

# **NEWSLETTER**

June 2026

## **RACE 69 RECAP**

The 69th running of the *"Greatest Spectacle in College Racing"* was one to remember. With a record 85 karts registered, teams brought months of hard work, engineering, and preparation to the track as they competed through three sprint races and the main event. The weekend featured plenty of close competition, but one of the biggest highlights came from Carson Bowers, who set a new track lap record of 24.616 seconds and added another memorable moment to the Purdue Grand Prix History.



## **WINNERS SPOTLIGHT**

After a year of hard work and an incredible performance, Race 69 was won by Carson Bowers of Excalibur Racing 42. His Teammates were Samuel Vondra, Elke Roeser, Katelyn Cannon, Nick Anderson, Sameer Dhanvantari, and Aidan Montague.

# TOP 5 FINISHERS



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***#42 EXCALIBUR RACING***



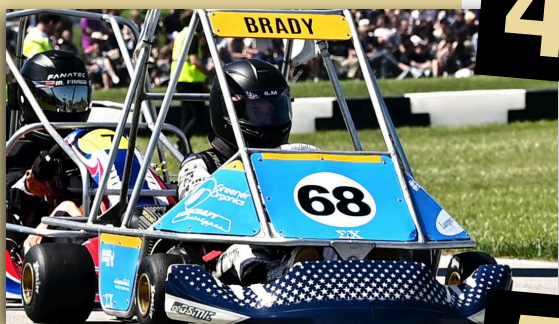
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***#4 MOTORSPORTS  
ENGINEERING CLUB IN  
INDIANAPOLIS - CED  
INDUSTRIAL***



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***#29 TARK RACING 29***



**4**

***#68 SIGMA CHI RACING 1***



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***#88 INTEGRA CAVALRY  
RACING***

# SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

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The Purdue Grand Prix was honored to give out \$9,000 in funds this year to 9 deserving individuals.

Staying true to our organization's guiding motto of "students helping

students," these awards directly recognize the hard work, academic achievement, and campus involvement of our fellow boilermakers.

This years scholarship recipients are Alexa Anglemyer, Alexa Schultz, Connor Prochaska, Deona Julary, Kaydance Towell-Crook, Madalyn Denton, Natalia Zagata, Sanika Kothari, Whitney Holly Rivard.



## RACE 69 QUEEN

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We are thrilled to celebrate our Race 69 Queen, Ava Schmidt. Serving as the official ambassador for the 'Greatest Spectacle in College Racing,' the Grand Prix Queen plays a vital role in representing our foundation's tradition, spirit, and community impact throughout the entire race season.

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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Race 69 was made truly unforgettable thanks to the incredible community, alumni, and special guests who joined us on the track and lent their support to 'The Greatest Spectacle in College Racing'! We want to extend a massive thank you to the remarkable racing professionals, leaders, and dedicated foundation supporters who dedicated their time and energy to making this event so memorable. In that same spirit of community, we are overwhelmingly grateful to everyone who generously donated during the Purdue Day of Giving. Your kindness provides the vital resources needed to support our upcoming milestones, including the Halloween Hundred and the historic milestone of Race 70. Whether you stood on the track with us or supported us from afar, your collective passion ensures that the Grand Prix tradition continues to speed ahead for future generations of Boilermakers!



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