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WISCONSIN CHALLENGE ACADEMY CADET TURNS LIFE AROUND AND WINS TRIP TO THE INDY 500

Cadet Nathan Fudala is the winner of a T-shirt design contest sponsored by the National Guard Youth Foundation and will receive an all expenses paid trip to the Indy 500

Cadet Fudala attends the Wisconsin ChalleNGe Academy in Fort McCoy, WI and has abandoned his past filled with drugs and skipping school for a brighter future.

Fort McCoy, WI, May 21, 2010 – The National Guard Youth Foundation announced Montello, WI, resident Cadet Nathan Fudala as the winner of a T-shirt design contest, awarding him an all expenses paid trip to the Indy 500 race in Indianapolis, IN. The contest was held during the month of April and was open to all cadets at the National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Programs nationwide. Fudala is a cadet at the Wisconsin ChalleNGe Academy in Fort McCoy, WI.

Fudala's design, which incorporates the National Guard Youth Foundation logo and slogan "Dream. Believe. Achieve." Rose above 15 other designs submitted to the contest that awards the winner trip to the Indy 500 race on Sunday, May 30, 2010. Upon being told he won the contest, Fudala stated, "I am surprised and thankful that I get to represent all the [ChalleNGe] programs at the Indy 500. I have watched the Indy 500 on TV for years, and am excited to see it in person. I am very fortunate."

In addition to watching the Indy 500 in the Panther Racing suite, Fudala will have the opportunity to meet members of the Panther Team and the #4 car driver Dan Wheldon, a National Guard Youth Foundation Spokesperson.

Fudala, 17, is a cadet at the Wisconsin ChalleNGe Academy. Prior to joining the program, his participation in illegal drug related activities overshadowed his academic career. When Fudala joined the ChalleNGe Academy he vowed to end these troubling ways and work towards the opportunity to have a brighter future.

Fudala has learned a lot at the ChalleNGe Academy, but remarks, "What stands out the most is how important having integrity is, how important learning is, and not just learning in the formal education sense, but also about careers and being a disciplined person." Upon graduation in June, Fudala plans to find employment, and then to attend college and become a graphic design artist.

T-shirts with Cadet Nathan Fudala's design will be available to purchase on the National Guard Youth Foundation website, www.ngyf.org, later this month. Proceeds from the t-shirts will benefit the National Guard Youth Foundation.

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Cadet Fudala with his winning t-shirt design.

The National Guard Youth Challenge Program, is a 17-month voluntary intervention program established to provide high school dropouts a second chance. With a success rate exceeding 90 percent, Youth Challenge assists dropouts in completing a high school diploma or GED and allows them to continue on to higher education or achieve career-related employment.

About The National Guard Youth Foundation

The mission of the National Guard Youth Foundation is to foster program awareness, advocate for the program goals and funding, and provide scholarships, training and workforce transition assistance to the graduates of the National Guard Youth Challenge Program. To learn more about the Challenge Program and its Cadets, please visit our website at www.ngyf.org.

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