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### **Students take home awards from truck driving, utility line competitions**

OMAHA, Neb. — Students from across the region took home honors in the ninth annual CDL Truck Driving Championship and 13<sup>th</sup> annual College Utility Linemen rodeo, held Saturday, May 16, at MCC's Applied Technology Center.

The CDL Student Truck Driving Championship challenged truck driving students to demonstrate driving and vehicle inspection skills with various driving maneuvers. The category winners from this year's CDL Truck Driving Championship were:

**Driving:** First place winner was Ben Panwitz, Southeast Community College; second place was Leonard May, Metropolitan Community College; third place was Thomas Dow, Northeast Community College.

**Inspection:** First place winner was Lisa Ward, Metropolitan Community College

The College Utility Lineman Rodeo included linemen teams and individuals from MCC that competed in pole climbing events. Following a written exam, students performed various work procedures required for their trade. The category winners from this year's College Utility Linemen rodeo were:

**C1 Framing Individual:** Louis Pick, Gretna, Nebraska

**C1 Framing Team:** Louis Pick; Mark Frye, Blair, Nebraska; Miles Smith, Sidney, Iowa

**Crossarm Change Individual:** Louis Pick

**Crossarm Change Team:** Louis Pick; Mark Frye; Miles Smith

**Obstacle Climb Individual:** Louis Pick

**Obstacle Climb Team:** John Hansen, Elkhorn, Nebraska; Josh Matusik, Omaha, Nebraska; Logan Djernes, Grand Island, Nebraska

**Winch Line Target Individual:** Nic Uhing, Hartington, Nebraska

**Winch Line Target Team:** Dillion Broxterman, Lincoln, Nebraska; Zach Coyan, Omaha, Nebraska; Andrew Jackson, Omaha, Nebraska

**Written Test Individual:** Louis Pick

**Written Test Team:** Lane Johnson, Lincoln, Nebraska; Adrian Hogan, Bellevue, Nebraska; Jason Hull, Blair, Nebraska

**Lightning Arrest Change-out Team:** Dillion Broxterman; Zach Coyan; Andrew Jackson

**Overall Individual Champion:** Louis Pick

**Overall Team Champions:** Louis Pick; Mark Frye; Miles Smith

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Metropolitan Community College, accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, is a comprehensive, public community college that offers affordable, quality education to all residents of Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy and Washington counties. Founded in 1974, MCC has the largest enrollment out of six community colleges in Nebraska and is the second largest postsecondary institution in the state. MCC serves more than 40,000 unique credit and noncredit students.