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Bartnik to Serve as Judge in SkillsUSA Championships

Kentwood, Mich. – The Certified Automotive Parts Association (CAPA), an independent non-profit standard-setting and certification organization for automotive crash parts, is pleased to announce that Stacy Bartnik, Intertek Industry Relations Manager for the CAPA program, will be serving as a judge for the SkillsUSA Championships plastic repair and interviewing skills competitions. Bartnik will draw on more than 30 years' experience in the collision repair industry, including expertise on fit and finish, to evaluate contestants' performance.

The SkillsUSA Championships will be held in Louisville, KY June 26-27, 2019 as part of the SkillsUSA 55th Annual National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC), a showcase of career and technical education students. During the week, more than 6,400 career and technical education students, all state contest winners, will compete hands-on in 103 different trade, technical, and leadership fields. Contests are run with the help of industry, trade associations and labor organizations, and test competencies are set by industry.

During the plastics repair competition, contestants illustrate their expertise by completing three different repairs on a bumper fascia; tab repair, and two tears using flexible filler and plastic welding. They are then evaluated based on prep of repair area, products used, quality of sanding and featheredge, weld quality, finished repair quality.

“Stacy’s ten-year dedication to this competition is a testament of her exceptional level of experience within and commitment to the industry,” CAPA Board Chair Clark Plucinski said.

“I am happy to evaluate contestants’ work at the SkillsUSA Championships, continuing CAPA’s support of the industry and the skilled workforce represented by SkillsUSA,” Bartnik said. “I appreciate the opportunity to see how prepared these students are as they start their careers. One of CAPA’s priorities has always been to work with the industry to ensure high-quality repairs are done using the right part for the job and to work with the industry to see that all needs are being met. Participating in SkillsUSA is just one of the ways we can ensure these needs are being met.”

For more information: www.skillsusa.org

As the global leader in aftermarket part certification for more than 30 years, CAPA standards have been used worldwide to identify high-quality aftermarket auto parts based on their design, materials, construction and comparability to car company brand parts. CAPA’s EMC standard



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ensures the continued safety and performance of the CAPA-certified part and that the part will not impact the safety and performance of other parts within the vehicle. A list of parts that have undergone CAPA EMC testing and certification can be found on CAPA's website, www.CAPAcertified.org.

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The Certified Automotive Parts Association, founded in 1987, is the nation's only independent, non-profit certification organization for automotive crash parts whose sole purpose is to ensure that both consumers and the industry have the means to identify high-quality parts via the CAPA Quality Seal. CAPA is an ANSI-accredited standards developer for competitive crash repair parts. For more information see CAPAcertified.org.