dealers? We've added a one-of-a-kind Education Day to the event, which will take place at "Oaks," also known as the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, in late October.

So, here's the deal. On October 25th & 26th, the event will be open to the public. However, before the show opens, hundreds of high school and post-secondary automotive students from around the region will be invited to meet and mingle with our dealers in a career fair atmosphere on the event floor. We've dubbed this "Education Day." Cool, right?!

On Education Day (October 24th), students will receive complimentary access to the display floor and be guided through each hall so they can interact with all the dealers who have chosen to be on display. Each student will have a passport to be stamped by the dealers, encouraging multiple visits and engagements. Students will enjoy lunch provided by the ADAGP and freely wander the show at the end of Education Day. This is a wonderful way for our industry to encourage the next generation to consider an automotive career in a new car dealership. While we all know there has been a need for qualified techs for quite some time now, recent research data reveals a shift from traditional college to trade jobs and apprenticeships among Gen Z adults (those born between 1997 & 2012) so it remains a vital time to be in front of this audience.

In May 2025, Resume Builder surveyed 1,434 Gen Z adults to understand how economic pressures, rising education costs, and

concerns about AI are shaping their career paths. Key findings of the survey included:

- 30% said trade jobs offer better long-term prospects
- 19% couldn't find a job in their field
- 16% reported they weren't earning enough with their degree
- 16% said their degree didn't lead to the career they expected
- 45% want more flexibility or independence
- 32% prefer hands-on work to desk jobs
- 29% believe trade careers are in high demand
- 25% say these jobs are less likely to be replaced by AI

With that, are you interested in participating in Education Day at Custom Alley @Oaks? For a small fee (based off your number of rooftops), dealers will have the opportunity to display vehicle(s) and engage with the hundreds of automotive students from around the region. Display vehicles do not have to be new models and should be chosen to best fit the theme of one of the three halls: Import/Tuner, Truck/Off-Road, or Classic/Muscle. Further, dealer participants will be invited to a cocktail hour with Custom Alley @Oaks exhibitors after the students leave that day.

Space is limited so if you are interested in participating or have any questions, please contact Hector Guzman at hector@adagp.com or 610.547.7699 or Jenn Jackson at jenn@adagp.com or 704.907.9288 to get registered!





Your ADAGP Staff is already hard at work regarding production of the 2026 Philadelphia Auto Show, which is scheduled for January 31 – February 8. The team has put together a comprehensive list of show participation options that any and all manufacturers/dealer ad groups would find affordable and attractive. With that, if any staff member has reached out to you regarding your brand's participation, please be sure to take a look at the information. It is concise, well-vetted and ensures that every brand has an opportunity to be represented on the show floor in 2026.

On a broader scale, the newly formed Automotive Experience Alliance (AEA) of which your Philadelphia Auto Show is a member of, has started an aggressive, public relations plan to remind key industry stake holders about the importance of auto shows. Below you will find a by-lined article from our very own Kevin Mazzucola, current AEA Chairman, which was recently featured on WardsAuto.com.





REVVED UP AND REIMAGINED: REPOSITIONING AUTO SHOWS AS CONVERSION ENGINES

*By: Kevin Mazzucola, Chairman of the Automotive Experience Alliance

In recent years, news stories have declared the "death" of the auto show. These proclamations often hinge on the idea that auto shows have lost relevance, because they no longer dominate the media landscape or serve as flashy global launchpads for new vehicles. But that's not the whole story, far from it. What these articles get wrong is where auto shows truly belong in the automotive marketing funnel.

Rather than fading away, auto shows are returning to their roots and their greatest strength, as a powerful, high-impact mid- to lower-funnel marketing platform. For original equipment manufacturers (OEMs), local marketing agencies (LMAs) and dealers, this shift should not be viewed as a loss but as a strategic realignment to meet in-market consumers where they are making their most critical decisions.

A Misunderstood Moment in Time

The misconception began in the pre-COVID era. Auto shows across the globe, from Frankfurt to Tokyo, grew into media-centric spectacles, driven by global mergers, aggressive brand expansion and massive product reveals. U.S. auto shows followed suit, especially in major cities like Detroit, New York and Los Angeles. Suddenly, the auto show floor wasn't just a place to compare SUVs; it was a high-stakes PR stage.

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This media-driven strategy, and the budgets that went along with it, shifted the focus of auto shows toward the upper funnel. What better way to announce a global merger or launch a new vehicle than by producing a spectacle for the 5,000-plus press representatives who attended these events?

The strategy worked for a while.

Bigger media budgets meant bigger displays. Smaller regional shows benefited too, as OEMs poured resources into nationwide exhibits and the entire market refocused on awareness and brand image. Then came the cracks: Luxury brands began seeking more exclusive experiences, and COVID brought everything to a halt.

Auto shows were left in limbo, no longer flush with media cash and confused about their place in the marketing mix. But in that moment of uncertainty, the industry lost sight of a basic truth: Auto shows were never primarily an awareness play. They were always best at what digital can't replicate – real-time, in-person, tactile decision-making.

Where Auto Shows Truly Excel: Mid- to Lower Funnel

Auto shows aren't meant to compete with splashy Super Bowl ads, exclusive invite-only events or influencer campaigns. They're the place where purchase decisions happen. Consumers don't attend to be entertained; they go to shop. Of course, a little entertainment doesn't hurt the shopping experience, but it can't be the main reason consumers attend.

Most visitors (64%) to an auto show are seriously considering a vehicle purchase within the next 24 months. They pay to attend. They bring their spouse or family, the people who will influence or make the decision with them. On average, they spend 2.9 hours comparing vehicles, sitting inside them, asking questions and often taking test drives. Very few other marketing channels can replicate that level of engagement.

More than half (61%) of auto show attendees, who test drove a car at an auto show, report the live drive experience influenced their purchase decision, a critical step in the journey that digital research alone can't replace. The auto show is one of the only platforms that can compress the entire mid- and lower funnel into one immersive, friction-free experience.

AEA member auto shows report that local dealers see increases in foot traffic and sales in the months during and right after the local auto show. That's no coincidence.

OEMs That Understand the Assignment

Toyota is a prime example of a brand realigning with this lower-funnel reality. Instead of showing fully loaded, \$45,000-plus vehicles that may impress media outlets but price out the average buyer, Toyota now coordinates with local dealers to

feature realistic, regionally available trim levels for models that consumers will actually find on lots.

They also offer exclusive incentives timed with the auto show to drive immediate action. It's not glamorous, but it's highly effective. And Toyota isn't alone. More OEMs and LMAs are beginning to see the value in this approach: meet consumers where they are, with the product they want, at the time they're ready to buy.

Shifting Gears to a Lower-Funnel Opportunity

A 2023 study by The Ev&Ex Agency, a global experiential marketing firm, found that there are typically 16 steps that consumers take from the start of their car buying journey to final purchase, ranging from online research and dealership visits to test drives and price comparisons. Despite this well-defined and consistent purchase funnel, auto shows are underutilized: while 14 of these actions can occur at an auto show, only three or four typically do.

This presents a significant opportunity for OEMs and dealer groups to rethink their approach. Where else can you put your product in front of shoppers who voluntarily dedicate a specific day to researching their next car, comparing options and discussing them with the person they'll share a driveway with? And pay to do it?

This isn't top-of-funnel brand awareness, it's mid- to lower-funnel action.

In just three hours, the average attendee engages with more than 10 vehicles across nine brands. They're not just browsing; they're comparing, asking questions, sitting in vehicles and test driving – critical interactions that shape buying decisions. These are meaningful, memory-making interactions with real impact on purchase decisions.

Consider this: 50% of attendees revise their consideration list after attending a show. Of those, 36% add new brands, while 14% remove brands that weren't present. Simply put, showing up matters. When a brand is missing, it risks disappearing from the buyer's journey entirely.

Auto Shows and the Bigger Marketing Picture

Auto shows aren't just about media impressions, and they don't have to be. They remain a powerful tool within a broader, integrated strategy. The key is not to abandon them, but to reframe their role. Think of it this way:

Want to build excitement around a new model? Launch with a media campaign or digital-first reveal.

Want to turn that excitement into action? Meet your buyers on the auto show floor.

Auto shows and media campaigns aren't competing efforts; they're complementary. Buzz fuels curiosity, but hands-on experience drives confidence and conversion. When both are aligned, the results can be game-changing.

What's Next?

COVID may have caused a temporary setback, but consumer interest in auto shows is rebounding. Attendance is climbing year-over-year in many markets, and savvy OEMs and dealers are rethinking how they show up. As the dust settles on the digital frenzy of the past few years, one thing is clear: nothing beats being there in person.

The auto show isn't dead, it's just finally back where it belongs: at the mid- to lower-end of the funnel, where decisions are made and cars are sold.

It's better to be safe than sorry,

that's why you thought of everything to make your dealership a safer workplace, but you didn't think about that peanut butter pretzel that a toddler dropped across the street, which attracted a squirrel, which attracted a hungry alley cat who chased the squirrel up into a tree, knocking down a branch that fell on the sidewalk in front of a skateboarder who jumped into the street causing a car to swerve, which just missed a hotdog stand where the frightened vendor squeezed a bottle of mustard so tight the condiment went flying into your lot right as your number one salesperson approached, and the moment before she slipped in the mustard is when you realized you thought of almost everything to protect your business,

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Hyundai & Toyota Help Jumpstart 2025 Driving Away the Cold Effort

Fundraising efforts for the 2025 Driving Away the Cold New Coat Program are officially underway. Similar to previous years, Hyundai Motor Company is jumpstarting our efforts with an incredible \$10,000 donation. On behalf of the thousands of children that we will serve this upcoming Fall, thank you Hyundai, for the continuous support!

Additional thanks go to Toyota Motor Corporation for the perpetuation of its Dealer Match Program. Over the last five years, Toyota has matched upwards of \$14,000 in support of its area dealers who participate in Driving Away the Cold. Thank you, Toyota, for helping us give more coats & more smiles!

Dealer registration for the 2025 Driving Away the Cold New Coat Program is now open. Program Lead, Jenn Jackson, will be reaching out to each individual dealer to solidify their giving plans for '25. Please be on the lookout for a specialized email from her in the weeks to come. Have questions or ready to make your commitment today? You can reach Jenn at jenn@adagp.com or 704.907.9288. Also, be sure to check and see if your manufacturer does a Dealer Match Program! If so, your impact could be doubled! Think about that and thanks in advance for your support as we prepare for our 18th year of this one-of-a-kind philanthropic initiative!

Foundation Makes Donation to CHOP

Your Auto Dealers CARing for Kids Foundation is proud to announce its \$345,000 donation to Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) from proceeds of the 2025 Black Tie Tailgate.

The Black Tie Tailgate dates back to 1986...yes, nearly 40 years ago. Over the years, different departments at CHOP have been named designated beneficiaries. Since 2018, the Hospital's Department of Nursing has been the specific recipient of event proceeds. More than \$3 million has been raised solely for the Department of Nursing and more than \$10 million has been raised collectively for CHOP since the Black Tie Tailgate's inception.

"We are so incredibly proud of our continued support of CHOP via the Black Tie Tailgate," said Mike Gempp, current Philadelphia Auto Show Director and incoming ADAGP Executive Director. "The event has become synonymous with celebrating the Auto Show's return to the area. There is no better way to kick off the festivities than by bringing the people of Philadelphia together to support one of the nation's best pediatric hospitals. The Black Tie Tailgate truly demonstrates not only the heart of the Greater Philadelphia Region but also that of the retail automotive industry. Thank you to every attendee, event sponsor and more who joined us."

There are approximately 6,000 nurses, respiratory therapists and technicians in the Department of Nursing who are committed to providing expert, compassionate care while advancing education and research. Funds raised from the 2025 Black Tie Tailgate will specifically support the Department's patient, family, community, and staff programs and initiatives.



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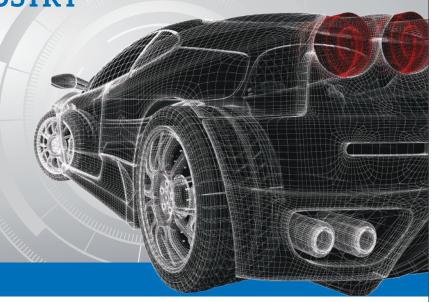
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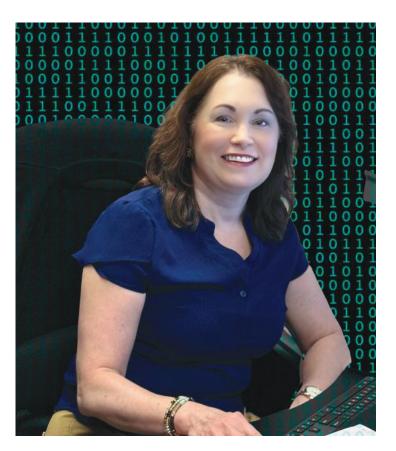
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HAPPENINGS

WE'VE GOT LOTS OF NEWS TO SHARE ON HAPPENINGS AROUND THE ADAGP OFFICES! CHECK THEM OUT!



MEET MICHELLE

Please join us in welcoming Michelle Gregory to the ADAGP Staff! Michelle comes to us from Universum where she served as Director of Finance, Human Resources and Operations (Americas).

She will now serve as Chief Finance and Operations Officer for both the Association and Foundation. Her deep knowledge in finance, forecasting, budgeting, human resources and much more is going to make her an incredible asset to your ADAGP/ Foundation team. With that, please be sure to stop by and say hello when you are in the ADAGP offices next!

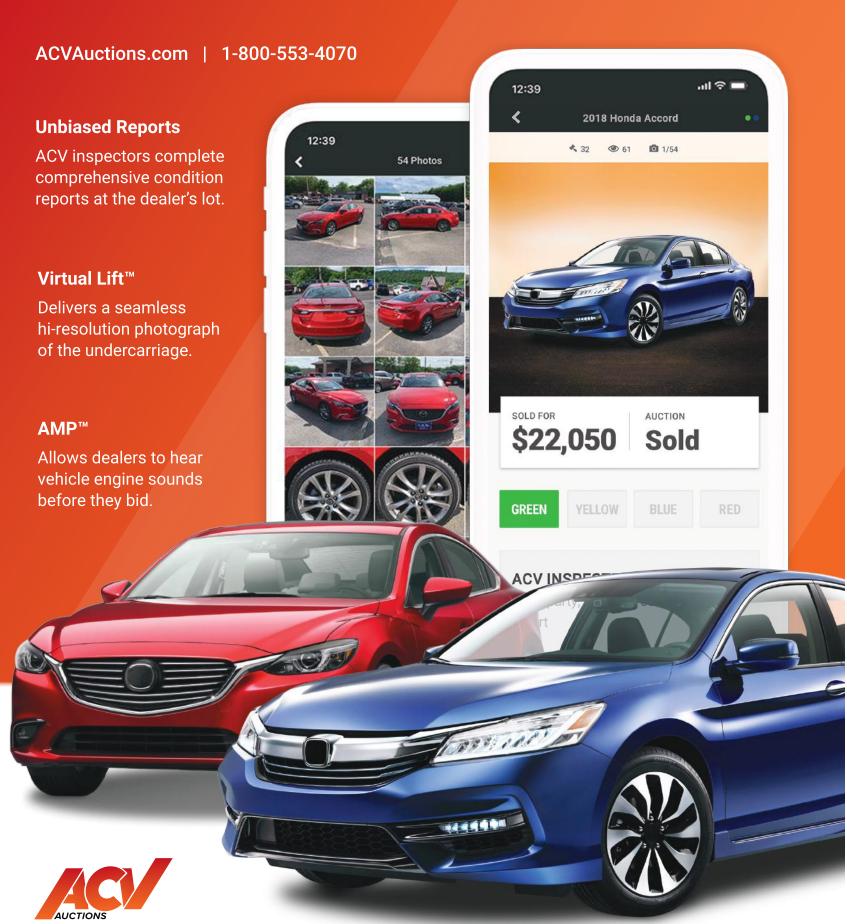


MEMBER PERK EVENT

This Spring, we hosted our first-ever Member Perk Opportunity at a Philadelphia Flyers game. The goal of our Member Perk Opportunities are to remind our dealers that their Association is here for them and applauds their continued good work.

So here's what we did...The Philadelphia Flyers were hosting a special Dealership and Technician Appreciation Night so our Association purchased 30 tickets to raffle off amongst our dealer member techs. We asked dealership management to nominate a tech of theirs and did a drawing at random. The result was a night where our techs felt appreciated, management looked great for nominating one of their own, and our Association engaged with members in a way that it hasn't in quite some time. It was certainly a win-win and as mentioned, we look forward to doing more things like this in the future!

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SEMINARS ARE BACK!

We are thrilled to announce that we have brought back our education and training seminars! Our first one was held on June 11th & 12th and focused on, you guessed it, service! For this seminar in particular, we partnered with Brown & Brown Dealer Services to present a special one-day Service Advisor Training Program at our offices. Robin Greenwood, Brown & Brown's Director of Training, led the course, which received great feedback.

Our next set of events is already on the books! Join us on August 11th for New Sales Training and/or on August 12th for Sales Management Training. We've partnered with JM&A Group for these two exciting sessions, which will focus on the following topics:

Topics to be covered during New Sales Training on August 11th:

- Today's Customer & Mindset
- Customer Engagement How To's
- Meeting the Guest Where They're At
- Conversations/Needs Analysis
- Self-Awareness
- Professional Demeanor
- SMART Goals
- Accountability
- Priority Management

Topics to be covered during Sales Management Training on August 12th:

- Industry Data
- Levels of Leadership
- Communication Skills
- Development for Career Path
- Coaching GROW Model
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Registration is now open in the Member section of MoreThanAutoDealers.com. Reserve your spot today!

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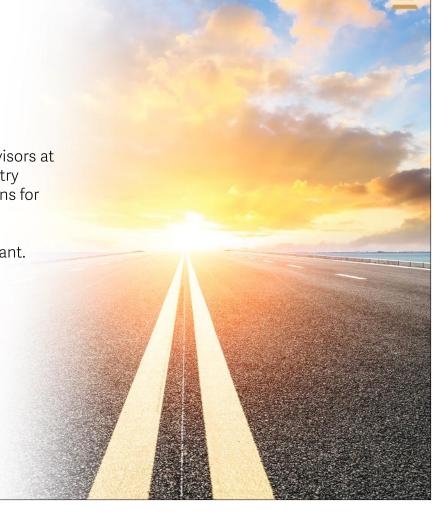
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MEMBER NEWS

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Faulkner Automotive Institute Opens at Father Judge



Thanks to an incredible donation from Harry Faulkner of the Faulkner Automotive Group, Father Judge High School is now what is believed to be the first Catholic high school in the nation with a 3-year automotive repair program. Graduates of the program will leave Father Judge with their ASE certifications, and if they are 18 years old, with their state certification as well.

As reported in Automotive News in mid-May, "to help launch the technician training school, Faulkner, a 2021 Automotive News All Star, pledged \$1 million plus shop equipment. He also provided the expertise of his fixed operations executives to help shape the auto repair curriculum."

Although there's almost always at least one open technician position in every one of Faulkner's dealerships, his donation is purely philanthropic. Father Judge won't be a technician pipeline exclusively to Faulkner stores.

"Our plan is that kids will have opportunities for internships in coop throughout their years in the program," Faulkner told Automotive News. "We hope in that process we'll attract and retain some of those people, but even in a perfect world with 24 graduates a year, we wouldn't have enough room for everybody."

The Father Judge school year consists of two semesters. For the entire 3-year program, students spend their first two periods of the day in the Faulkner Automotive Institute and then take their regular high school classes in the six remaining periods. In their junior and senior years, they can work afternoons at a dealership."

Faulkner said his involvement began as an opportunity to give back to the community and to solve the problem of growing the next generation of automotive technicians.

"You hear a lot about that these days," he said. "The loss of technical skills that are powering our industries, all sectors are experiencing this shortage. This has the potential to set students on a path towards a career that can support their families and the community in meaningful ways."

The ADAGP tips its hat to Harry and the entire Faulkner Automotive Group on this one. Well done! We can't wait to see the success stories roll in!

David Kelleher Receives Good Scout Award



The Cradle of Liberty Council's 2025 Delaware County Good Scout Award is presented to an individual who exemplifies in his or her daily life the ideals of Scouting America as expressed in the Scout Oath and Law. The recipient is chosen for outstanding service to the community at large, as well as the respect and esteem in which he or she is held by those in the community. ADAGP Dealer Member and Auto Dealers CARing for Kids Foundation Trustee David Kelleher of David Auto Group received this wonderful honor in April at a special awards reception. Congrats, David! So well deserved, way to make us proud!

Pacifico Auto Group Continues Scholarship Giving



In 1964, the simple gesture of a \$500 donation has now led to more than \$3 million awarded in scholarships to Philadelphia students via the Pacifico Family Scholarship Awards Program. Every year we get word that the Pacifico Family is doing it again and every year, we are more impressed than the last. More than 100 students from 27 area schools received scholarships this year, totaling approximately \$200,000 in giving. Incredible work, Pacificos!

Long-time Conicelli Employee Retires



The ADAGP is proud to salute all retiring employees of the retail automotive industry, especially those with decades worth of experience!

After an incredible 43 years of dedication, leadership, and service, Conicelli Autoplex recently bid farewell to General Sales Manager Mark Hammond as he begins his well-deserved retirement. Congratulations, Mark!

In addition, after 33 years as the organization's Comptroller, the Conicelli Family also celebrated the retirement of Rob Rabinowitz.

As noted on the group's Facebook page, "From mentoring generations of team members to creating unforgettable experiences for our customers, Mark, you've made a lasting impact. You'll always be part of the Conicelli family."



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TECH COMP NAMES WINNERS

The ADAGP celebrated its 32nd annual Greater Philadelphia Auto Technology Competition (Tech Comp) this past March. At the event, 24 area high school seniors put their automotive skills to the test in a hands-on technician skills challenge and competed for more than \$1 million in scholarships, tools and prizes.

This year, first place was captured by Matthew Hood and Matthew Levesque of Middle Bucks Institute of Technology. The winning duo, which was led by Instructor Rob Schwarz and sponsored by Keystone Volvo Cars of Doylestown, walked away with more than \$290,000 in scholarships and prizes collectively. Second place was awarded to Ryan Blankenbiller and Jacob Fost of Berks Career and Technology Center – East. Under the direction of Instructor Keith Nichols and

sponsored by Miracle Chevrolet of Morgantown, the team won more than \$200,000 in scholarships and prizes. Jacob Dunbar and Yaseen Williams of Burlington County Institute of Technology rounded out the leaderboard with their third-place win. Instructor David Sitchler and Dealer Sponsor Burns Hyundai helped the pair win more than \$100,000 in scholarships and prizes, respectively.

WHO'S IN YOUR SERVICE DEPARTMENT?



From front left to right (by row) Brian Logan (2005) Jorge Sanchez Garcia (current Student) Craig Reichert (Service Manager) Yovani Castaneda Cordova (2016) Robert Killian (2006) Zachary Giersch (2021) Carlos Alba (2014) Donnell Wright (2021) Matt Costa (1996) Eric Groff (2014) Andrew Lawton (2019) Luis Huertero (2019) Michael Alvisi (2002) Fabian Juarez (2020) Not pictured Logan Vied

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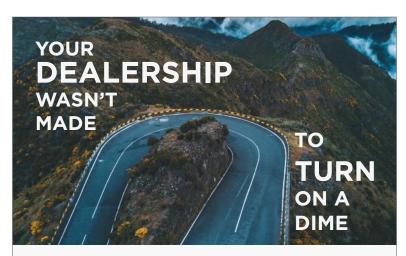
During the timed, hands-on automotive technical skills competition, students tested their knowledge at 10 workstations and performed a Multi-Point Inspection of a new vehicle. The competing teams were from the following schools: Berks Career and Technology Center – East, Bucks County Technical High School, Burlington County Institute of Technology, Central Montco Technical High School, Delaware County Technical High School, Eastern Center for Arts and Technology, Mercer County Technical Schools, Middle Bucks Institute of

1ST PLACE: Matthew Levesque & Matthew Hood • Middle Bucks Institute of Technology Instructor: Rob Schwarz • Sponsored by Keystone Volvo Cars of Doylestown

Technology, North Montco Technical Career Center, Technical College High School – Brandywine, Upper Bucks County Technical School and Western Montgomery Career and Technology Center.

As we all know, today's auto technicians must have highly-polished math and computer skills in addition to mechanical aptitude. This competition focuses on all those skill sets. The first part of the regional competition involved a written exam last January at the Philadelphia Auto Show. The exam covered electric

vehicle safety and the eight National Institute of Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) areas of the automobile, which are Engine Repair, Engine Performance, Electrical/Electronic Systems, Brakes, Heating and Air Conditioning, Suspension and Steering, Manual Drive Train and Axles and Automatic Transmissions. There were more than 100 students from the Greater Philadelphia Region who took the written exam. The two highest scoring students from the top 12 schools are those who qualified for the March 7th hands-on portion of the competition.



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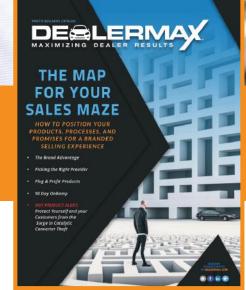


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