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## **SPECIAL EDITION**

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7TH ANNUAL NATIONAL TECHNICIAN COMPETITION CONCLUSION



David Jodat from Subaru City of Milwaukee in Milwaukee, WI is **Subaru's 2019 American National Technician Competition Champion**.



Camden, NJ – March 7th, 2019 – Subaru of America, Inc. has announced the winner of the 2019 American National Technician Competition. This event features 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 years ANTC event was comprised of 4 events, one hour each, scored on accuracy, speed, and service quality. The first event is the written test that incorporates use of a Service Manual to answer a number of questions. The 3 hands-on events are: on-car driveability diagnostics, on-car body electrical diagnostics, and mechanical-precision measurements. This year, 14 Zone Champions from across the country participated in the competition held at the brand-new Subaru of America U.S. headquarters National Service Training Center in Camden, NJ.

David Jodat, a Senior Master Technician at Subaru City of Milwaukee in Milwaukee, WI has won the 7th Annual National Technician Competition. As both a Zone Champion (Minneapolis) and First Place National winner, Jodat receives a prize total of \$2000, crystal trophy award and an all-expenses paid trip to Japan next November to compete in the Subaru World Technical Competition.

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From the remaining Zone Champions, second place winner is **Thomas Vigeant** of Saint Johnsbury Subaru in Saint Johnsbury, VT (\$1500 total prize). The third place winner is **Todd Rodman** of Webster Groves Subaru in Webster Groves, MO (\$1000 total prize).

Zone Champions and runners up (in alphabetical order):

#### **Brian Barnard**

Michael Hohl Subaru, Carson City, NV

#### **Patrick Bonner**

Lancaster County Motors Subaru, Lancaster, PA

#### **Sean Ernest**

Annapolis Subaru, Annapolis, MD

#### Leo Gilmore

Ruge's Subaru, Rhineback, 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





