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**Subject/Headline:** [SCHOOL NAME] Student Receives “Head of the Class” Award from Malco Tools

[STUDENT NAME], a student at [SCHOOL/PROGRAM NAME], has been named “Head of the Class” through a national recognition program by [Malco Tools](https://www.malcoproducts.com/), one of the nation’s leading solution developers and manufacturers of a variety of high-quality tools for the HVAC and building construction trades.

[STUDENT NAME] was selected based on [HIS/HER/THEIR] attendance, participation, grades and internship experience. [He was / She was / They were] presented with a certificate, Malco cap and tool gift, and the entire graduating class also received Malco caps.

Each school term, Malco recognizes high-achieving students and entire graduating classes in the HVAC/sheet metal and building construction fields through the “Head of the Class” Student Recognition Program.

“We congratulate each and every Head of the Class honoree who is going above and beyond as they learn the skills they need to pursue a successful career in the trades,” said Malco president and CEO Rich Benninghoff. “These up-and-coming professionals are the future of the trades, and Malco is proud to recognize these well-deserving graduates.”

Since 2005, the “Head of the Class” program has reached more than 85,000 students, representing more than 1,000 high school career technical education programs, technical schools, union Joint Apprenticeship Training Committees and industry association programs across the U.S. and Canada.

For more information about [SCHOOL NAME], visit [SCHOOL WEBSITE].

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Malco Tools, Inc., based in Annandale, Minnesota, is one of the nation’s leading solution developers and manufacturers of a variety of high-quality specialty hand tools for the HVAC and building construction trades. Backed by over 70 years of history, these specialized tools are built to last, rigorously tested and backed by a limited lifetime warranty. Malco is proud to be 100% employee-owned. Malco earned a Manufacturing Excellence Award from Twin Cities Business Magazine in 2022 and was named the 2018 Medium Manufacturer of the Year by the Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal. For more information about Malco, visit [www.malcotools.com](http://www.malcotools.com).