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## **MARYLAND CAREER & TECHNOLOGY STUDENT ORGANIZATION WINS 14 MEDALS AT NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND SKILLS CONFERENCE**

### ***SkillsUSA CELEBRATES 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY***

**BALTIMORE, MD (June 30, 2014)** – Maryland’s SkillsUSA delegation brought home 14 medals from the recent 50<sup>th</sup> Annual National Leadership and Skills Conference in Kansas City, June 23-27.

A team of the state’s most talented Career and Technology Education (CTE) high school students showcased their skills in 76 career and technical competitions. Demonstrating exemplary CTE training, Maryland students challenged 6,100 other student champions from all 50 states, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands.

Maryland students competing in Graphic Communications, Medical Assisting and Related Technical Math are officially among the best in the nation, returning with gold medals. Silver medals were awarded to students in Action Skills, Career Pathways – Natural Resources/Agriculture, Nurse Assisting and Technical Computer Applications. Bronze medals were awarded in Community Action Project, Major Appliance and Refrigeration Technology and Medical Assisting.

SkillsUSA Maryland has a statewide membership of 5,400 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, Earlbeck Gases and Technologies, North County High School, Printing Specialist Corporation, Stevenson University and Stratford University.

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The following students finished the national challenge with outstanding accomplishments:

**SkillsUSA Maryland National Top Ten – 2014 NLSC**

**Gold Medal – Graphic Communications**

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

**Gold Medal – Medical Assisting (Postsecondary)**

Ashley Koepping, Stevenson University – Baltimore, Maryland

**Gold Medal – Related Technical Math**

Paige Stanley, Worcester Technical High School - Worcester County

**Silver Medal – Action Skills**

Tyree Jackson, Center of Applied Technology North – Anne Arundel County

**Silver Medal – Career Pathways – Natural Resources - Agriculture**

Erin Green, Ashley Latour, William Remik, North Point High School for Science, Technology and Industry – Charles County

**Silver Medal – Nurse Assisting**

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

**Silver Medal – Technical Computer Applications**

Cindy Gomez, Thomas Edison High School of Technology – Montgomery County

**Bronze Medal – Community Action Project**

Joseph Beebe, TJ Frampton, Worcester Technical High School – Worcester County

**Bronze Medal – Major Appliance and Refrigeration Technology**

Wyatt Brady, Worcester Technical High School – Worcester County

**Bronze Medal – Medical Assisting**

Maya Kidane, North Point High School for Science, Technology and Industry - Charles County

**4<sup>th</sup> Place – Basic Health Care Skills**

Amanda Ponce, Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

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

Angelah Ellis, North Point High School for Science, Technology and Industry – Charles County

**5<sup>th</sup> Place – Crime Scene Investigation**

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

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**5<sup>th</sup> Place – Criminal Justice**

Gill-Jan Eleazar, North Point High School for Science, Technology and Industry – Charles County

**5<sup>th</sup> Place – Firefighting**

Gabriel Robison, Calvert Career and Technology Academy – Calvert County

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

David Green, Alondra Herrera, Esther Shafer, Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

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

Alan Clark III, Washington County Technical High School - Washington County

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

Casey Sasser, Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll County

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

Kevin Guyer, Applications and Research Laboratory – Howard County

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

Nicholas Rakowski, Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

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

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

**6<sup>th</sup> Place – Career Pathways – Business, Management and Technology**

Peter Crampton, Brenan Taylor, Valerie Taylor, Washington County Technical High School – Washington County

**6<sup>th</sup> Place – Early Childhood Education**

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

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

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

**6<sup>th</sup> Place – Internetworking**

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

**7<sup>th</sup> Place – Building Maintenance**

Steven Zentmyer, Worcester Technical High School – Worcester County

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

Erin Hessong, Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

**7<sup>th</sup> Place – Health Knowledge Bowl**

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

**7<sup>th</sup> Place – Medical Terminology**

Valerie Evans, Thomas Edison High School of Technology – Montgomery County

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

Monique Dela Cruz, Ramona Gray, Randy Heng, Vicki Waldron, Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center – St. Mary's County

**8<sup>th</sup> Place – Entrepreneurship**

Carolyn Beder, Nick Colella, Stephanie Miller, Taylor Waldrup, Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll County

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

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

**9<sup>th</sup> Place – Dental Assisting**

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

**9<sup>th</sup> Place – Diesel Equipment Technology**

Jeremy Williams, Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll County

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

Emma Prodey, Joshua Yaskovich - Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll County

**9<sup>th</sup> Place – Graphic Imaging-Sublimation**

Devon Center for Career and Technical Education – Allegany County

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

Cory White, Harford Technical High School – Harford County

**10<sup>th</sup> Place – Broadcast News Production**

Sophie Eureka, Eric Myers, Maria Olney, Benjamin Wetzel, Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

**10<sup>th</sup> Place – Electronics Technology**

James Culp, Parkside High School/CTE– Wicomico County

**10<sup>th</sup> Place – Pin Design**

Emily Monteleone - Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll County

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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).

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