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West-MEC and Phoenix Raceway Announce Partnership, Unveil the West-MEC Phoenix Raceway Show Car

GLENDALE, Ariz. (Oct. 25, 2023) – Western Maricopa Education Center ([West-MEC](http://www.west-mec.edu)), a career and technical education public school district focused on preparing students for tomorrow’s careers, announced today its new partnership with Phoenix Raceway, home of NASCAR Championship Weekend, at an event on the school’s Northwest Campus in Surprise.

As the new official Career and Technical Education partner of Phoenix Raceway, West-MEC is the presenting sponsor of the Phoenix Raceway Show Car. West-MEC Superintendent Dr. Scott Spurgeon and representatives of Phoenix Raceway unveiled the show car in front of students, families, and friends this afternoon.

As part of the partnership, students currently enrolled in West-MEC’s Automotive Technology, Automotive Collision, Aviation Maintenance Technology, Law and Public Safety, Powersports, Precision Machining, and Welding programs will receive hands-on learning related to NASCAR career paths.

“This is a one-of-a-kind partnership that will allow our students to gain imperative experience in a fast-paced environment,” said Spurgeon. “Our students will gain additional confidence and composure working in such a dynamic environment and will benefit from these lessons for years to come.”

Students will put their skills to work at multiple race weekends a year until Spring 2026, starting with NASCAR Championship Weekend starting on Friday, Nov. 3.

About West-MEC:

West-MEC is a career technical education public school district focusing 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 3,800 square miles in the northern and western cities of the Phoenix Metropolitan area. West-MEC now also offers adult education programs. Visit www.west-mec.edu for more information about

West-MEC's career-driven education opportunities, or follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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