

NASCAR Technical Institute Graduates Drive Success for Team Penske Brad Keselowski and Joey Logano Recognize Contributions of Highly Trained Technicians

MOORESVILLE, N.C., Aug. 15, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- Team Penske drivers Brad Keselowski and Joey Logano stopped by the Team Penske race shop in Mooresville, N.C., Monday, following top-10 finishes at Michigan International Speedway over the weekend, in part to thank the NASCAR Technical Institute (NASCAR Tech) graduates who help drive their team's success on the racetrack. NASCAR Tech is one of 13 Universal Technical Institute campuses nationwide, offering both automotive technician training and advanced training for students pursuing a career in motorsports.

Team Penske, winners of 20 combined victories thus far in the 2018 race season across NASCAR, INDYCAR, IMSA and Australian Supercars - including its 17th Indianapolis 500 win, currently employs more than 50 NASCAR Tech graduates. Team Penske has relied on NASCAR Tech to deliver highly-trained automotive technicians for more than a decade. NASCAR Tech graduates now working at Team Penske hold positions ranging from entry level mechanic to Chief Mechanic.

Keselowski, the 2012 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Champion, and driver of the No. 2 Discount Tire Ford Fusion in the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series, said he truly appreciates the vital importance of the training his teams' technicians and crews receive during their time at Universal Technical Institute's NASCAR Tech campus.

"We love seeing NASCAR Technical Institute graduates join Team Penske," said Keselowski. "I have two on my team right now, and we're very proud to see them move up through the ranks at Team Penske and to have this relationship with Universal Technical Institute and NASCAR Tech."

Logano, the 2015 Daytona 500 Champion, and driver of the No. 22 Shell-Pennzoil Ford Fusion in the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series, says NASCAR Tech graduates make a difference for his teams' performance, on and off the race track.

"Our front end mechanic is a graduate from NASCAR Technical Institute," said Logano. "Winning races takes more than a driver and a crew chief. It takes a whole team of people to put this all together, which is why it's so important for me to have graduates from NASCAR Tech bring their skill sets to work on my race car."

Travis Law, a 2006 NASCAR Tech graduate and Chief Mechanic of Josef Newgarden's No. 1 Verizon IndyCar Series Dallara/Chevrolet, has worked with Team Penske for 10 years. He grew up around racing in Iowa, and was building cars as a hobby when he was a teenager. But Law knew he wanted to make a living working on race cars. He was among the first wave of NASCAR Tech students hired at Team Penske, setting the bar high for the graduates who followed in his footsteps.

Law started as a tire specialist, worked his way up to mechanic, and then became an IndyCar chief mechanic in 2014.

"I loved racing and wanted a career in it," said Law. "NASCAR Tech was an easy choice. I knew it would be the gateway into racing and it was going to open doors for me."

NASCAR Technical Institute is the exclusive educational provider for NASCAR and the only campus in the country to offer NASCAR-endorsed training. NASCAR Tech's Mooresville, N.C. campus offers the standard Universal Technical Institute core automotive training program, with an optional 15-week elective to train students preparing for a career in motorsports. The 15-week elective trains students in everything from engines, fabrication, and welding, to aerodynamics and pit crew essentials. Through NASCAR Tech's elite Spec Engine program, select students have the opportunity to build engines that will compete in NASCAR-sanctioned races.


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With more than 200,000 graduates in its 53-year history, Universal Technical Institute, Inc. (NYSE: UTI) is the nation's leading provider of technical training for automotive, diesel, collision repair, motorcycle and marine technicians, and offers welding technology and computer numerical control (CNC) machining programs. The company has built partnerships with industry leaders, outfits its state-of-the-industry facilities with current technology, and delivers training that is aligned with employer needs. Through its network of 13 campuses nationwide, UTI offers post-secondary 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). The company is headquartered in Scottsdale, Arizona. For more information, visit uti.edu.

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