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**MARYLAND CAREER & TECHNOLOGY STUDENT  
ORGANIZATION WINS 19 MEDALS AT  
NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND SKILLS CONFERENCE**

***MORE THAN HALF OF SkillsUSA MARYLAND COMPETITORS  
FINISH IN NATIONAL TOP TEN***

**BALTIMORE, MD (July 17, 2012)** – Maryland’s SkillsUSA delegation brought home 19 medals from the recent 48<sup>th</sup> Annual National Leadership and Skills Conference in Kansas City last month.

A team of the state’s most talented Career and Technology Education (CTE) high school students showcased their skills in 77 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.

A Maryland student in Principles of Technology is officially among the best in the nation, returning with a gold medal. Silver medals were awarded to students in Action Skills, Advertising Design, Dental Assisting, Graphic Communications, Industrial Motor Control, Medical Terminology, Nurse Assisting, Promotional Bulletin Board and TeamWorks. Bronze medals were awarded in Collision Repair Technology, Electronics Technology, Medical Assisting and Mobile Electronics Installation.

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 2012 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, Stratford University and UMBC.

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

The following students finished the national challenge with outstanding accomplishments:

**SkillsUSA Maryland National Top Ten – 2012 NLSC**

**Gold Medal – Principles of Technology**

Daniel Beck – Worcester Technical High School - Worcester County

**Silver Medal – Action Skills**

Michael Hawkins, Center of Applied Technology North – Anne Arundel County

**Silver Medal – Advertising Design**

Molly Marshall, Carroll County Career and Technology Center - Carroll County

**Silver Medal – Dental Assisting**

Liza Grider, Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology – St. Mary’s County

**Silver Medal – Graphic Communications**

Richard Brewer, Center of Applied Technology North - Anne Arundel County

**Silver Medal – Industrial Motor Control**

Jacob Vitek, Center of Applied Technology North - Anne Arundel County

**Silver Medal – Medical Terminology**

Majesta Kitts, North Point High School for Science, Technology and Industry - Charles County

**Silver Medal – Nurse Assisting**

Marilyn Mensah, Frederick Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

**Silver Medal – Promotional Bulletin Board**

Kaitlyn Gulotta, Beth Keller, Amanda Stambaugh, Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll County

**Silver Medal – TeamWorks**

Andrew Hodge, Christina May, Eric Rockwell, Brandon Smith, Frederick Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

**Bronze Medal – Collision Repair Technology**

James Johnson, Center of Applied Technology North – Anne Arundel County

**Bronze Medal – Electronics Technology**

Sam Brown, Parkside High School / CTE - Wicomico County

**Bronze Medal – Medical Assisting**

Sammy Saylor, Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

**Bronze Medal – Mobile Electronics Installation**

Austin Vestal, Parkside High School / CTE, Wicomico County

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

Alexis Andrukat, Kristopher Cargill, Kaleb Singleton, Washington County Technical High School – Washington County

**4<sup>th</sup> Place – Health Occupations Professional Portfolio**

Stephanie Agbe-Davies, North Point High School for Science, Technology and Industry – Charles County

**4<sup>th</sup> Place – Prepared Speech**

Jocelyn Figgins, Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

**4<sup>th</sup> Place – Quiz Bowl**

Alexander Corbin, Noah Gibson, Gaston Lopez, Joel Rogers, Breanna Spangler, Ashlynn Stanley, North Point High School for Science, Technology and Industry – Charles County

**5<sup>th</sup> Place – Automotive Refinishing Technology**

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

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

Margaret Campbell, Kiersten Rawson, Julia Sutherland, North Point High School for Science, Technology and Industry – Charles County

**5<sup>th</sup> Place – Job Skills Demonstration A**

Daniel Anders, Worcester Technical High School – Worcester County

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

Elizabeth Prinkley, North Point High School for Science, Technology and Industry – Charles County

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

Ben Rashe, Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll County

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

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

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**6<sup>th</sup> Place** – Major Appliance Technology

Jacob Bedsaul, Harford Technical High School – Harford County

**7<sup>th</sup> Place** – Community Service

Anthony Rosario, Thomas Shea, Alexis Wilson, Thomas Edison High School of Technology – Montgomery County

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

AJ Dantos, Kayla LaPorte, Amber McDonald, Calvert Career and Technology Academy – Calvert County

**7<sup>th</sup> Place** – Related Technical Math

Joseph Iacona, Worcester Technical High School – Worcester County

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

Colin Genovese, Harford Technical High School – Harford County

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

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

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

Alison Drew, Center for Career and Technical Education – Allegany County

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

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

**8<sup>th</sup> Place** – Nail Care

April Johnson, Jennifer Miranda, Thomas Edison High of Technology – Montgomery County

**8<sup>th</sup> Place** – Preschool Teaching Assistant

Breanna Bailey, Washington County Technical High School – Washington County

**8<sup>th</sup> Place** – Television (Video) Production

Bethany Harrell, Samuel Zanella, Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

**9<sup>th</sup> Place** – Pin Design

Trevor Sitkoff, Thomas Edison High School of Technology – Montgomery County

**9<sup>th</sup> Place** – Precision Machining Technology

Cody Sliger, Southern Garrett High School – Garrett County

**10<sup>th</sup> Place** – Chapter Display

Devin Cagle, Ryan Catterton, Shawn McElravy, Calvert Career and Technology Academy – Calvert County

**10<sup>th</sup> Place** – CNC Milling

Jared Dash, Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll County

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

Phillip Ward, Calvert Career and Technology Academy – Calvert County

**10<sup>th</sup> Place** – Video Product Development

Benjamin Jeffs, Jacob Wilson, Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

**10<sup>th</sup> Place** – Welding Fabrication

Patrick Brauning, Brady Green, Tyler Hudson, Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll County

**10<sup>th</sup> Place** – Welding Sculpture

Jessica Imler, 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/](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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