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## Vern Bowen, Drew Ford Shop Foreman, wins 2008 Ultimate Master Technician Challenge in Dearborn, Michigan

Ford Motor Company's Ultimate Master Technician Challenge (UMTC) national finals were held at Ford's World Headquarters in Dearborn, Michigan on June 24th, 2008.

It was here that Drew Ford, La Mesa Shop Foreman and Senior Master Technician Vern Bowen took away the top honors.

"We are very proud of Vern's accomplishment and feel he is very deserving of this achievement," said Bill Drew, Drew Ford.

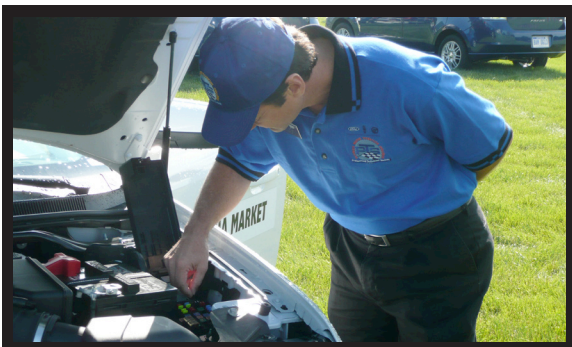


From left to right: Mike Berardi, Director of Service Engineering Operations; 2008 Ultimate Master Technician Challenge winner Vern Bowen and Steve DeAngelis, Global Manager, Technical Support Operations.

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## 5700 Master Technicians across the Country are able to compete - but there's only one winner!

The UMTC tested the diagnostic and repair skills of the top Ford, Lincoln and Mercury Master-certified technicians from across the country.



Each contestant had 90 minutes to accurately repair a new 2008 Ford Taurus that was outfitted with identical intentional "bugs."



Vern was able to complete the test without demerits in 42 minutes. "It's more important to fix the vehicle right, than quickly," he adds.

As the 2008 national winner of the Ford Motor Company Ultimate Master Technician Challenge, Vern proved that he was able to do both!

He has over 30 years automotive experience and has worked for Drew Ford in La Mesa for over 27 years.

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