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NASCAR's Trackhouse Racing provides career input to West-MEC students

Glendale, Ariz. (March 2022) -- West-MEC, a career and technical education school district serving high school and adult learners in the west valley, welcomed the NASCAR CommScope Ignition program to the Southwest campus, early March. Students learned about careers in racing and how STEM education plays a major role in many career paths.

The CommScope Ignition program aims to spark students' interest in STEM and discuss how the physical sciences open up opportunities in racing. Students at the Buckeye campus gained insight from industry personnel at Trackhouse Racing. In the interactive session, speakers including Daniel Suárez — NASCAR's first foreign-born champion — answered student questions as they were eager to know more about the field.

After the session, Suárez, who was in Phoenix for the Ruoff Mortgage 500 said, "I enjoy talking to young students because it is a great way to touch lives and give them direction."

The 2016 Xfinity series champion continued, "There is so much opportunity out there. I love to see kids get excited about the sport, about becoming an engineer, a pit crew member, a mechanic, a crew chief or even a driver. There are so many different positions that students can reach through STEM education."

President of Trackhouse Racing, Ty Norris said, "We want to show students a different side of racing; how we use data and technology to develop our racecars and improve performance. When we leave here, we hope that students would be friends and fans of Trackhouse Racing but more importantly, we hope they see a clearer path towards a career."

About West-MEC:

West-MEC is a career technical education public school district that focuses solely on innovative career and technical education (CTE) programs that prepare students to enter the workforce and pursue continuing education. West-MEC CTE programs provide students opportunities to earn college credit and industry credentials. West-MEC serves more than 37,000 students from 48 high schools across 3,600 square miles in the

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