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48 NEBRASKA STUDENTS RECEIVE SkillsUSA TOP 10 NATIONAL AWARDS

Forty-eight Nebraska students received Top 10 awards at the June national SkillsUSA conference in Kansas City, MO.

Nebraska was represented by 180 students and advisors at the 45th National Leadership and Skills Conference, sponsored by SkillsUSA. More than 5,400 students from 54 states and territories competed in 91 occupational and leadership skill areas. SkillsUSA programs help students meet industry standards through participation in job skill training classes.

The Top 10 Award winners are:

1st Place

- Erin Parisien of Metropolitan Community College, Omaha - Postsecondary First Aid /CPR

2nd Place

- Joe Collins, David LeBlanc and Jeff McGrath of Metropolitan Community College, Omaha - Community Service
- Alex Koehler, Andrew Sorsen, Theresa Honeycutt, Eric Heinicke and Drew Gremel of Seward High School - High School Quiz Bowl

3rd Place

- James Matthes of Southeast Community College-Lincoln - Postsecondary Firefighting
- Ryan Coufal of Seward High School - High School Extemporaneous Speaking
- D.J. Hobbs of Louisville High School - High School Motorcycle Service Technology
- Shelby Arens, Jesse Graves, Trent Schieffer and Deryk Wortmann of Crofton High School - High School TeamWorks

4th Place

- Erin Schoenbeck, Cody Wedding, Jen Spang, Daniel Rogge, Jamie Kromberg, Dylan Baumann and Jacob Hartwig of Norris High School – High School Opening and Closing Ceremonies Team
- Gabriel Hedrick and Mark Wegener of Metropolitan Community College, Omaha – Postsecondary Television/Video Production

5th Place

- Eileen Klein and Angela Schirmer of Metropolitan Community College, Omaha – Postsecondary 3-D Visualization and Animation
- Bryant Corbin, Dan Kermeen and Cody Stamper of Blair High School – High School Crime Scene Investigation

6th Place

- Connor Smith of Papillion LaVista South High School – High School Customer Service

7th Place

- Eric Schramm of Mid-Plains Community College – Postsecondary Cabinetmaking
- Joel Kielion of Omaha Career Center – High School Culinary Arts

- Cody Breiner of Southeast Community College Lincoln – Postsecondary Motorcycle Service Technology
- Leo Kochanowicz of Metropolitan Community College, Omaha - Precision Machining Technology
- Ryan Knight, Mitch Sapp, Ben Tasa and Shawn Vinson of Wayne State College – Postsecondary TeamWorks

8th Place

- Makayla Kohler of Papillion LaVista South High School – High School Food and Beverage Service
- Nathan Broeker of Seward High School – High School Medical Assisting

9th Place

- Tyler Jansen of Metropolitan Community College, Omaha – Postsecondary Residential Wiring
- Patrick Heerten, Cody Newton and Ryan Snyder of Keya Paha County High School – Welding Fabrication

10th Place

- Tyler Fusselman and Alex Wehoff of Columbus High School – High School Mechatronics
- Tyler North of Kearney High School – High School Power Equipment Technology

SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry representatives who work together to help each student excel and to ensure that America has a skilled workforce. The national student organization serves trade, industrial, technical and health occupation students in high schools and college/technical schools. It provides quality education experiences for students in leadership, teamwork, citizenship and character development. It builds and reinforces self-confidence, work attitudes and communication skills. The association emphasizes total quality at work, high ethical standards, superior work skills, life-long education and pride in the dignity of work. SkillsUSA also promotes understanding of the free enterprise system and involvement in community service activities.