

PHOTOS ATTACHED: 01. Winners of Radio-Controlled Car Design and Racing Competition; 02. Students Preparing for the Race; 03. SPE Thermoforming Division Logo [captions below]

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SPE ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF STUDENT RADIO CONTROLLED CAR DESIGN AND RACING COMPETITION

CAROL STREAM, IL., U.S.A., September 26, 2019: The Society of Plastics Engineers (SPE) Thermoforming Division has announced the winners of its second student radio-controlled car design and racing competition.

Thirteen students from seven schools across the U.S. were charged with designing, manufacturing and decorating the bodies of radio-controlled cars whose chassis were furnished by the Division, with support from corporate sponsors. The car body had to be formed using clear plastic, such as PET, PETG, acrylic or polycarbonate, and produced using the vacuum/thermoforming process.

Students also participated in a race conducted on a built-to-specification indoor racetrack located on the exhibit hall floor during the Thermoforming Division's annual conference, held September 9-11 in Milwaukee, WI.

Cash prizes were awarded in three different categories: People's Choice, Best Design and the race itself. This year's winners are:

- ***First Place in the Race:*** Ryan Fuller, Georgia Tech.
- ***Second Place in the Race:*** Zachary Veneziano and Ryan Messock, Kettering University.
- ***Third Place (consolation round) in the Race, Best Design and People's Choice:*** Brendon Sanna and Jason Ward, Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design.
- ***Second Place, Best Design:*** Derek Greenhalgh, University of Wisconsin – Platteville.

“This was an exciting year for the RC Car Race,” said Matt O’Hagan, SPE Thermoforming Division Student Activities Chair. “The designs were really impressive, challenging the judges, who awarded two design prizes based on a combination of design innovation, lighting features, and even a GoPro camera installed in one car. We are very pleased with the professionalism and team effort exhibited by this competitive and team-oriented group of students.”

More information is available by contacting Lesley Kyle at 1-914-671-9524 or lesley@openmindworks.com.

Photo Captions: 01. Winners of SPE Thermoforming Division radio-controlled car design and racing competition are (left to right) Derek Greenhalgh; Ryan Fuller; Zachary Veneziano; Ryan Messock; Jason Ward; Brendon Sanna. 02: Shown preparing for the race are Zachary Veneziano (left) and Ryan Messock, both from Kettering University.

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