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SkillsUSA NEBRASKA ANNOUNCES 2015 COMPETITION WINNERS

SkillsUSA Nebraska, a Nebraska Department of Education student organization, recently recognized award winners and elected new state officers during its 2015 State Leadership & Skills Conference in Omaha.

More than 1,700 people attended the conference, including 1,400 high school, college and technical students and advisors.

The 2015-2016 SkillsUSA Nebraska State Officers are:

Raven Adler – Adams Central High School
Natalie Bauermeister – Louisville High School
Alexa Bruick – Seward High School
Ryan Campbell – Louisville High School
Alex Kemnitz – Hastings Senior High School
Tyler Lauenstein – Waverly High School
Megan Runyan – Seward High School

Outstanding High School Advisor of the Year:

Brett Forsman of the Career Pathways Institute – Grand Island High School

Outstanding College/Technical (C/T) Advisor of the Year:

Don Buryanek of Wayne State College

New 2015-2016 SkillsUSA Nebraska Board of Directors members are:

Roger Campbell of Papillion-La Vista South High School
Jason Novotny of Gretna High School
Dan Zabel of Southeast Community College-Lincoln

Students participated in 90 hands on skill and leadership contests. First place winners of the national competitions qualify for the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Championships Conference, June 22 - 26, in Louisville, KY.

First, second and third place winners are:

3-D Visualization & Animation

1st Team #1 Seward High School

2nd Team #2 Seward High School

3rd Team #3 Seward High School

Action Skills

1st Zachary Summers Westside High School

2nd Jonathan Fernandez Sutherland High School

3rd Brielle Salberg Sterling High School

Action Skills, C/T

1st Adam Morales Metropolitan Community College

Additive Manufacturing

1st Team #3 Hastings High School

2nd Team #2 Hastings High School

3rd Team #1 Hastings High School

Advertising Design

1st Emma Orwen Seward High School

2nd Clara Heinicke Seward High School

3rd Rob Sinclair III Career Center Omaha

Architectural Drafting

1st Collin Mettenbrink Seward High School

2nd Quinn Brandt Omaha Burke High School

3rd Josh Weinand Papillion-La Vista South High School

Audio/Radio Production

1st Team #7 Career Center Omaha

2nd Team #6 Career Center Omaha

3rd Team #8 Career Center Omaha

Audio/Radio Production, C/T

1st Team #500 Metropolitan Community College

Automated Manufacturing Technology

1st Team #1 Seward High School

2nd Team #2 Millard West High School

Automated Manufacturing Technology, C/T

1st Team #500 Central Community College - Columbus

Automotive Refinishing Technology

1st Mike Reafleng Bellevue West High School

2nd Michael Rathman Career Center Omaha

3rd Mach Deng Career Center Omaha

Automotive Refinishing Technology, C/T

1st Stephen Rye Metropolitan Community College

2nd Christopher Cummins Metropolitan Community College

3rd David Korpua Metropolitan Community College

Automotive Service Technology

1st Westley Hoatson North Platte High School

2nd Extacy (Tess) Keevar Career Center Omaha

3rd Matt Hull Hastings High School

Automotive Service Technology, C/T

1st Jorge Mora Metropolitan Community College

2nd Patrick Topf Metropolitan Community College

3rd Andrew Laflin Metropolitan Community College

Basic Health Care Skills

1st Breanna Brewer Career Center Omaha

2nd Eric Diaz Career Center Omaha

3rd Angelika Bull Career Center Omaha

Broadcast News Production

1st Team #1 Career Center Omaha

Cabinetmaking

1st Dain Armbrust Millard North High School

2nd Connor Pudenz Papillion-La Vista South High School

3rd Kyle Kirby Millard North High School

Cabinetmaking, C/T

1st Nicholas Thompson Metropolitan Community College

Career Pathways Showcase - Manufacturing

1st Team #1 Sterling High School

Career Pathways Showcase – Health Sciences

1st Team #1 Millard Horizon High School

2nd Team #2 Millard Horizon High School

Career Pathways Showcase – Natural Resources/Agriculture/Food

1st Team #1 Sterling High School

Carpentry

1st Ricardo Gutierrez Grand Island High School

2nd Bryce Smidt Grand Island High School

3rd Mike Dworak Seward High School

Chapter Business Procedure

1st Team #2 Sutherland High School

2nd Team #1 Seward High School

3rd Team #3 Keya-Paha High School

Chapter Display

1st Team #2 Papillion-La Vista South High School

2nd Team #1 Elmwood-Murdock High School

3rd Team #3 Thedford High School

CNC Milling Specialist

1st Johnathan Hemmer Hastings High School

2nd Andy Garcia Grand Island High School

3rd Sadeth Zepeda Grand Island High School

CNC Technician

1st Corey King Hastings High School

2nd David Bober Grand Island High School

3rd Caleb Holifield Millard South High School

CNC Technician, C/T

1st Spencer Schoof Southeast Community College - Milford

2nd Shaun Welsch Southeast Community College - Milford

3rd Ezekiel Pullen Southeast Community College - Milford

CNC Turning Specialist

1st Clayton Pavelka Hastings High School

2nd Ty Dimmitt Grand Island High School

3rd Alex Wagner Grand Island High School

Collision Repair Technology

1st Jack Niemann Raymond Central High School

2nd Matthew Hobbs Louisville High School

3rd Zach Brandenburgh Raymond Central High School

Collision Repair Technology, CT

1st Nathan Clausen Metropolitan Community College

2nd Jennifer Toledo Metropolitan Community College
3rd Cazzie McLemore Metropolitan Community College

Commercial Baking

1st Taylor George Millard Horizon High School
2nd Abbigail Ulrich Millard Horizon High School
3rd Gabrelle Plummer Grand Island High School

Community Service

1st Team #5 Adams Central High School
2nd Team #1 Louisville High School
3rd Team #6 Omaha Bryan High School

Computer Programming

1st Martin Simonini Omaha North High School
2nd Timothy Joe Bennington High School

Cosmetology

1st Linh Hoang Omaha North High School
2nd Annalise Lecher Sidney High School
3rd Jessica Cardenas Omaha Bryan High School

Crime Scene Investigation

1st Team #16 Blair High School
2nd Team #9 Weeping Water Public Schools
3rd Team #18 York High School

Criminal Justice

1st Sam Kopecky Millard North High School
2nd Gabrielle Roberts Papillion-La Vista High School
3rd Caitlyn Moore Wahoo High School

Culinary Arts

1st Mitchell Chuda Millard Horizon High School
2nd Kara Ruocco Millard Horizon High School
3rd Keigon Bruneteau Millard Horizon High School

Customer Service

1st Moriah Heerten Keya-Paha High School
2nd Fernando Ruvalcaba Omaha Bryan High School
3rd Samantha Granstrom Adams Central High School

Diesel Equipment Technology

1st Brandon Slocum Metropolitan Community College
2nd Jayson DiMauro Bellevue West High School
3rd Sean Krebs Nebraska Unified Clearwater-Orchard

Diesel Equipment Technology, C/T

1st Dusty Stevens Metropolitan Community College
2nd Sam Hogberg Central Community College-Hastings
3rd Philip Hammer Central Community College-Hastings

Digital Cinema Production

1st Team #5 Career Center Omaha
2nd Team #4 Career Center Omaha
3rd Team #2 Career Center Omaha

Digital Cinema Production, C/T

1st Team #500 Metropolitan Community College

Early Childhood Education

1st Ashten Arkfeld Papillion-La Vista High School
2nd Jacqueline Sweet Papillion-La Vista High School

3rd	Erin Muntz	Louisville High School
<u>Early Childhood Education, C/T</u>		
1st	Emily Sysel	Metropolitan Community College
<u>Electrical Construction Wiring</u>		
1st	Matthew Schneider	Hastings High School
2nd	Mitchell Savine	Metropolitan Community College
3rd	Triston Clary	Fremont High School
<u>Electrical Construction Wiring, C/T</u>		
1st	Dan Riha	Metropolitan Community College
2nd	Brent Jackson	Metropolitan Community College
3rd	John Hartman	Metropolitan Community College
<u>Electronics Technology</u>		
1st	Jerika Rosales	Madison High School
2nd	Jake Cleveland	Omaha North High School
3rd	William Strong	Madison High School
<u>Electronics Technology, C/T</u>		
1st	Roy Canterbury	Metropolitan Community College
<u>Engineering Technology</u>		
1st	Team #2	Kearney High School
2nd	Team #1	Papillion-La Vista South High School
3rd	Team #3	Platteview High School
<u>Extemporaneous Speaking</u>		
1st	Josh Brumm	Seward High School
2nd	Will Castner	Sidney High School
3rd	Alexa Bruick	Seward High School
<u>Fire Fighting</u>		
1st	Sabrina Luttig	Arlington High School
2nd	Jacob Sloup	Seward High School
3rd	Steven LaPointe	Niobrara Secondary School
<u>Firefighting, C/T</u>		
1st	Luke Glesinger	Metropolitan Community College
2nd	Kevin Curry	Southeast Community College-Lincoln
3rd	Taylor Morrow	Southeast Community College-Lincoln
<u>First Aid/CPR</u>		
1st	Taylor Malsam	Millard Horizon High School
2nd	Connor Grossoehme	Career Center Omaha
3rd	Madison Harcrow	York High School
<u>Health Knowledge Bowl</u>		
1st	Team #4	Millard Horizon High School
2nd	Team #5	Millard Horizon High School
3rd	Team #6	Millard Horizon High School
<u>Health Occupations Professional Portfolio</u>		
1st	Dylan Dingbaum	Millard Horizon High School
<u>HVACR</u>		
1st	Nick Babcock	Louisville High School
<u>HVACR, C/T</u>		
1st	Clayton Craft	Northeast Community College-Norfolk
<u>Industrial Motor Control, C/T</u>		
1st	Timothy A. Martin	Metropolitan Community College
<u>Information Technology Services</u>		

1st Josh Sherman Seward High School

2nd Christopher Galusha Seward High School

3rd Riley Pollock Seward High School

Internetworking

1st Andrew Peterson Papillion-La Vista South High School

Job Interview Finals

1st Paige Cradick York High School

2nd Jacqueline Sweet Papillion-La Vista High School

3rd Aiden Williams Millard Horizon High School

Job Skill Demonstration A

1st Alisha Fisher Sterling High School

2nd Catie Theiler Arlington High School

3rd Austin Ruff Papillion-La Vista South High School

Job Skill Demonstration Open

1st Joe Kurtz Papillion-La Vista South High School

2nd Mandy Hoskinson Millard Horizon High School

3rd Bryce Kenney Seward High School

Masonry

1st Evan Horak Papillion-La Vista South High School

2nd Trenton Gabriel Cross County Community Schools

3rd Luis Sanchez Grand Island High School

Mechatronics

1st Team #2 Columbus High School

2nd Team #1 Norris High School

Mechatronics, C/T

1st Team #500 Metropolitan Community College

2nd Team #501 Metropolitan Community College

Medical Assisting

1st Montana Hill Seward High School

2nd Joshua Garner York High School

3rd Kyleigh Aldrich Seward High School

Medical Math

1st Evan Mettenbrink Seward High School

2nd Henry Wise Millard Horizon High School

3rd Emily Bremers Millard Horizon High School

Medical Terminology

1st Grace Taylor Millard Horizon High School

2nd Laurel Heskett Millard Horizon High School

3rd Kaley Marcinski Millard Horizon High School

Mobile Electronics Installation

1st Drew Spangler Louisville High School

Mobile Robotics Technology

1st Team #4 Millard West High School

2nd Team #2 Seward High School

3rd Team #5 Millard West High School

Motorcycle Service Technology

1st Austin Henry Gretna High School

2nd Jake Flowers Career Center Omaha

3rd Corey Blum Career Center Omaha

Motorcycle Service Technology, C/T

1st	John Shaw	Southeast Community College-Lincoln
2nd	Lane Brammer	Southeast Community College-Lincoln
3rd	Eddie Zepeda	Southeast Community College-Lincoln

National T-Shirt Design

1st	Morgan Davis	Papillion-La Vista South High School
2nd	Bryson Schluckebier	Seward High School
3rd	Vincent Hunter	Papillion-La Vista High School

Nurse Assisting

1st	Katie Fichter	Millard Horizon High School
2nd	Brina Babko	Millard Horizon High School
3rd	Tyler Miller	Sidney High School

Opening & Closing Ceremonies

1st	Team #4	North Platte High School
2nd	Team #2	Louisville High School
3rd	Team #1	Seward High School

Outstanding Chapter

1st	Team #1	Norris High School
2nd	Team #2	Sterling High School

Photography

1st	Dylan Clarke	Papillion-La Vista South High School
2nd	Emily Downs	Louisville High School
3rd	Anna Sommer	Career Center Omaha

Photography, C/T

1st	Taylor Vencil	Metropolitan Community College
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Plumbing

1st	Christian Weeks	Papillion-La Vista South High School
2nd	Jake Roberts	Malcolm High School
3rd	Kalem Holling	Adams Central High School

Power Equipment Technology

1st	Jared Herman	Fairbury High School
2nd	Kyle Moore	Gretna High School
3rd	Andrew Dible	Sidney High School

Prepared Speech

1st	Montana Hill	Seward High School
2nd	Megan Ruyan	Seward High School
3rd	Hanna Cronk	Nebraska Unified Clearwater-Orchard

Promotional Bulletin Board

1st	Team #2	Papillion-La Vista South High School
2nd	Team #1	Seward High School
3rd	Team #3	Papillion-La Vista High School

Quiz Bowl

1st	Team #14	Papillion-La Vista High School
2nd	Team #2	Seward High School
3rd	Team #19	Platteview High School

Related Technical Math

1st	Bo Wullenwaber	Bennington High School
2nd	Justin Engberg	Adams Central High School
3rd	Kevin Udd	Keya-Paha High School

Related Technical Math, C/T

1st	David Miller	Metropolitan Community College
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Restaurant Service

1st	Jacob Meeske	Weeping Water Public Schools
2nd	Charlie Brockhaus	Sidney High School
3rd	Michel Crisante	Sterling High School

Sheet Metal

1st	Daniel Levy	Millard North High School
2nd	Jared Irvine	Millard North High School
3rd	Seth Ring	Millard North High School

Team Works

1st	Team #1	Grand Island High School
2nd	Team #3	Crofton High School
3rd	Team #7	Career Center Omaha

Team Works, C/T

1st	Team #501	Metropolitan Community College
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Technical Computer Application

1st	Buck Cronk	Keya-Paha High School
2nd	Peter Nguyen	Papillion-La Vista South High School
3rd	Alexa Bruick	Seward High School

Technical Drafting

1st	Alex Kemnitz	Hastings High School
2nd	Annie Davis	Hastings High School
3rd	Brandon Maley	Hastings High School

Technical Drafting, C/T

1st	Michael Sutherland	Metropolitan Community College
2nd	Taylor Brandt	Central Community College -Hastings
3rd	Ian Eastman	Metropolitan Community College

TV\Video Production

1st	Team #8	Career Center Omaha
2nd	Team #5	Papillion-La Vista High School
3rd	Team #2	Sutherland High School

TV/Video Production, C/T

1st	Team #500	Metropolitan Community College
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Web Design

1st	Team #2	Ravenna High School
2nd	Team #1	Waverly High School

Welding, Finals

1st	Tyler Beaty	Metropolitan Community College
2nd	Tyler Kerr	Metropolitan Community College
3rd	Rees Schmidt	Millard North High School

Welding, C/T

1st	Levi Thomlison	Southeast Community College-Lincoln
2nd	Brant Stewart	Southeast Community College-Lincoln
3rd	Coby Gibilisco	Southeast Community College-Lincoln

Welding Fabrication

1st	Team #6	Fremont High School
2nd	Team #10	North Platte High School
3rd	Team #12	South Sioux City High School

Welding Fabrication, C/T

1st	Team #503	Metropolitan Community College
2nd	Team #501	Southeast Community College-Lincoln

3rd Team #500 Southeast Community College-Lincoln

Welding Sculpture

1st Elizabeth Furchert Westside High School
2nd Devyn Glenn Columbus High School
3rd Alexis Hopkins Adams Central High School

Welding Sculpture, C/T

1st Courtney Cuddeford Southeast Community College-Lincoln
2nd Porsche Johnson Southeast Community College-Lincoln
3rd Silence Tanner Metropolitan Community College

STATE ONLY CONTESTS:

State Architectural Blueprint Reading-High School Division

1st Jake Bressman Bennington High School
2nd Derek Fisher Ravenna High School
3rd Nate Trindle Hastings High School

State Bridge Building Junior Division

1st Christopher Galusha Seward High School
2nd Austin Jensen Syracuse High School
3rd Ethan Wallman Syracuse High School

State Bridge Building Senior Division

1st Benjamin Galusha Seward High School
2nd Nick Nelson Raymond Central High School
3rd Peyton Owens Seward High School

State Cabinetmaking

1st Chaz Gaines Hastings High School
2nd Garrett Byerly Grand Island Northwest High School
3rd Dylan Eisenmann Madison High School

State Chapter Business Procedure

1st Team #1 Niobrara Secondary School

State Extemporaneous Speaking

1st Tirey Bearup Seward High School
2nd Megan Dworak Seward High School
3rd Dylan Clarke Papillion-La Vista South High School

State Job Interview

1st Genevieve Tonniges York High School
2nd Zac Urkoski Seward High School
3rd Haleigh MacDonald Waverly High School

State Job Skill Demonstration

1st Tyler Lauenstein Waverly High School
2nd Ryan Stewart Malcolm High School
3rd Gregory Flack Malcolm High School

State Metric 500 Junior Division

1st Ryan Campbell Louisville High School
2nd Ty Palmer Keya-Paha High School
3rd Tristan Lindsey Syracuse High School

State Metric 500 Senior Division

1st Troy Gibson Keya-Paha High School
2nd Justin Palmer Keya-Paha High School
3rd Micheal Ripley Keya-Paha High School

State Mousetrap Vehicles Junior Division

1st	Christopher Galusha	Seward High School
2nd	Dakota Crosley	Niobrara Secondary School
3rd	Casey Kopf	Elmwood-Murdock High School

State Mousetrap Vehicles Senior Division

1st	Ethan Munger	Keya-Paha High School
2nd	Lane Larsen	Keya-Paha High School
3rd	Dylan Petersen	North Platte High School

State Opening and Closing Ceremonies

1st	Team #1	Seward High School
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State Pin Design Contest

1st	Kaycee Vigoren	Keya-Paha High School
2nd	Collin Mettenbrink	Seward High School
3rd	Kirk Thomas	Seward High School

State Precision Machining Technology

1st	Dustin Sommer	Metropolitan Community College
2nd	Miguel Hernandez	Grand Island High School
3rd	Colton Hoerath	Fremont High School

State Precision Machining Technology, C/T

1st	Seth York	Southeast Community College-Milford
2nd	Bjorn Pedersen	Southeast Community College-Milford
3rd	Joseph Bartels	Southeast Community College-Milford

State Prepared Speech

1st	Greta Hughes	Seward High School
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State Research & Development

1st	Team #1	Seward High School
2nd	Team #2	Seward High School
3rd	Team #3	Papillion-La Vista South High School

State T- Shirt Design

1st	Madison Fitzgibbons	Papillion-La Vista High School
2nd	Clara Heinicke	Seward High School
3rd	Noah Urkoski	Seward High School

State Technical Team Problem Solving

1st	Team #10	Keya-Paha High School
2nd	Team #8	Ft. Calhoun High School
3rd	Team #2	Seward High School

State Technical Team Problem Solving, C/T

1st	Team #500	Southeast Community College-Milford
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State Welding, GMAW

1st	Skieler Moody	Metropolitan Community College
2nd	Tyler Jurek	Metropolitan Community College
3rd	Selvin Caseres	Grand Island High School

State Welding, GTAW

1st	Tyler Beaty	Metropolitan Community College
2nd	Rees Schmidt	Millard North High School
3rd	Johnny Seery	North Platte High School

State Welding, OAW

1st	Christopher Pokorny	Metropolitan Community College
2nd	Ryan Rookstool	North Platte High School
3rd	Tyler Kerr	Metropolitan Community College

State Welding, SMAW

1st	Casey Cuttler	Metropolitan Community College
2nd	Jose Tecla	Lexington High School
3rd	Ryan Weatherly	North Platte High School