

Automotive Technology News

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For Tunkhannock High School, the Automotive Technology competition season always starts at Johnson College for the Pennsylvania Automotive Association Competition (PAA). In mid December, schools from across Pennsylvania took a written ASE-style test in order to qualify for the state competition held on March third at Hershey Lodge and Convention Center. The PAA averaged the top two students' test scores from each school to determine which schools will be represented at the state competition. A school must score in the top ten from across the state in order to be eligible for this event. Tunkhannock seniors Dan Monninger and Lyman Walters qualified with a team score that place them third going into the state competition.

On January 18th, Tunkhannock Automotive Instructor, Jim Switzer sent three seniors to the Skill USA Competition directed by West Side Tech. This regional competition is attended by schools from northeastern Pennsylvania. All three Tunkhannock Auto-tech seniors won medals:

Dan Monninger	– Gold	Automotive Technician
Kyle Bethel	- Silver	Automotive Specialization
Justin Landsiedel	– Gold	Job Skills Demonstration A

The gold medal winners will continue to the state competition in April at the Hershey Motor Lodge. Since 2006, Tunkhannock Automotive Technology students have won 11 medals at the Skills USA regional competitions. Six of the eleven medals were gold, qualifying the students to compete at the state level.

Every January, Northampton Community College runs one of the most difficult automotive competitions in the state. The eight category, 200 question, ASE based qualifying exam dissuades most schools from participating. Most of the contestants represent large vocational schools attended by students from as many as 14 feeding high schools. The top six schools move on to the state level in March. Tunkhannock was the only comprehensive high school to qualify for the advanced level competition. The Tunkhannock team of Justin Landsiedel and Lyman Walters qualified third in the state.



Left to right, Justin Landsiedel, Lyman Walters, Dan Monninger, and Kyle Bethel