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SCRS Makes \$1,000 Donation to SkillsUSA

Prosser, WA, December 2, 2004 — The Society of Collision Repair Specialists (SCRS) is pleased to announce that they will be donating \$1,000 to SkillsUSA. The donation was approved by the Board of Directors during the SCRS board meeting that took place in Las Vegas during NACE week. The funds raised by NABC will be used to send two collision repair students to World Skills Competition held May 26 through May 29, 2005 in Helsinki, Finland.

SkillsUSA is a national organization serving more than 264,500 high school and college students and professional members enrolled in training programs in technical, skilled and service occupations, including those preparing to enter the collision repair industry. It emphasizes total quality at work, high ethical standards, superior work skills, life-long education and pride in the dignity of work.

As part of its strategy, SkillsUSA incorporates local, state and national competitions in which students demonstrate occupational and leadership skills. The World Skills Competition in Helsinki will include the participation of a pair of competitors—one from collision repair and the other from refinish—that will be selected from the winners of the 2003 and 2004 SkillsUSA national competitions that were held in Kansas City, Missouri. The money SCRS provides will help make this a reality.

“The SCRS Board of Directors understands the value of formal training, especially as it pertains to potential entry level technicians,” says Tim Waldren, SCRS National Director. “SkillsUSA provides high caliber instruction and it made sense that we support a well-regarded program that shapes tomorrow’s collision repair professionals.”

The SCRS contribution is part of an overall goal of \$50,000 in donations on behalf of the organization. The solicitation of these funds is being spearheaded and coordinated by the National Auto Body Council (NABC). This money is particularly important in a global context, as competitors from other countries are usually funded by their governments, whereas financial backing for the U.S. participants comes from the private sector.

“One of the reasons I chose to become involved with SCRS was that its’ members are usually the market leaders in their area and hold themselves and their work to a higher standard,” states Waldren. “I think SkillsUSA builds the same kind of mindset in young men and women who are about to enter our industry; be a leader and strive to be the best you can be. Furthermore, it is a chance to show the rest of the world our collision repair talents and abilities. By supporting SkillsUSA we’re helping to set a global example of how ‘Working Together Is The Most Important Work We Do.’”

Through its direct members and 29 affiliate associations, SCRS is comprised of 5,000 collision repair businesses and 58,500 specialized professionals who work with consumers and insurance companies to repair collision-damaged vehicles. Additional information about SCRS including news releases is available at the SCRS web site: www.scrs.com. You can e-mail SCRS at the following address: scrs1@aol.com.

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