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MARYLAND CAREER & TECHNOLOGY STUDENT ORGANIZATION WINS 22 MEDALS AT NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND SKILLS CONFERENCE

More Than Half of Maryland Competitors Finish in National Top Ten

BALTIMORE (June 30, 2015) – Maryland’s SkillsUSA delegation brought home 22 medals from the 50th Annual National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC), held in Louisville, KY, last week.

A team of the state’s most talented Career and Technology Education (CTE) high school students showcased their skills in 89 career and technical competitions. Demonstrating exemplary CTE training, Maryland students challenged 6,000 other student champions from all 50 states, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands.

Maryland students competing in Electrical Construction Wiring, Graphic Communications, Industrial Motor Control, and T-Shirt Design are officially among the best in the nation, returning with gold medals. Silver medals were awarded to students in Basic Health Care Skills, Dental Assisting, Early Childhood Education, First Aid/CPR, Interactive Application and Game Development, Major Appliance and Refrigeration Technology, Principles of Engineering and Technology and Promotional Bulletin Board. Bronze medals were awarded in Commercial Baking, Digital Cinema Production, Humanoid Robotics and Job Skill Demonstration.

SkillsUSA Maryland has a statewide membership of 5,100 high school students. Members have consistently demonstrated their expertise and professionalism while participating throughout the year in a variety of leadership and competitive conferences.

The Maryland State Department of Education, in cooperation with business, industry, and education partners, coordinates two annual statewide conferences to prepare students for this rigorous national competition.

Maryland CTE students representing 23 counties and Baltimore City competed at the 2014 SkillsUSA State Championships held at Anne Arundel Community Television, Anne Arundel County Fire Training Academy, Center of Applied Technology North, CCBC Catonsville, Conference Center at the Maritime Institute of Technology, Earlbeck Gases and Technologies, Lincoln Culinary Institute, North County High School, Printing Specialist Corporation and Stevenson University.

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The following students finished the national challenge with outstanding accomplishments:

SkillsUSA Maryland National Top Ten – 2015 NLSC

Gold Medal – Electrical Construction Wiring

Nicholas Wiegand, North Point High School for Science, Technology and Industry - Charles County

Gold Medal – Graphic Communications

Chandler Kerr, Center of Applied Technology North – Anne Arundel County

Gold Medal – Industrial Motor Control

Ryan Tauber, Center of Applied Technology North – Anne Arundel County

Gold Medal – T-Shirt Design

Olivia Hurley, Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll County

Silver Medal – Basic Health Care Skills

Jessica Bryant, Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

Silver Medal – Dental Assisting

Gabrielle Brianna Cory, Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center – St. Mary's County

Silver Medal – Early Childhood Education

Alyssa Gonnella, North Point High School for Science, Technology and Industry – Charles County

Silver Medal – First Aid / CPR

Sydney Currie, Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center – St. Mary's County

Silver Medal – Interactive Application and Game Development

Phillip Edwards, Issiah Manns, Kells McDonald III, Western School of Technology and Environmental Science – Baltimore County

Silver Medal – Major Appliance and Refrigeration Technology

Kyle Fields, Worcester Technical High School – Worcester County

Silver Medal – Principles of Engineering and Technology

Lindsay Kremer, Worcester Technical High School – Worcester County

Silver Medal – Promotional Bulletin Board

Sarah Alexander, Rachel Engle, Clare Mare, Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll County

Bronze Medal – Commercial Baking

Josephine Wolfe, Center of Applied Technology North – Anne Arundel County

Bronze Medal – Digital Cinema Production

Casey Fair, Timothy Petrie, Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll County

Bronze Medal – Humanoid Robotics

Mark Goff, Allan Hitchcock, Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

Bronze Medal – Job Skill Demonstration A

William Oller, Center of Applied Technology North – Anne Arundel County

4th Place – Automotive Service Technology

Jordan Bergeson-Keller, Center of Applied Technology South – Anne Arundel County

4th Place – Nurse Assisting

Elizabeth Cordeiro, Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

4th Place – Prepared Speech

Laila Mirza, Worcester Technical High School – Worcester County

5th Place – Internetworking

Marc Alvin Al-OS, Center of Applied Technology South – Anne Arundel County

5th Place – TeamWorks

Ryan Compton, Austin Craig, Madison Craumer, Ben Demetrakis, Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll County

5th Place – Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration

Jerel Davis, Parkside High School/CTE– Wicomico County

5th Place – Photography

Lili Flowers, Washington County Technical High School - Washington County

5th Place – Medical Assisting

Justin Knotts, Frederick County Career and Technology Center - Frederick County

5th Place – Web Design

Nicolas Koski, Jason Herlth, Caroline County Career and Technology Center – Caroline County

5th Place – Community Service

Leah Pennington, Alyssa Raqueno, Jenna Williams, North Point High School for Science, Technology and Industry – Charles County

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5th Place – Community Action Project

Lily Ricks, Adam Taylor, Worcester Technical High School – Worcester County

6th Place – 3-D Visualization and Animation

Connor Calder, Hunter Dopkin, Applications and Research Laboratory – Howard County

6th Place – Welding Fabrication

Sean Duvall, Dustin Hahn, Garrett Murphy, Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

6th Place – Outstanding Chapter

Erin Green, Sarah Jones, Maya Kidane, North Point High School for Science, Technology and Industry – Charles County

6th Place – Firefighting

Jason Harris, Calvert Career and Technology Academy – Calvert County

6th Place – Pin Design

Marc Lazaga - Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll County

6th Place – Aviation Maintenance Technology

Stephen Scott Topolski III, Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center – St. Mary's County

7th Place – Quiz Bowl

James Atkins, Skye Corbin, Luke Gibson, Loel Rogers, Dennis Whitley IV, North Point High School for Science, Technology and Industry – Charles County

7th Place – Crime Scene Investigation

Patricia Atkinson, Dylan McCabe, Stephanie McCarter, North Point High School for Science, Technology and Industry – Charles County

7th Place – Criminal Justice

Tyler Berberian, Calvert Career and Technology Academy – Calvert County

7th Place – Medical Terminology

Cody Bistline, Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll County

7th Place – Health Occupations Professional Portfolio

Alivia Fogle, Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

7th Place – Welding Sculpture

Daphne Henderson, North Point High School for Science, Technology and Industry – Charles County

7th Place – Nail Care

Lynn Le, Thomas Edison High School of Technology – Montgomery County

7th Place – Medical Math

Daniel Moyer, Worcester Technical High School – Worcester County

7th Place – Sheet Metal

Timothy Tenney, Center of Applied Technology South – Anne Arundel County

8th Place – Graphic Imaging-Sublimation

Kiri Hanekamp, Center for Career and Technical Education – Allegany County

8th Place – Action Skills

Austin Nicholson, Center of Applied Technology North – Anne Arundel County

8th Place – Nail Care

Mercedes Smith, Center of Applied Technology South – Anne Arundel County

9th Place – Career Pathways – Health Services

Suha Ansari, Mercedes Clark, Amy Zheng, North Point High School for Science, Technology and Industry – Charles County

9th Place – Entrepreneurship

Alyssa Barefield, Mariah Goeres, Valerie Roberts, Dominique Wiscovitch, Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll County

9th Place – Career Pathways – Industrial and Engineering Technology

Meya Chilengi, Monica McInerney, Barrett Moncure, Worcester Technical High School – Worcester County

9th Place – Esthetics

Zoey De La Cruz, Laurel High School – Prince Georges’s County

9th Place – Culinary Arts

Khori Eubanks, Center of Applied Technology North – Anne Arundel County

10th Place – Related Technical Math

Ian Waggoner, Worcester Technical High School - Worcester County

10th Place – Automotive Refinishing Technology

Adam Weber, Dorchester Career and Technology Center – Dorchester County

10th Place – Carpentry

Austin Hahn, Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

For more information about Career Technology Education and SkillsUSA, please contact Charles Wallace, State Director, Maryland State Department of Education at 410-767-8872. You can also visit the Maryland State Department of Education’s website at http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/MSDE/divisions/careertech/career_technology/ or visit the official SkillsUSA Maryland website at www.mdskillsusa.org.