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MSU’s Formula SAE Racing Team ranked #5 out of 120 international teams in May competition

It was “Go Green!” for MSU’s Formula SAE Racing Team at the 2016 Formula SAE-Michigan competition at Michigan International Speedway, May 11-14.

MSU’s team dominated at MIS, ending up #5 overall out of 120 teams in the international competition. The Spartan Formula SAE Racing Team was the second highest ranked American team.

2016 Formula SAE – Michigan:

1. University of Stuttgart, Germany
2. Graz Technical University, Austria
3. Joanneum Graz, Austria
4. Oregon State University
5. Michigan State University

Team advisor Gary Cloud, PE, University Distinguished Professor Emeritus, said this year’s Formula SAE Team is full of top-notch engineering students.

“They are exceptionally gifted in intelligence, wisdom, and maturity,” Cloud said. “Their knowledge and skill sets far exceed those of the typical student. They have labored hard and long, and they have earned the recent successes of the team. I am proud of them.

“The fifth place finish in endurance is worth noting,” Cloud added. "Only about 60 percent of teams even finish the endurance race."

#5 Overall -- MSU at MIS, May 2016

#1 in acceleration.
#5 endurance.
#6 in design.
#10 in autocross.
#14 skidpad.

Top 25 in presentation.

Next stop for the Spartans: the Formula Student Germany International Design Competition in Hockenheim, Germany, Aug. 9-14.

Team project manager and captain is Jon Bianchi, a senior in mechanical engineering from Sterling Heights. Chief engineer is Erik McGuire, a senior in mechanical engineering from Rochester.

Bianchi said he was "shocked and proud" that the team finished in the Top 5.

"All their hard work and determination to design and manufacture a successful car we have always talked about paid off, and we could not have asked for a better ending," Bianchi said. "Everyone came together through the many long nights and we were able to finish very successfully.

"I cannot hold in my excitement for the Germany competition. We get to take our success over seas and compete against the top international schools again."

Related Website: Video from 2016 Formula SAE - Michigan
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