SkillsUSA NEBRASKA ANNOUNCES
2014 COMPETITION WINNERS

SkillsUSA Nebraska, a Nebraska Department of Education student organization, recently recognized award winners and elected new officers during its 2014 conference in Omaha.

About 1,500 people attended the conference, including 1,200 high school, college and technical students and advisors.

The following students were elected as high school officers for 2014-2015:
Natalie Bauermeister – Louisville High School
Alexa Bruick – Seward High School
Anthony Cannot – Papillion-La Vista South High School
Moriah Heerten – Keya Paha County High School
Jamie Kerwin – Gretna High School
Benjamin Logston – Sterling High School
Connor Pudenz – Papillion-La Vista South High School

The following students were elected College/Technical School officers for 2014-2015:
Ashley Beall – Central Community College-Hastings
Jerrod Whittaker – Wayne State College
Emily Sysel – Metropolitan Community College

Jason Novotny of Gretna High School was named Outstanding High School Advisor of the Year and Reba Skalka of Central Community College-Hastings was named Outstanding College/Technical Advisor of the Year.

Adam Skrdla of Hastings High School and Scott Kneifl of Papillion-La Vista High School were elected to the SkillsUSA Nebraska Board of Directors.
Students participated in 90 hands-on skill and leadership contests. First place state winners qualify for national competition at the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Championships Conference, June 23 - 27, in Kansas City, Missouri.

First, second and third place winners are:

**3-D Visualization & Animation**
First place: Seward High School, Team #1
Second place: Seward High School, Team #3
Third place: Seward High School, Team #2

**Action Skills**
First place: Jonathan Fernandez, Sutherland High School
Second place: Tony Flack, Malcolm High School
Third place: Brielle Salberg, Sterling High School

**Action Skills C/T**
First place: Derrick Marshall, Metropolitan Community College - Omaha

**Advertising Design**
First place: Robyn Wells, Papillion-La Vista High School
Second place: Logan Fitzgibbons, Papillion-La Vista High School
Third place: Clara Heinicke, Seward High School

**Architectural Drafting**
First place: Collin Mettenbrink, Seward High School
Second place: Josh Weinand, Papillion-La Vista South High School
Third place: Alexa McCallum, Grand Island High School

**Architectural Drafting, C/T**
First place: Kody Kuchta, Wayne State College

**Audio/Radio Production, C/T**
First place: Metropolitan Community College – Team #1

**Automated Manufacturing Technology**
First place: Millard West High School, Team #4
Second place: Seward High School Team #1

**Automotive Refinishing**
First place: Justin Mahon, Bennington High School
Second place: David Korpua, Career Center - Omaha
Third place: Amber Korpua, Career Center - Omaha

**Automotive Refinishing, C/T**
First place: Johnny Guzman, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

**Automotive Service Technology**
First place: Westley Hoatson, North Platte High School
Second place: Blake Weekly, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha
Third place: John Smith, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

**Automotive Service Technology, C/T**
First place: Jason Grim, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha
Second place: Ricardo Salazar, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha
Third place: Patrick Topf, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

**Basic Health Care Skills**
First place: Emily Ahmann, Millard Horizon High School
Second place: Cody Rowley, Sidney High School
Third place: Kyle Glandt, Seward High School

**Cabinetmaking**
First place: Dain Armbrust, Millard North High School
Second place: Tanner Stock, Gretna High School
Third place: Anthony Cannot, Papillion-La Vista High School

**Cabinetmaking, C/T**
First place: John Wiggins, Wayne State College
Second place: Caleb Gardner, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha
Third place: Nicholas Thompson, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

**Career Pathways Showcase – Manufacturing**
First place: Sterling High School Team #1

**Career Pathways Showcase – Natural Resources/Agriculture/Food**
First place: Sterling High School Team #1

**Carpentry**
First place: Bryce Schreiner, Gretna High School
Second place: Ricardo Gutierrez, Grand Island High School
Third place: Bryce Smidt, Grand Island High School

**Carpentry, C/T**
First place: Nathan Clausen, Wayne State College

**Chapter Business Procedure**
First place: Seward High School, Team #1
Second place: Sutherland High School, Team #3

**Chapter Display**
First place: Elmwood Murdock High School, Team #12
Second place: Raymond Central High School, Team #10
Third place: Papillion-La Vista South High School, Team #3

**CNC Milling**
First place: Kristopher Einspahr, Grand Island High School
Second place: Fredrick Ronfeldt, Millard South High School
Third place: Isaac Eliason, Grand Island High School

CNC Turning Technology
First place: Andrew Rutt, Hastings High School
Second place: Elmer Ortiz, Grand Island High School
Third place: Clayton Pavelka, Hasting High School

Collision Repair Technology
First place: Cody Storm, Raymond Central High School
Second place: Austin Holoubek, Career Center Omaha
Third place: Matthew Hobbs, Louisville High School

Collision Repair Technology, CT
First place: Jacob Lewis, Metropolitan Community College

Commercial Baking
First place: Talia Seymore, Millard Horizon High School
Second place: Erin Sosnowchik, Millard Horizon High School
Third place: Ashtah Sigler, Career Center - Omaha

Community Service
First place: Louisville High School, Team #2
Second place: Adams Central High School, Team #6
Third place: Thedford High School, Team #3

Computer Maintenance Technology
First place: James Getrost, Papillion-La Vista High School
Second place: Ben Galusha, Seward High School
Third place: Jared Rupert, Norris High School

Computer Programming
First place: Gabe Dux, Fairbury High School

Cosmetology
First place: Allison Diesing, Papillion-La Vista High School
Second place: Kylie Van Esch, York High School
Third place: Breanna Schrantz, Keya Paha High School

Cosmetology, C/T
First place: Katherine Ferm, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

Crime Scene Investigation
First place: Blair High School, Team #16
Second place: Adams Central High School, Team #18
Third place: Weeping Water High School, Team #7

Criminal Justice
First place:    Sam Kopecky, Millard North High School
Second place:  Gabrielle Roberts, Papillion-La Vista High School
Third place:   Joseph Hunter, Papillion-La Vista High School

**Culinary Arts**
First place:    Jarnario McClurge, Millard Horizon High School
Second place:  Keigon Bruneteau, Millard Horizon High School
Third place:   Megan Petr, Adams Central High School

**Customer Service**
First place:    Samantha Granstrom, Adams Central High School
Second place:  Cadrien Livingston, Nebraska Unified Clearwater-Orchard
Third place:   Moriah Heerten, Keya Paha High School

**Diesel Equipment Technology**
First place:    Phillip Hammer, North Platte High School
Second place:  Josh Mernitt, Louisville High School
Third place:   Kyle Junker, Papillion-La Vista South High School

**Diesel Equipment Technology, C/T**
First place:    Kyle Meininger, Central Community College, Hastings
Second place:  Colten Long, Central Community College, Hastings
Third place:   Matt Kreber, Central Community College, Hastings

**Digital Cinema Production**
First place:    Career Center – Omaha, Team #4
Second place:  Career Center – Omaha, Team #1
Third place:   Career Center – Omaha, Team #2

**Digital Cinema Production, C/T**
First place:    Metropolitan Community College Team #500
Second place:  Metropolitan Community College Team #501

**Early Childhood Education**
First place:    Marcus Manley, Louisville High School
Second place:  Josie Sjogren, Louisville High School
Third place:   Jacquelin Sweet, Papillion-La Vista High School

**Early Childhood Education, C/T**
First place:    Kimberly Keane, Metropolitan Community College

**Electrical Construction Wiring**
First place:    Dan Riha, Gretna High School
Second place:  Matthew Schneider, Hastings High School
Third place:   Dylan Hansen, York High School

**Electrical Construction Wiring C/T**
First place:    Charles Fritz III, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha
Second place: Joshua Critel, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha  
Third place: Joseph Stephany, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

**Electronics Technology**  
First place: Dylan Eisenmann, Madison High School  
Second place: William Strong, Madison High School  
Third place: Brandon Maley, Hastings High School

**Engineering Technology/Design**  
First place: Millard West High School, Team #2  
Second place: Millard West High School, Team #1  
Third place: Platteview High School

**Extemporaneous Speaking**  
First place: Cale Miller, Seward High School  
Second place: Josh Brumm, Seward High School  
Third place: Victoria Korth, Adams Central High School

**Firefighting**  
First place: Blake Carlsen, Bennington High School  
Second place: Thomas Kayton, Seward High School  
Third place: Jacob Sloup, Seward High School

**Firefighting, C/T**  
First place: Jason Klipfel, Southeast Community College, Lincoln  
Second place: Luke Glesinger, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha  
Third place: Caleb Barney, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

**First Aid/CPR**  
First place: Taylor Hermann, Weeping Water High School  
Second place: Lexi Cooksey, Millard Horizon High School  
Third place: Alyssa Stockman, Papillion-La Vista South High School

**Health Knowledge Bowl**  
First place: Millard Horizon High School, Team #4  
Second place: Arlington High School, Team #8  
Third place: Millard Horizon High School, Team #3

**Health Occupations Professional Portfolio**  
First place: Emily Thraen, Millard Horizon High School

**HVACR**  
First place: Wyatt Werner, Platteview High School

**HVACR, C/T**  
First place: Gerald McNerney, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

**Industrial Motor Control, C/T**
First place: Ryan Mencl, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

**Job Interview**
First place: Trenton Guenther, Niobrara High School  
Second place: Abbie Scholting, Platteview High School  
Third place: Sydney Kucera, Ravenna High School

**Job Interview, C/T**
First place: Ashley Beall, Central Community College-Hastings

**Job Skill Demonstration A**
First place: Catie Theiler, Arlington High School  
Second place: Brady Wilson, Grand Island High School  
Third place: Austin Ruff, Papillion-La Vista South High School

**Job Skill Demonstration Open**
First place: Samuel Lindblad, Adams Central High School  
Second place: Kaitlyn Grothen, Adams Central High School  
Third place: Sydney Kucera, Ravenna High School

**Major Appliance, C/T**
First place: Barry Fitch, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

**Masonry**
First place: Evan Horak, Papillion-La Vista South High School  
Second place: Ethan Cradick, York High School  
Third place: Caleb Scholz, Crete High School

**Masonry, C/T**
First place: Don Shandera, Metropolitan Community College  
Second place: Joseph Godfrey, Mid-Plains Community College, North Platte

**Mechatronics**
First place: Columbus High School, Team #1  
Second place: Norris High School, Team #2

**Mechatronics, C/T**
First place: Metropolitan Community College, Omaha, Team #500

**Medical Assisting**
First place: Joshua Garner, York High School  
Second place: Victoria Korth, Adams Central High School  
Third place: Bryant Essink, Hastings High School

**Medical Math**
First place: Brady Conant, Adams Central High School  
Second place: Ryan Vocelka, Millard Horizon High School  
Third place: Brady Kershner, Adams Central High School
Medical Terminology
First place: Katryna Booth-Malnack, Millard Horizon High School
Second place: Laurel Heskett, Millard Horizon High School
Third place: Allie Kallman, Millard Horizon High School

Mobile Electronics Installation
First place: Jerrod Whittaker, Gretna High School
Second place: Colton Fickler, Louisville High School
Third place: Jake Bowen, Westside High School

Mobile Robotics Technology
First place: Papillion-La Vista South High School, Team #13
Second place: Millard West High School, Team #10
Third place: Millard West High School, Team #8

Motorcycle Technology
First place: Ben Karloff, Gretna High School
Second place: Dylan Smith, Weeping Water High School
Third Place: Anthony Barnhart, Weeping Water High School

Motorcycle Technology
First place: Dylan Ortegren, Southeast Community College-Lincoln
Second place: Wyatt Lara, Southeast Community College-Lincoln
Third place: Kevin Crull, Southeast Community College-Lincoln

National T-Shirt Design
First place: Cale Miller, Seward High School
Second place: Aaron Blersch, Seward High School
Third place: Michael Benscoter, Thedford High School

Nurse Assisting
First place: Cori Hughes, Millard Horizon High School
Second place: Madison Harpenau, Millard Horizon High School
Third place: Diana Chavez, Hastings High School

Nurse Assisting, C/T
First place: Ashley Beall, Central Community College-Hastings

Opening & Closing Ceremonies
First place: North Platte High School, Team #3
Second place: Louisville High School, Team #2
Third place: Seward High School, Team #1

Outstanding Chapter
First place: Sterling High School

Photography
First place: Raven Adler, Adams Central High School
Second place: Katherine Edie, Ft. Calhoun High School
Third place: Mattie Sawle, Keya Paha County High School

Plumbing
First place: Carston Staehr, York High School
Second place: Cody Grubb, Fremont High School
Third place: Christian Weeks, Papillion-La Vista South High School

Power Equipment Technology
First place: Kyle Moore, Gretna High School
Second place: Reann Schreiner, Gretna High School
Third place: Jared Herman, Fairbury High School

Precision Machining Technology
First place: Corey King, Hastings High School
Second place: Seth York, Millard South High School
Third place: Edgar Rodriguez, Grand Island High School

Precision Machining Tech, C/T
First place: Cameron Haecker, Southeast Community College-Milford
Second place: Eric Fraka, Southeast Community College-Milford
Third place: Dalton Petty, Southeast Community College-Milford

Prepared Speech
First place: Megan Ruyan, Seward High School
Second place: Kim Huynh, Lincoln North Star High School
Third place: Kayleah Moravec, Seward High School

Prepared Speech, C/T
First place: Jammie Snyder, Metropolitan Community College

Promotional Bulletin Board
First place: Papillion-La Vista South High School, Team #4
Second place: Keya Paha County High School, Team #3
Third place: Louisville High School, Team #2

Quiz Bowl
First place: Seward High School, Team #1
Second place: Adams Central High School, Team #14
Third place: Norris High School, Team #16

Related Technical Math
First place: Matthew Rohman, Norris High School
Second place: Bo Wullenwaber, Bennington High School
Third place: Jason Rezac, Sutherland High School

Related Technical Math, C/T
First place: Jamie Policky, Wayne State College

**Restaurant Service**
First place: Jacob Meeske, Weeping Water High School
Second place: Katie Zeluf, Louisville High School
Third place: Marah Hestermann, Sterling High School

**Sheet Metal, C/T**
First place: Todd Koehly, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha
Second place: Bill Coleman, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

**Team Works**
First place: Grand Island High School, Team #4
Second place: Omaha Burke High School, Team #5
Third place: Sidney High School, Team #3

**Team Works, C/T**
First place: Metropolitan Community College, Omaha, Team #503
Second place: Wayne State College, Team #500
Third place: Mid-Plains Community College, Team #502

**Technical Computer Application**
First place: Alexa Bruick, Seward High School

**Technical Drafting**
First place: Spencer Shield, Kearney High School
Second place: Jacob Newburn, Seward High School
Third place: Adolfo Diaz, Hastings High School

**Technical Drafting, C/T**
First place: Michael Ryle, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha
Second place: David Steward, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

**TV/Video Production**
First place: Sutherland High School, Team #10
Second place: Papillion-La Vista High School, Team #4
Third place: Sutherland High School, Team #6

**TV/Video Production, C/T**
First place: Metropolitan Community College, Omaha, Team #501
Second place: Metropolitan Community College, Omaha, Team #502

**Web Design**
First place: Hastings High School, Team #2
Second place: Seward High School, Team #1
Third place: Ravenna High School, Team #4

**Welding Champion Secondary**
First place: Bryce Byman, Millard North High School
Second place: Dillon Schultz, North Platte High School
Third place: Blake Tucker, North Platte High School

Welding Champion Postsecondary
First place: Levi Thomlison, Southeast Community College-Lincoln
Second place: Josh Baltensperger, Southeast Community College-Lincoln
Third place: Gordon Davis, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

Welding Fabrication
First place: North Platte High School, Team #4
Second place: Stapleton High School, Team #9
Third place: Sutherland High School, Team #11

Welding Fabrication, C/T
First place: Central Community College- Hastings, Team #501
Second place: Southeast Community College-Lincoln, Team #500
Third place: Southeast Community College-Lincoln, Team #503

Welding Sculpture
First place: Will Tietmeyer, York High School
Second place: Courtney Cuddeford, Adams Central High School
Third place: Devyn Glenn, Columbus High School

Welding Sculpture, C/T
First place: Rachel Von Fange, Wayne State College
Second place: Tanner Silence, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

STATE ONLY CONTESTS:

State Architectural Blueprint Reading-High School Division
First place: Abram Ehrhorn, Papillion-La Vista South High School

State Bridge Building JR
First place: Isaac Justo, Niobrara High School
Second place: Connor Schomerus, Syracuse High School
Third place: Ben Galusha, Seward High School

State Bridge Building SR
First place: Zach Heitkamp, Syracuse High School
Second place: Mitchell Stilmock, Syracuse High School
Third place: Joel Ketner, Seward High School

State Cabinetmaking
First place: Colby May, Adams Central High School
Second place: Bryce Johnson, Waverly High School
Third place: Morgan Krueger, Hastings High School
State Chapter Business Procedure
First place: Sutherland High School, Team#1

State Job Interview
First place: Samantha Redfern, York High School
Second place: Jacob Tuttle, Niobrara High School
Third place: Taron Wissing, Seward High School

State Job Skill Demonstration
First place: Austin Kneifl, Papillion-La Vista High School
Second place: Ryan Stewart, Malcolm High School
Third place: Jacob Tuttle, Niobrara High School

State Metric 500 JR
First place: Logan Plock, Cross County High School
Second place: Ryan Stewart, Malcolm High School
Third place: Josh Doppler, Waverly High School

State Metric 500 SR
First place: Troy Gibson, Keya Paha County High School
Second place: Gilbert Seck, North Platte High School
Third place: Michael Ripley, Keya Paha County High School

State Mousetrap Vehicles JR
First place: Ester Bossert, Keya Paha High School
Second place: Elena Tiefenthaler, Keya Paha High School
Third place: Nate Sandoz, Niobrara High School

State Mousetrap Vehicles SR
First place: Buck Cronk, Keya Paha High School
Second place: Kevin Udd, Keya Paha High School
Third place: Joel Ketner, Seward High School

State Opening and Closing Ceremonies
First place: Seward High School, Team#1

State Pin Design Contest
First place: Nick Schleich, Seward High School
Second place: Raeanna Hartsgrove, Lincoln North Star High School
Third place: Kaitlynn Kraft, Papillion-La Vista South High School

State Only Prepared Speech
First place: Hanna Cronk, Nebraska Unified Clearwater-Orchard
Second place: Noah Urkoski, Seward High School
Third place: Alex Kemnitz, Hastings High School

State Research & Development
First place: Papillion-La Vista High School, Team #2
Second place: Seward High School, Team #1
State T-Shirt Design
First place: Robyn Wells, Papillion-La Vista High School
Second place: Lauren Walz, Seward High School
Third place: Collin Mettenbrink, Seward High School

State Technical Team Problem Solving
First place: Sutherland High School, Team #22
Second place: Raymond Central High School, Team #31
Third place: Logan View High School, Team #24

State Technical Team Problem Solving, C/T
First place: Southeast Community College – Milford, Team #500
Second place: Central Community College-Hastings, Team #501

State Welding, GMAW
First place: Andrew Strohbehn, Millard North High School
Second place: Skieler Moody, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha
Third place: Tyler Kerr, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

State Welding, GTAW
First place: Bryce Byman, Millard North High School
Second place: Kevin Bang, Millard North High School
Third place: Dillon Schultz, North Platte High School

State Welding, OAW
First place: Dylan Siemers, North Platte High School
Second place: Lynsy Flyr, Millard North High School
Third place: Terrance Nelson, North Platte High School

State Welding, SMAW
First place: Travis Kerker, Millard North High School
Second place: Christian Marsh, Millard North High School
Third place: Blake Tucker, North Platte High School