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## **MARYLAND CAREER & TECHNOLOGY STUDENT ORGANIZATION WINS 23 MEDALS AT NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND SKILLS CONFERENCE**

*More Than Half of Maryland Competitors Finish in National Top Ten*

**BALTIMORE (June 28, 2016)** – Maryland’s SkillsUSA delegation brought home 23 medals from the 51<sup>st</sup> 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 87 career and technical competitions. Demonstrating exemplary CTE training, Maryland students challenged 6,500 other student champions from all 50 states, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands.

Maryland students competing in Basic Health Care Skills and Graphic Communications are officially among the best in the nation, returning with gold medals. Silver medals were awarded to students in Building Maintenance, Cabinetmaking, Early Childhood Education, Humanoid Robotics, Medical Terminology and Principles of Engineering and Technology. Bronze medals were awarded in Commercial Baking, Crime Scene Investigation, Dental Assisting, Health Knowledge Bowl, Interactive Application and Game Development and Promotional Bulletin Board.

SkillsUSA Maryland has a statewide membership of 5,000 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 2016 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, Lincoln Culinary Institute, North County High School, Plumbers and Steamfitter Local 486, 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 – 2016 NLSC**

**Gold Medal – Basic Health Care Skills**

Jordan Janschek, Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center – St. Mary’s County

**Gold Medal – Graphic Communications**

Brittney Whitestone, Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll County

**Silver Medal – Building Maintenance**

Keyondra Snell, Worcester Technical High School - Worcester County

**Silver Medal – Cabinetmaking**

Payton Dixon, Southern Garrett High School – Garrett County

**Silver Medal – Early Childhood Education**

Jewel Washington, North Point High School for Science, Technology and Industry – Charles County

**Silver Medal – Humanoid Robotics**

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

**Silver Medal – Medical Terminology**

Blessing Nwah, Eastern Technical High School – Baltimore County

**Silver Medal – Principles of Engineering and Technology**

Lindsay Kremer, Worcester Technical High School – Worcester County

**Bronze Medal – Commercial Baking**

Alexandra Berrich, Center of Applied Technology North – Anne Arundel County

**Bronze Medal – Crime Scene Investigation**

Britaya Gray, Wilbur Robinson, Brandon Zichefoose, Calvert Career and Technology Academy – Calvert County

**Bronze Medal – Dental Assisting**

Chris Trujillo, Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center – St. Mary’s County

**Bronze Medal – Health Knowledge Bowl**

Adeola Abdulkadir, Meghan Counts, Anthony Okeh, Preeya Subedi, Applications and Research Laboratory – Howard County

**Bronze Medal – Interactive Application and Game Development**

Jarod Liberty, Jordan Pearson, Applications and Research Laboratory – Howard County

**Bronze Medal – Promotional Bulletin Board**

Amanda Koogle, Dan Oehlsen, Madison Pool, Carroll County Career and Technology Center  
– Carroll County

**4<sup>th</sup> Place – Major Appliance and Refrigeration Technology**

Kyle Fields, Worcester Technical High School – Worcester County

**4<sup>th</sup> Place – Medical Math**

Zachary Cioccio, Worcester Technical High School – Worcester County

**4<sup>th</sup> Place – Nurse Assisting**

Zoe Croyle, Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

**5<sup>th</sup> Place – American Spirit**

Elizabeth Lopez, Fiona Quenano, North Point High School for Science, Technology and  
Industry - Charles County

**5<sup>th</sup> Place – Audio-Radio Production**

Danielle Brooks, Kyle Coleman, Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center – St.  
Mary's County

**5<sup>th</sup> Place – CNC Technician**

Ethan Ames, Parkside High School / CTE – Wicomico County

**5<sup>th</sup> Place – Career Pathways – Industrial and Engineering Technology**

Kevin Farmer, Erika Jacobs, Austin Lemere, Cody Phelps, Brittany Sechler, August Shrader,  
Frederick Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

**5<sup>th</sup> Place – Digital Cinema Production**

Garrison Irwin, Braden Smedley, Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick  
County

**5<sup>th</sup> Place – First Aid / CPR**

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

**5<sup>th</sup> Place – Medical Assisting**

Haven Silvio, Frederick County Career and Technology Center - Frederick County

**6<sup>th</sup> Place – Advertising Design**

Rachel Engle, Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll County

**6<sup>th</sup> Place – Computer Programming**

Kavya Kavanakudy, Western School of Technology and Environmental Science, – Baltimore  
County

**7<sup>th</sup> Place** – Aviation Maintenance Technology

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

**7<sup>th</sup> Place** – Community Action Project

Victoria Moreau, Adam Taylor, Worcester Technical High School – Worcester County

**7<sup>th</sup> Place** – Plumbing

Nicholas Calvert, Western School of Technology and Environmental Science, – Baltimore County

**8<sup>th</sup> Place** – Collision Repair Technology

Wyatt Seitz, Center of Applied Technology North – Anne Arundel County

**8<sup>th</sup> Place** – Culinary Arts

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

**8<sup>th</sup> Place** – Customer Service

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

**8<sup>th</sup> Place** – Employment Application Process

Alyssa Rabasco, Robert D. Stethem Educational Center – Charles County

**8<sup>th</sup> Place** – Outstanding Chapter

Tram Nguyen, Frederick Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

**8<sup>th</sup> Place** – T-Shirt Design

Eve Watsky, Worcester Technical High School – Worcester County

**9<sup>th</sup> Place** – Career Pathways – Arts and Communication

Jordan Norris, Hannah Willenborg, Aubri Wallo, Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center – St. Mary's County

**9<sup>th</sup> Place** – Extemporaneous Speaking

Kermit Rivera Maldonado, Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

**9<sup>th</sup> Place** – Job Skill Demonstration A

Caleb Barnes, Western School of Technology and Environmental Science – Baltimore County

**9<sup>th</sup> Place** – Screen Printing Technology

Erica Miller, Center for Career and Technical Education – Allegany County

**9<sup>th</sup> Place** – Sheet Metal

Sean Taylor, Center of Applied Technology South – Anne Arundel County

**9<sup>th</sup> Place – Web Design**

Jacob Karnes, Shelby Sherbert, Caroline County Career and Technology Center – Caroline County

**10<sup>th</sup> Place – Action Skills**

Quincy Johnson, Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

**10<sup>th</sup> Place – Architectural Drafting**

Joshua Miller - Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll County

**10<sup>th</sup> Place – Career Pathways – Health Services**

John Chamberlain, Emily Mast, Hannah Semsler, Worcester Technical High School – Worcester County

**10<sup>th</sup> Place – Esthetics**

Amber Tucker, Calvert Career and Technology Academy – Calvert County

**10<sup>th</sup> Place – Industrial Motor Control**

Joedouglas Ashton, Center of Applied Technology North – Anne Arundel County

**10<sup>th</sup> Place – Photography**

Elizabeth Dillard, Washington County Technical High School - Washington County

**10<sup>th</sup> Place – TeamWorks**

Brady Baker, Ryan Coleman, Brayden Pennington, Caleb Wilt, Center for Career and Technical Education – Allegany 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/](http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/MSDE/divisions/careertech/career_technology/) or visit the official SkillsUSA Maryland website at [www.mdskillsusa.org](http://www.mdskillsusa.org).