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NEBRASKA NAMES 33 STUDENT AWARD WINNERS IN NATIONAL SkillsUSA COMPETITION

Thirty-three Nebraska students received Top Ten Awards during national competition at a recent SkillsUSA conference.

About 185 Nebraska students and advisors attended the 48th National Leadership and Skills Conference sponsored by SkillsUSA in Kansas City, Missouri.

More than 5,900 students from 52 states and territories competed in 94 occupational and leadership skill areas. SkillsUSA classroom programs help establish industry standards for job skill training.

Top Ten Award Winners are:

First Place - Gold medalists

- Andy Nosavan and Eric Yowell of Metropolitan Community College in Omaha – College/Technical Mechatronics
- Chase Small of Southeast Community College at Milford – College/Technical Major Appliance and Refrigeration Technology
- Anna Larson of Metropolitan Community College in Omaha – College/Technical Technical Drafting

Second Place – Silver medalists

- Elise DeMaranville, Zach Pechacek, Don Shandera and Andrew Wike of Metropolitan Community College in Omaha – College/Technical TeamWorks
- Nichalas Jindra of Southeast Community College at Lincoln – College/Technical Firefighting
- Ashley Beall of Central Community College at Hastings – College/Technical Job Interview

Fourth Place

- Mathew Greenwood of Mid-Plains Community College at North Platte - College/Technical Plumbing
- Josh George of Seward High School – High School Technical Computer Applications

Fifth Place

- Alexander Hrdy of Metropolitan Community College in Omaha – College/Technical Architectural Drafting
- Richard Jensen of Metropolitan Community College in Omaha – College/Technical Industrial Motor Control

- Dylan Ganskow and Thomas McDonald of Columbus High School – High School Mechatronics
 - Justin Criss of Northeast Community College in Norfolk – College/Technical Sheet Metal
 - Kiley Dodson of Columbus High School – High School Welding Sculpture
- Sixth Place
- Brent Jackson of Metropolitan Community College in Omaha – College/Technical Electrical Construction Wiring
 - Karlee Bourke of Seward High School – High School Medical Assisting
 - Borin Chep and Michael Huenniger of Metropolitan Community College in Omaha – College/Technical Television/Video Production
- Seventh Place
- Michael Weinger of Metropolitan Community College in Omaha – College/Technical Computer Maintenance Technology
 - Michael Miller of Metropolitan Community College in Omaha – College/Technical Welding
- Eighth Place
- Jess Asche of Central Community College at Hastings – College/Technical CNC Milling
 - Jason Sechman of Metropolitan Community College in Omaha – College/Technical Cabinetmaking
 - Seth Erdmann of Metropolitan Community College in Omaha – College/Technical Collision Repair
- Ninth Place
- Andrew Largen of Central Community College at Hastings – College/Technical CNC Turning
 - Jordan Nash of Adams Central High School in Hastings – High School Medical Math
- Tenth Place
- Jackson Briggs and Shane Sloup of Seward High School – High School 3-D Visualization and Animation
 - Ben Sedlacek of Gretna High School – High School CNC Turning
 - Jerrod Whittaker of Gretna High School – High School Mobile Electronics Installation

SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry representatives working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce and to help each student excel.

SkillsUSA is a national student organization that 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. The student organization also 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 promotes an understanding of the free enterprise system and involvement in community service activities.