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**MARYLAND CAREER & TECHNOLOGY STUDENT
ORGANIZATION WINS 24 MEDALS AT
NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND SKILLS CONFERENCE**
***FORTY-FOUR PERCENT OF SkillsUSA MARYLAND COMPETITORS
FINISH IN NATIONAL TOP TEN***

BALTIMORE, MD (July 1, 2013) – Maryland’s SkillsUSA delegation brought home 24 medals from the recent 49th Annual National Leadership and Skills Conference in Kansas City, June 24-28, 2013.

A team of the state’s most talented Career and Technology Education (CTE) high school students showcased their skills in 84 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 Medical Assisting, Nurse Assisting, Principles of Engineering Technology and Tee Shirt Design are officially among the best in the nation, returning with gold medals. Silver medals were awarded to students in Career Pathways Showcase, First Aid/CPR, Plumbing, Promotional Bulletin Board and Quiz Bowl. Bronze medals were awarded in Digital Cinema Production, Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration, Major Appliance and Refrigeration Technology and Medical Math.

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 2013 SkillsUSA State Championships held at Anne Arundel Community Television, Anne Arundel County Fire Training Academy, Center of Applied Technology North, CCBC Catonsville, Earlbeck Gases and Technologies, North County High School, Printing Specialist Corporation, Stevenson University and Stratford University.

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Maryland Public Schools: #1 in the Nation Five Years in a Row

The following students finished the national challenge with outstanding accomplishments:

SkillsUSA Maryland National Top Ten – 2013 NLSC

Gold Medal – Medical Assisting

Ashley Koepping, Center of Applied Technology South – Anne Arundel County

Gold Medal – Nurse Assisting

Alondra Herrera, Frederick Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

Gold Medal – Principles of Engineering Technology

Daniel Beck – Worcester Technical High School - Worcester County

Gold Medal – T Shirt Design

Amanda Ross, Thomas Edison High School of Technology – Montgomery County

Silver Medal – Career Pathways – Business, Management and Technology

Peter Crampton, Phillip McField, Brian Tew - Washington County Technical High School – Washington County

Silver Medal – First Aid / CPR

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

Silver Medal – Plumbing

Dennis Reynolds, Jr., Cecil County School of Technology – Cecil County

Silver Medal – Promotional Bulletin Board

Alexi Bair, Olympia Serrano, Holly Wagner-Ruckman - Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll County

Silver Medal – Quiz Bowl

Alexander Corbin, Noah Gibson, Gaston Lopez, Alyssa Moffat, Joel Rogers, Ashlynn Stanley, Marie Sterba - North Point High School for Science, Technology and Industry – Charles County

Bronze Medal – Digital Cinema Production

Kara Stone, Zach Teal - Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll County

Bronze Medal – Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration

Jack Russo, Worcester Technical High School – Worcester County

Bronze Medal – Major Appliance and Refrigeration Technology

Wyatt Brady, Worcester Technical High School – Worcester County

Bronze Medal – Medical Math

Kha-Ai Tran, North Point High School for Science, Technology and Industry - Charles County

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4th Place – Basic Health Care Skills

Morgan Harding, Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

4th Place – Health Occupations Professional Portfolio

Elizabeth Cramer, Calvert Career and Technology Academy – Calvert County

5th Place – Community Action Project

Mariah Blackstock, Shelby Boyer, Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology – St. Mary's County

5th Place – Electronics Technology

Jonathan Scott, Parkside High School / CTE - Wicomico County

6th Place – Career Pathways Showcase – Health Services

Jenna Barry-Utzig, Monique Dela Cruz, Randy Heng, Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center – St. Mary's County

6th Place – Early Childhood Education

Kim McCloskey, North Point High School for Science, Technology and Industry – Charles County

6th Place – Health Knowledge Bowl

Camrie Hendking, Quianita Miller, Asia Williams, David Williams, North Point High School for Science, Technology and Industry – Charles County

6th Place – Restaurant Service

Janiece Yates, Western School of Technology and Environmental Science – Baltimore County

7th Place – Audio/Radio Production

Stephen Harp, Raven Kingston, Center for Career and Technical Education – Allegany County

7th Place – Aviation Maintenance Technology

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

7th Place – Collision Repair Technology

Lewis Hicks, Center of Applied Technology North – Anne Arundel County

7th Place – Dental Assisting

Amber Wallis, Center of Applied Technology South – Anne Arundel County

7th Place – Extemporaneous Speaking

Mallorie Parlon, Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

7th Place – Pin Design

Zachary John, Thomas Edison High School of Technology – Montgomery County

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7th Place – Web Design

David Gros, Kenneth Smith, Jr., Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

8th Place – Graphic Imaging-Sublimation

Kaylynn Grady, Center for Career and Technical Education – Allegany County

8th Place – Outstanding Chapter

Ellen Merlos, Andrea Robinson, Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

8th Place – Precision Machining Technology

Colt Mason, Southern Garrett High School – Garrett County

9th Place – Automotive Refinishing Technology

Charles Parsons, Center of Applied Technology North – Anne Arundel County

9th Place – Carpentry

William Gonzalez, Thomas Edison High School of Technology – Montgomery County

9th Place – Graphic Communications

Kenneth Lear, Center of Applied Technology North – Anne Arundel County

10th Place – Advertising Design

Margaret Toth, Carroll County Career and Technology Center - Carroll County

10th Place – Customer Service

Jorge Canart-Nolivos, Thomas Edison High School of Technology – Montgomery County

10th Place – Industrial Motor Control

Jeremy Fields, Center of Applied Technology North – Anne Arundel 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.

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