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J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College Porsche to race in Grand-Am Rolex Series

~Reynolds Automotive students to serve as honorary pit crew members~

RICHMOND, Va. (April 7, 2010) – J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College Automotive program students will serve as honorary pit crew members for the Reynolds number 81 Synergy Racing Porsche GT3 during the Grand-Am Rolex Series Bosch Engineering 250 race at Virginia International Speedway on April 24 at noon. This opportunity was made possible by a generous sponsorship from a JSRCC Foundation Board member. The distinguished Bosch race will also be aired live on the SPEED channel.

As part of a special topics course at the College this spring, led by JSRCC Automotive Program Head Kelly Schwendeman, students have been learning about the complexities of motor sports cars. In addition to having the Porsche outfitted with the Reynolds logo and colors during the race, several automotive students recently toured the Synergy Racing shop and received a hands-on look at the Reynolds Porsche.

“Careers in the auto industry run the gamut from hands-on diagnostics and repair to advanced engineering and complex systems design,” Schwendeman said. “Students can work on the shop floor or in the corporate board room. It’s important that they have an understanding of the options available to them.”

Students were also invited onto the track for an official road test and were able to meet distinguished race car driver, David Murry.

“Seeing the number 81 J. Sarg. livery for the first time gave me a feeling of school pride,” Automotive student J. Richard van Reekum said. “...it’s like we finally have a team.”

Visit www.Reynolds.edu/racecar to pledge a lap online.

Serving over 19,000 students annually, J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College is the youngest and third largest of 23 community colleges in Virginia. The College operates three campuses serving residents in the City of Richmond and the counties of Henrico, Hanover, Goochland, Powhatan and Louisa.

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