

Patti Engineering Sponsors Hope College Engineering Racing Team Enter the Michigan Formula SAE Series

Patti Engineering supports Hope College students competing in the Michigan Formula SAE competition organized by SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers) International; students design a formula-style race car, develop a business plan, raise funds, and build their car to compete.

Auburn Hills, MI (<u>PRWEB</u>) May 11, 2016 -- <u>Patti Engineering, Inc</u>., a leader in control system integration, today announced it is sponsoring a student team from Hope College in the <u>Michigan Formula SAE Series</u>. The competition will take place at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, MI from May 11-14, 2016. More than 120 teams from around the world will compete in the event organized by SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers) International.

"We are proud to be sponsoring Hope College again this year in this prestigious competition," said Sam Hoff, CEO, Patti Engineering. "This hands-on, challenging competition is an invaluable compliment to the student's classroom education. Several weeks ago we visited the team at Hope College. We were very impressed, not only with their progress, but with the enthusiasm, passion and commitment to the success of the project."

The Formula SAE competition is based on a fictitious manufacturing company contracting a design team to develop a small Formula-style racecar. Students design the racecar, develop a business plan, raise funds, perform cost analysis and build their car to compete. The prototype car will be evaluated for its potential as a production item.

"Hope College Formula SAE is more to me than just a club, or an on-campus organization. This team is a set of friends, and it shows through all the work that we do. If it were not for this team, I would not have the practical experience of engineering that I need to truly be a successful engineer," said Ryan McConnell, Hope College Team Captain. McConnell continued, "This team has taught me how to handle success, but also has taught me to be able to admit and move past failure. I believe this is the greatest quality about this team. We all have learned to tell others that we are wrong, and we have now developed the skills to move on and fix those mistakes and failures. This team has broadened my horizons, as well as opened up many opportunities in my career path and internships. This has and will be the best educational tool and experience in my college education."

For more information on the Hope College team, visit: <u>http://www.hope.edu/student/life/fsae/</u> or the team's Facebook page at: <u>https://www.facebook.com/HopeCollegeFormulaSAE</u>.

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