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SONIC® Awards Top Carhops in Nation at Annual SONIC Skate-off

Eight finalists competed for top honors in San Diego at the 2013 SONIC Convention

OKLAHOMA CITY--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- On Sept. 17, 2013, eight skating SONIC Drive-In Carhops from across the nation convened in San Diego to compete against their peers for the chance at the gold, silver and bronze medals of the 2013 SONIC Skate-Off competition, hosted during the 2013 SONIC Convention. Each of the eight finalists had the opportunity to show off their skating skills to win cash prizes, new skates and bragging rights for the next year.



From left to right: Skate-Off bronze medalist Joseph Butler; John Salama, vice president of training and education at SONIC; Anita Vanderveer, head of human resources at SONIC; Skate-Off gold medalist Autumn Green; Omar Janjua, chief restaurant operations officer at SONIC and Skate-Off silver medalist Beth Kempf. (Photo: Business Wire)

Autumn Green from Whitehouse, Tenn. took home the gold medal, with Beth Kempf from Beatrice, Neb. winning silver and Joseph Butler from Greensboro, N.C. winning bronze. All Carhops displayed exceptional skating prowess in front of the judges, SONIC executives and local leaders and received special recognition at an awards ceremony during the 2013 SONIC Convention.

"Our SONIC skating Carhops are an intrinsic part of our 60-year heritage, and this year's finalists were some of the best I've ever seen," said Omar Janjua, chief restaurant operations officer. "Because of this heritage, guests expect to see a skating Carhop or two when they pull into a SONIC Drive-In. But they don't always expect to see the level of creativity and expertise some of our talented Carhops display! We are truly proud of them and how they represent SONIC."

Throughout the summer months, ambitious SONIC Carhops submitted two-minute video entries online. The Skate-Off — sponsored by SONIC, DR PEPPER® and RC Sports— received over 150 entries this year. All video entries were evaluated by a panel of judges based on a variety of qualifications to determine the eight highest-scoring finalists. Each finalist traveled to San Diego for an all-expense-paid trip to the contest finals and an opportunity to meet professional skaters, win cash and prizes and snag a free pair of skates.

About SONIC, America's Drive-In

SONIC®, America's Drive-In®, is the nation's largest chain of drive-in restaurants with more than 3,500 drive-ins serving approximately 3 million customers every day. Over the past 60 years, SONIC has delighted guests with signature menu items, more than 1 million drink combinations, friendly service by iconic Carhops and ongoing support of education through its award-winning Limeades for Learning® program. SONIC received top honors as America's "#1 burger quick service restaurant" in the 2013 Temkin Experience Ratings report. For more information about Sonic Corp. (NASDAQ/NM: SONC) and its subsidiaries, please visit sonicdrivein.com. Customers can also connect with SONIC at [facebook.com/sonicdrivein](https://www.facebook.com/sonicdrivein) or on [Twitter @sonicdrive_in](https://twitter.com/sonicdrive_in).

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