

# NATIONAL TOOLING AND MACHINING ASSOCIATION

## Press Release



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- WHO:** Local metalworking apprentice, Walter Gasper
- WHAT:** **WINS** the "Superbowl of Metalworking", the NTMA/NIMS National Apprentice Competition
- WHEN:** June 12, 2010
- WHERE:** Indianapolis, Indiana
- WHY:** National recognition and prizes for himself, his company and Pittsburgh

### **Pittsburgh Man WINS "Metalworking Superbowl"**

(Pittsburgh - June 25, 2010) Pittsburgh is known as the City of Champions, and local metalworkers won't drop that ball. For the second consecutive year, an apprentice from the Pittsburgh Chapter of the National Tooling and Machining Association's (NTMA) apprentice program took first place in the "Superbowl of Metalworking", The NTMA/NIMS National Apprentice Competition in Indianapolis, Indiana.

***Yet another reason Pittsburgh is the City of Champions!***

Walter Gasper of Hamill Manufacturing Co., Trafford, PA, is the winner of the NTMA/NIMS National Apprentice Competition. The 38<sup>th</sup> Annual NTMA/NIMS National Apprentice Competition hosted by the Indianapolis Chapter of the NTMA from June 9-12, 2010 welcomed 7 regional champions. This National event determines the "Best of the Best" in an intense two-day competition involving milling, turning and grinding projects and a comprehensive written exam heavily weighted toward CNC operations.

Since Gasper took first place honors, his company, Hamill Manufacturing will receive the Grand Prize of a 30% discount off the purchase price of selected models of EDM or high speed milling machines from GF AgieCharmilles along with additional cost savings on tools and accessories. Depending on the package chosen, the total value of the prize can total \$100,000. Gasper received a trophy, a plaque and a completely-equipped Gerstner & Sons table top tool chest valued at \$3,000.

The NTMA represents over 1500 members in the US Precision Custom Manufacturing industry and includes 46 chapters throughout the United States. Member companies design and manufacture tools, dies, fixtures, molds, special machines, and precision machined components. You can find out more about the Pittsburgh Chapter of the NTMA at [www.pghntma.org](http://www.pghntma.org).

NIMS stands for the National Institute of Metalworking Skills, which is the nation's only accredited developer of precision manufacturing skill standards and competency assessments. NIMS certifies individual skills against standards and accredits programs that meet its quality requirements. NIMS stakeholders represent over 6,000 American companies. More information is available about NIMS at [www.nims-skills.org](http://www.nims-skills.org).

***Photos are available upon request.  
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