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2016 KIA SKILL NATIONAL CUP WINNERS

Kia's 8th Skill National Cup competition was held at KMA Headquarters from March 29th thru April 1st, 2016. And for the first time ever in Kia Skill National Cup experience, a single region - the Central Region - swept the National Cup sending all four of their technicians to the Kia Skill World Cup (KSWC) competition. Amazingly, Central Region Technicians achieved the competition's highest scores for the privilege to represent the United States during this years KSWC competition going on May 23rd thru May 27th, 2016 at KMC Headquarters in Seoul, South Korea.

After every technician had been on stage, it was time to bring up the National Cup finalists who would represent KMA at the Kia Skill World Cup in Korea. One by one, World Cup finalists were called starting with Gregory Dubs in 4th place. He was barely edged out by 3rd place winner Ben Hendricks. Jason Powell claimed second place only 1-1/2 points behind 1st place winner Derek Eveler. Every one of these four World Cup technicians walked on stage to claim his prize, and forever earned their place on a World Cup plaque at every KMA technical training center. Please join Kia University in congratulating these champions and their dealers.

Kia Skill National Cup Winners		
Place	Technician	Dealership
1st	Derek Eveler	Metro Kia of Madison
2nd	Jason Powell	Fox Kia
3rd	Ben Hendricks	Dorsch Kia
4th	Gregory Dubs	Gerald Kia of Naperville



Kia National Cup winners (left to right): Derek Eveler (1st), Jason Powell (2nd), Ben Hendricks (3rd), Gregory Dubs (4th)

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Picture of all 2016 Kia Skill National Cup finalists.

The 2016 Kia Skill National Cup competition brought the top twenty of Kia's top North American technicians (including Canada), and faced off in a grueling match that determined the top 4 master-level technicians from each of the company's four regions Eastern, Southern, Central, Western and four Kia Canada technicians.

Kia Motors America and Kia Canada Inc. (KCI) would like to thank all participating Master-level technicians listed below, that competed in this year's Kia Skill National Cup.

Western Region

Technician	Dealership	Location
Jim Baker	Jerry Seiner Kia, Salt Lake	Salt Lake City, UT
Rick Byrd	Earnhardt Liberty Kia	Prescott Valley, AZ
Robert Laursen	Medved Kia	Wheat Ridge, CO
Raul Ortega	Peak Kia Chapel Hills	Colorado Springs, CO

Eastern Region

Technician	Dealership	Location
Robert Baker	Revolution Kia	Copiague, NY
David Cutting	Kia of Cape Cod	Hyannis, MA
David Printy	Garvey Kia	Queensbury, NY
Ray Sowers	Motor Mile Kia	Christiansburg, VA

Southern Region

Technician	Dealership	Location
Kevin Denson	Wilson Kia on Lakeland	Flowood, MS
John Harris	Nalley Kia	Lithonia, GA
Owen Hobgood	Battleground Kia	Greensboro, NC
Ryan Rayle	Capitol Kia	Austin, TX

KIA Canada Inc.

Technician	Dealership	Location
Pierre Luc Cyr	Lallier Kia de Laval	Laval, Quebec
Berry Dong	Kia Richmond	Richmond, British Columbia
Adam Frenette	Lally Kia	Chatham, Ontario
Darren Roberts	MacDonald Kia	Sydney, Nova Scotia

Stay tuned for next edition of Tech Times to see the results of the 2016 Kia Skill World Cup.