

NASCAR Technical Institute Hosts Governor Mitt Romney and Rep. Paul Ryan During Their Four-State Bus Tour

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz., Aug. 16, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- Every day, thousands of students walk through the doors of [Universal Technical Institute](#) in hopes of fulfilling their dreams. Many leave its classrooms and labs as skilled, entry-level technicians ready to work in a highly respected industry.

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On August 12, the dreams of those students were catapulted to the national spotlight as presumptive presidential candidate Governor Mitt Romney chose [NASCAR Technical Institute](#) as a stop on his four-state bus tour.

Just one day after announcing his vice presidential running mate, Wisconsin Representative Paul Ryan, they addressed a huge crowd of nearly 7,000 people and more than 120 local, national and international media. The event drew millions of viewers and put a spotlight on NASCAR Technical Institute as it kicks off celebrating 10 years of starting careers.

During his speech, Romney talked about the importance of skilled technicians in the workforce, stating that the "people maintaining the buses are just as important as the kids riding them to school."

[Universal Technical Institute](#) can certainly identify with that sentiment. As the demand for skilled technicians increases, each campus trains students in a hands-on environment with state-of-the-industry vehicles and equipment, providing to the workforce graduates who are chosen by industry and ready to work.

Romney, Ryan and their staff were greeted at the campus by Universal Technical Institute CEO Kim McWaters; CFO and President, Eugene Putnam; NASCAR Technical Institute Campus President, Jennifer Waber, and numerous employees and state officials who work with the campus.

U.S. Sen. Richard Burr addressed the cheering supporters, as well as State Republican gubernatorial candidate Pat McCrory and U.S. Congressional candidate Robert Pittenger. But the one man who really revved up the crowd for Governor Romney was NASCAR driving legend Darrell Waltrip, screaming his signature phrase, "boogity, boogity, boogity!" for thousands of cheering fans.

With more than 160,000 graduates in its 47-year history, UTI offers undergraduate degree, diploma and certificate programs at 11 campuses across the United States, as well as manufacturer-specific training programs at dedicated training centers. Through its campus-based school system, UTI provides specialized post-secondary education programs under the banner of several well-known brands, including Universal Technical Institute (UTI), Motorcycle Mechanics Institute and Marine Mechanics Institute (MMI) and NASCAR Technical Institute (NASCAR Tech).

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