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**Finalists Announced in
16th Annual Duck[®] brand Stuck at Prom[®] Scholarship Contest**
Public Voting for the top Duck Tape[®] prom designs begins today

AVON, Ohio (June 16, 2016) – After months of dreaming, planning and crafting *the* perfect prom attire, this is the moment we’ve all been waiting for: the announcement of the 2016 Duck[®] brand Stuck at Prom[®] Scholarship Contest finalists! Students from across the United States and Canada spent countless hours creating big and bold, one-of-a-kind prom apparel to win their share of the more than \$50,000 in scholarship prizes. The Top 10 couples and Top 5 singles entries are chosen and now it’s time for the competition to heat up – who will the public crown as this year’s best Duck Tape[®] designs?

Every year, a panel of judges carefully reviews and evaluates each submission for workmanship, originality, use of colors, accessories and use of Duck Tape[®]. Though narrowing the field of entries down to the top finalists is no doubt a difficult task, the intricate designs and artistry of each of the outfits set them apart from the rest and blew the judges away.

“I was in complete awe when I saw these stunning ensembles,” said Ashley Luke, category manager, at ShurTech Brands, LLC, the company that markets the Duck[®] brand. “It’s extraordinary how much detail and creativity the students put into their Duck Tape[®] prom outfits. We want to recognize these creative individuals for their hard work and passion for Duck Tape[®], and hope that the more than \$50,000 in scholarship prizes encourages them to pursue their dreams.”

The Top 10 couples are:

- **Couple 1:** Kiana Mata, 17, of Rome, Georgia and Fernando Espinal, 20, of Calhoun, Georgia
- **Couple 2:** Heather Rahl, 18, and Sean Devers, 18, of Apex, North Carolina
- **Couple 3:** Winter Wilson, 18, of Athens, Ohio, and Claire DeBruin, 18, of Millfield, Ohio
- **Couple 4:** Noah Pleiman, 17, and Jenna Frantz, 17, of Versailles, Ohio
- **Couple 5:** Angie Pohle, 16, and Matthew Ocampo, 18, of San Jose, California
- **Couple 6:** Galicia Fryzlewicz, 17, and Gunnar Fryzlewicz, 16, of Kane, Pennsylvania
- **Couple 7:** Alexis Meeker, 17, of Export, Pennsylvania, and Carson Wolff, 16, of Murrysville, Pennsylvania

- **Couple 8**: Claire Krueger, 17, of Novi, Michigan, and Julie Vu, 17, of Northville, Michigan
- **Couple 9**: Ruth Nyesuah, 16, and Jediah Gatei, 17, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- **Couple 10**: Olga Sigmundson, 17, and David Shamis, 14, of Lafayette, California

The Top 5 singles entries are:

- **Entrant 1**: Nina Chang, 18, of Fremont, California
- **Entrant 2**: Chelisia McBean, 18, of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands
- **Entrant 3**: McKenzy Crow, 18, of De Smet, South Dakota
- **Entrant 4**: Michelle Simba, 17, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
- **Entrant 5**: Kenisha George, 14, of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

The Grand Prize winners will each receive a \$10,000 scholarship, the second place students will each receive \$5,000, and third place winners will each receive \$3,000. The remaining seven “runner up” couples will each receive a \$1,000 prize. Additionally, the Singles Category winner will receive a \$1,000 prize.

Visit stuckatprom.com now to vote for your favorite outfits and view the entire 2016 Stuck at Prom® gallery! Polls are open until noon EST on July 6, and accept one vote per day for both the couples and singles candidates. Check back on July 13 to see who will be crowned as the 2016 Stuck at Prom® Scholarship Contest winners. May the most “promtastic” Duck Tape® outfits win!

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Duck Tape®, marketed by ShurTech Brands, LLC, offers a vast array of innovative, forward-thinking solutions that help everyone – from DIYers to crafters – bring their ideas to life. The brand sets trends, inspires creativity and leads the way in crafting, DIY projects and more, giving you the tools you need to create anything you can dream. Visit duckbrand.com for additional product information. And, keep up-to-date on Duck® brand news by joining our more than 5 million fans on Facebook®

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