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## **SUBARU OF AMERICA ANNOUNCES WINNER OF THE 2019 SUBARU NATIONAL TECHNICIAN COMPETITION**

Milwaukee native receives prize of \$2,000 and will represent the U.S. at the World Technician Competition in Japan

Camden, N.J., Mar 22, 2019 - Subaru of America, Inc. today announced the winner of its 2019 American National Technician Competition (ANTC), a biennial event featuring Subaru technicians from across the country testing technical knowledge, skill and on-the-job excellence in a combination of written, diagnostic and hands-on challenges. David Jodat from Subaru City of Milwaukee in Milwaukee, WI was awarded top honors in this year's competition and will receive an all-expenses paid trip to compete in the Subaru World Technical Competition in Japan.

"This is the seventh year we've brought together the premiere technicians from Subaru retailers across the country to recognize the service excellence that exists in our retailer network," said Thomas J. Doll, President and Chief Executive Officer, Subaru of America. "While we are extremely proud of all our participants, we are excited to name David the worthy winner of a very competitive event, and we look forward to having him represent the U.S. at the international final in Japan."

This year, fourteen Zone Champions from across the country participated in the competition held at the Subaru National Service Training Center at the automaker's new U.S. headquarters in Camden, NJ. This year's ANTC event was comprised of four events, one hour each, scored on accuracy, speed, and service quality. The first event was the written test which incorporated the use of a service manual to answer questions. The three hands-on events were on-car drivability diagnostics, on-car body electrical diagnostics, and mechanical-precision measurements.

The winner, David Jodat, is a Senior Master Technician at Subaru City of Milwaukee in Milwaukee, WI and has been a technician for over eighteen years. As both a Zone Champion (Minneapolis) and first place winner, Jodat received a cash prize of \$2,000, a crystal trophy and an all-expenses paid trip to Japan to compete in the Subaru World Technical Competition this November representing the U.S.

From the remaining Zone Champions, second place honors went to Thomas Vigeant of Saint Johnsbury Subaru in Saint Johnsbury, VT, receiving a \$1,500 total prize, while Todd Rodman of Webster Groves Subaru in Webster Groves, MO was awarded third place, receiving a \$1,000 total prize. The full list of Zone Champions and runners up is below (in alphabetical order).



- Brian Barnard – Michael Hohl Subaru, Carson City, NV
- Pat Bonner – Lancaster County Motors Subaru, Lancaster, PA
- Sean Ernest – Annapolis Subaru, Annapolis, MD
- Leo Gilmore – Ruge's Subaru, Rhinebeck, NY
- Daryl Henzlik – Subaru Sherman Oaks, Van Nuys, CA
- Brad Julitz – Prestige Subaru, Asheville, NC
- Micah McCurdy – Austin Subaru, Austin, TX
- Kjell McDaniel – McCurley Integrity Subaru, Pasco, WA
- Russell Stevens – Dreyer & Reinbold Subaru, Greenwood, IN
- Eric Taffs – Placer Subaru, Helena, MT
- Tim Whalen – Cannon Subaru, Lakeland, FL

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[Subaru of America, Inc.](#) (SOA) is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of [Subaru Corporation](#) of Japan.

Headquartered at a zero-landfill office in Camden, N.J., the company markets and distributes Subaru vehicles, parts, and accessories through a network of more than 630 retailers across the United States. All Subaru products are manufactured in zero-landfill plants and [Subaru of Indiana Automotive, Inc.](#) is the only U.S. automobile manufacturing plant to be designated a backyard wildlife habitat by the National Wildlife Federation.

SOA is guided by the [Subaru Love Promise](#), which is the company's vision to show love and respect to everyone, and to support its communities and customers nationwide. Over the past 20 years, SOA and the SOA Foundation have donated more than \$300 million to causes the Subaru family cares about, and its employees have logged nearly 88,000 volunteer hours. As a company, Subaru believes it is important to do its part in making a positive impact in the world because it is the right thing to do. For additional information visit [media.subaru.com](#). Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [TikTok](#), and [YouTube](#).