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Maintenance Mania® National Championship Takes Place Thursday at the San Diego Convention Center *Chula Vista maintenance technician is a finalist competing before large home crowd today at 5PM*

SAN DIEGO, CA (June 20, 2013): The Maintenance Mania® National Championship determines who is the fastest Maintenance Technician in the country, and this year a Chula Vista native is in the running.

Thousands of spectators will crowd the San Diego Convention Center floor at the National Apartment Association (NAA) Education Conference & Exposition to watch the best technicians from around the country compete for the Championship Cup, a Certificate for Apartment Maintenance Technicians (CAMT) scholarship* and more than \$20,000 in cash and prizes.

Each year, 20 finalists are selected to receive free airfare, hotel accommodations and registration to the NAA Education Conference & Exposition, which is being held this year in San Diego. The participant with the fastest combined time in each of the 10 NAA regions qualifies as a Regional Finalist. The Wild Card Finalists are then selected from the next 10 fastest times across all regions.

Joel Hernandez of Chula Vista is the Region 10 finalist. Hernandez, a technician with Lincoln Military Housing, beat out all competitors in California and Hawaii. He competed locally at the San Diego County Apartment Association's (SDCAA) Maintenance Mania competition in April where he took first place and went on to win the Regional title a month later. Hernandez will compete on Thursday, June 20 at 5:00 p.m. in the Maintenance Mania® National Championship in front of a large home crowd.

Hernandez was born in Chula Vista and attended Hilltop High School before joining Lincoln Military Housing three years ago. Continuing a family maintenance tradition, Joel was encouraged to enter the local competition by his father and four uncles who also work for Lincoln Military Housing in the maintenance division.

It is the mission of the [San Diego County Apartment Association \(SDCAA\)](#) to ensure a vibrant rental housing industry exists in San Diego County. The SDCAA is a nonprofit organization that has been representing the interests of more than 2,600 rental property owners, managers and suppliers throughout the county for 94 years.

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