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# Maryland Career & Technical Students Shine At National Leadership and Skills Conference

## *Half of Maryland Competitors Finish in National Top Ten*

**BALTIMORE (July 11, 2019)** – Maryland’s SkillsUSA delegation brought home 18 medals from the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC), recently held in Louisville, KY. A team of the state’s most talented Career and Technical Education (CTE) high school students showcased their skills in 94 CTE competitions. Demonstrating exemplary CTE training, Maryland students challenged 6,400 other student champions from all 50 states, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands.

Maryland students competing in Audio-Radio Production, Engineering Technology Design, Medical Terminology, and Nurse Assisting are officially among the best in the nation, returning with gold medals. Silver medals were awarded to students competing in Health Knowledge Bowl, Pin Design, and Promotional Bulletin Board. Bronze medals were awarded to students competing in Early Childhood Education, Health Knowledge Bowl, and Major Appliance and Refrigeration Technology.

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 following students placed in the top 10 during the national competition:

### **SkillsUSA Maryland National Top Ten – 2019 National Leadership and Skills Conference**

#### **Gold Medal – Audio-Radio Production**

Victoria Brooks, Aiden Kaleta: Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center – St. Mary’s County

#### **Gold Medal – Engineering Technology-Design**

Malia Cohen, Anthony Salvatore Fertitta Jr., Leann Gomez, Bethany Stoll: Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll County

#### **Gold Medal – Medical Terminology**

Annalee Johnson: Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center – St. Mary’s County

**Gold Medal – Nurse Assisting**

Madison McBride: Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center – St. Mary's County

**Silver Medal – Health Knowledge Bowl**

Jane Lee, Frances Maglaqui, Kiet Nguyen, Nhuquynh Nguyen: Eastern Technical High School – Baltimore County

**Silver Medal – Pin Design (MS)**

Piper Gooding: Worcester Technical High School – Worcester County

**Silver Medal – Promotional Bulletin Board**

Delaney Bartholow, Rachel Haines, Kristina Kemp: Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll County

**Bronze Medal – Early Childhood Education**

Madison Grace: North Point High School for STI – Charles County

**Bronze Medal – Health Occupations Professional Portfolio**

Tijesunimi Borode: Western School of Technology and Environmental Science – Baltimore County

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

Brenda Hernandez: J.M. Tawes Technology and Career Center – Somerset County

**4<sup>th</sup> Place – Basic Healthcare Skills**

Makala Harrison: Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

**4<sup>th</sup> Place – Cyber Security**

Nicholas Greiner: Jude Poole Jr., Center of Applied Technology South – Anne Arundel County

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

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

**4<sup>th</sup> Place – Pin Design**

Yuang Chen: Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll County

**4<sup>th</sup> Place – Technical Drafting**

Brandon Spilis: Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

**5<sup>th</sup> Place – Automated Manufacturing Technology**

Jason Frazier, Justin Greenwell, Nathan Renfro: Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll County

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

Morgan Braithwaite: Washington County Technical High School – Washington County

**5<sup>th</sup> Place – Graphic Communications**

Rita Wienand: Center of Applied Technology North – Anne Arundel County

**5<sup>th</sup> Place** – Job Interview (PS)

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

**5<sup>th</sup> Place** – Masonry

Greg Mullinix: Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll County

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

Dunni Ojumu: Western School of Technology and Environmental Science – Baltimore County

**5<sup>th</sup> Place** – Telecommunications Cabling

Hannah Virts: Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center – St. Mary's County

**6<sup>th</sup> Place** – 3-D Visualization and Animation

Nichola Maynard, Nicholas Neff: Washington County Technical High School – Washington County

**6<sup>th</sup> Place** – Mobile Robotics Technology

Daniel Baltezegar: J.M. Tawes Technology and Career Center – Somerset County

**6<sup>th</sup> Place** – Occupational Health and Safety - Single

Michael Brittingham, Trevor Hudson, Kaleb Steele: Worcester Technical High School – Worcester County

**6<sup>th</sup> Place** – Team Engineering Challenge (MS)

Brandon Anderson, Ethan Gell, Justin Hurney: Worcester Technical High School - Worcester County

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

Rachel Burns, Misael Marin, Julian Wresche: Frederick Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

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

Martin Higgins, Emily Jacob, Lucas Senesi, Lilly Stephens: Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

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

Austin Abarca, Caryn Law, Michael Stone: North Point High School for STI - Charles County

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

Christian Frazier: North Point High School for STI – Charles County

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

Kahlyn Ekles, Abigail Lane, Aiden Reynolds: Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll County

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

Michael Coffey: Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll County

**9<sup>th</sup> Place** – Principles of Engineering and Technology  
George Rivers: Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center – St. Mary’s County

**9<sup>th</sup> Place** – Medical Assisting  
Haleigh Tucker: Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

**9<sup>th</sup> Place** – Employment Application Process  
Cole Clements: Robert D. Stethem Educational Center – Charles County

**9<sup>th</sup> Place** – Community Action Project  
Candy Anderson, Joy Anderson: Worcester Technical High School – Worcester County

**9<sup>th</sup> Place** – TeamWorks  
Jonathan Brown, Ryan Mandl, Kyle Robey, Andrew Wood: Harford Technical High School – Harford County

**10<sup>th</sup> Place** – Crime Scene Investigation  
Karla Dizon, Madison Meade, Holly Sabreeya: North Point High School for STI - Charles County

**10<sup>th</sup> Place** – Industrial Motor Control  
Emerson Hanlon: Center of Applied Technology North – Anne Arundel County

**10<sup>th</sup> Place** – Information Technology Services  
Josh Oltarzewski: Harford Technical High School – Harford County

For more information about SkillsUSA, please contact Charles Wallace, Coordinator of Career Programs and Student Organizations, Division of Career and College Readiness, Maryland State Department of Education at [charles.wallace@maryland.gov](mailto:charles.wallace@maryland.gov) or 410-767-8872.

Additional information can also be found on the [Division of Career and College Readiness website](http://www.mdctepgrams.org) (www.mdctepgrams.org) or the official [SkillsUSA Maryland](http://www.skillsusa.org) website.

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