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**NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW ANNOUNCES
2012 POSTER CONTEST WINNERS**

TROY, Mich., Dec. 19, 2011 – The North American International Auto Show (NAIAS) today announced the winners of its annual high school poster contest in conjunction with the upcoming 2012 show, which takes place Jan. 9-22 at Cobo Center in Detroit. The grand prize, the Chairmen's Award of \$1,000, will be presented to Elizabeth Sabol, a 10th grade student at Lahser High School in Bloomfield Hills, Mich. The NAIAS 2012 chairman, Bill Perkins, selected the winning entry, which will be printed in the official NAIAS program.

Established to engage the creative minds of Michigan's future artists, the 24th annual contest recognizes students from throughout the state. The 2012 contest had a record-setting 88 high schools involved and 891 poster entries encompassing an automotive-related theme.

"It was difficult choosing a winner given the high level of creativity demonstrated and the record number of entries we received," said Perkins. "The creativity and passion displayed in the artwork from high school students always reminds us of their deep-seated passion for the automotive industry and the NAIAS."

Winners were also selected in the following categories and awarded cash prizes:

Honoree who received a \$1,000 prize:

- State Farm Insurance Award
Erica Noelle Bauer, Oakland Schools Technical Campus Southwest, Wixom

Honorees who each received a \$500 prize:

- Designer's Best of Show - Digital
Andrew Michaels, Livonia Career Technical Center, Livonia
- Designer's Best of Show - Traditional
Amber Koprin, Lakeview High School, St. Clair Shores
- 10th Grade Award, 1st Place
Gabriel Jones, William D. Ford Career Technical Center, Westland
- 11th Grade Award, 1st Place
Nichole Pranfger, William D. Ford Career Technical Center, Westland
- 12th Grade Award, 1st Place
Kori Murphy, Anchor Bay High School, Fair Haven

Honorees who each received a \$250 prize:

- Most Creative Award
Joseph Inman, Avondale High School, Auburn Hills
- Best Use of Color Award
Austin Rudisill, Utica Center for Science and Industry, Sterling Heights
- Best Theme Award
Samantha McHenry, Grand Blanc High School, Grand Blanc

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Honorees who each received a \$250 prize:

- 10th Grade Award, 2nd Place
Madeline Geffert, Romeo Engineering and Tech Center, Washington
- 11th Grade Award, 2nd Place
Andrew Walters, University of Detroit Jesuit High School, Detroit
- 12th Grade Award, 2nd Place
Ryan Manauis, Utica Center for Science and Industry, Sterling Heights

Honorees who each received a \$100 prize:

- 10th Grade Award, 3rd Place
Cleveland Reed, William D. Ford Career Technical Center, Westland
- 11th Grade Award, 3rd Place
Alek Cummings, Oakland Schools Technical Campus Southwest, Wixom
- 12th Grade Award, 3rd Place
Sindi Karoshi, Troy High School, Troy

The College for Creative Studies (CCS) Award offers two tickets to the CCS Student Exhibition Opening. The winner was Ryan Manauis (also the second place winner in the 12th grade category), from Utica Center for Science and Industry in Sterling Heights.

The poster entries were judged by a NAIAS 2012 Chairman, a General Motors Automotive Designer, a CCS Instructor, and a State Farm Insurance Representative. All winning entries will be posted on the official NAIAS website, naias.com, and will be on display January 14-22 at the NAIAS 2012. The 24th Annual High School Poster Contest was open to Michigan students in grades 10 through 12.

For more information, please contact Sandy Herp, Poster Contest Project Manager for the North American International Auto Show at: (248) 283-5138 or sherp@dada.org.

About the North American International Auto Show

Entering its 24th year as an international event, the NAIAS is among the most prestigious auto shows in the world, providing unparalleled access to the automotive products, people and ideas that matter most - up close and in one place. One of the largest media events in North America, the NAIAS is the only auto show in the United States to earn an annual distinguished sanction of the Organisation Internationale des Constructeurs d'Automobiles, the Paris-based alliance of automotive trade associations and manufacturers from around the world.

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NAIAS 2012 Dates

- Press Preview: Mon-Tue, Jan. 9-10, 2012
- Industry Preview: Wed-Thu, Jan. 11-12, 2012
- Charity Preview: Fri, Jan. 13, 2012
- Public Show: Sat-Sun, Jan. 14-22, 2012