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SkillsUSA NEBRASKA ANNOUNCES 2016 COMPETITION WINNERS

SkillsUSA Nebraska, a Nebraska Department of Education career student organization, recently recognized award winners and elected new state officers during its 2016 State Leadership & Skills Conference in Omaha.

More than 1,800 people attended the conference, including nearly 1,600 high school, college and technical students and advisors.

The 2016-2017 SkillsUSA Nebraska State Officers are:

Natalie Bauermeister – Louisville High School
Ryan Campbell – Louisville High School
Kalee Jepsen – Thedford High School
Tyler Lauenstein – Waverly High School
Evan Mettenbrink – Seward High School
Peter Nguyen – Papillion-La Vista South High School
Kaylin White – Career Center

Outstanding High School Advisor of the Year:

Diane Livingston of North Platte High School

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

Dan Zabel of Southeast Community College - Lincoln

New 2016-2017 SkillsUSA Nebraska Board of Directors members are:

Leon Finecy of Central Community College - Columbus
Edward Mills of Blair High School
Kent Speer of Millard Horizon High School

Students participated in more than 100 hands-on skill and leadership contests. First place winners of the national competitions qualify for the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Championships Conference, June 20 - 24, in Louisville, Kentucky.

First, second and third place winners are:

3-D Visualization & Animation

1st	Team #1	Seward High School
2nd	Team #3	Seward High School
3rd	Team #2	Seward High School

Action Skills

1st	Chris Roth	Axtell High School
2nd	Brielle Salberg	Sterling High School

Action Skills, C/T

1st	Adam Morales	Metropolitan Community College
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Additive Manufacturing

1st	<u>Team #3</u>	Gretna High School
2nd	<u>Team #5</u>	Hastings High School
3rd	<u>Team #4</u>	Papillion-La Vista South High School

Additive Manufacturing, C/T

1st	<u>Team #500</u>	Southeast Community College-Milford
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Advertising Design

1st	Clara Heinicke	Seward High School
2nd	Emma Orwen	Seward High School
3rd	Brayden Keepers	York High School

Advertising Design, C/T

1st	Chloe Russell	Metropolitan Community College
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Architectural Drafting

1st	Vinnie Hunter	Papillion-La Vista High School
2nd	Annie Davis	Hastings High School
3rd	Morgan Davis	Papillion-La Vista South High School

Audio/Radio Production

1st	<u>Team #2</u>	Omaha Public Schools Career Center
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Audio/Radio Production, C/T

1st	<u>Team #501</u>	Metropolitan Community College
2nd	<u>Team #500</u>	Metropolitan Community College
3rd	<u>Team #502</u>	Metropolitan Community College

Automated Manufacturing Technology

1st	<u>Team #201</u>	Millard West High School
2nd	<u>Team #200</u>	Seward High School
3rd	<u>Team #203</u>	Columbus High School

Automotive Refinishing Technology

1st	Mach Deng	Omaha Public Schools Career Center
2nd	Leria Faulkner	Omaha Public Schools Career Center
3rd	Michael Wetterlund	Bellevue East High School

Automotive Refinishing Technology, C/T

1st	Carlos Arellano	Metropolitan Community College
2nd	Jaymes Nownes	Metropolitan Community College

Automotive Service Technology

1st	Blake Casper	Lexington High School
2nd	Caleb Douglass	North Platte High School
3rd	Joseph Thiem	North Platte High School

Automotive Service Technology, C/T

1st	Jorge Mora	Metropolitan Community College
2nd	Cole Kaplan	Metropolitan Community College
3rd	Christopher Manhart	Metropolitan Community College

Basic Health Care Skills

1st	Tiare Buller	Omaha Public Schools Career Center
2nd	Paige Wilson	Millard Horizon High School
3rd	Olivia Christensen	Omaha Public Schools Career Center

Broadcast News Production

1st	<u>Team #1</u>	Omaha Public Schools Career Center
2nd	<u>Team #2</u>	Omaha Public Schools Career Center
<u>Cabinetmaking</u>		
1st	Kyle Kirby	Millard North High School
2nd	Garrett Byerly	Grand Island Northwest High School
3rd	Luke Ottens	Millard South High School
<u>Cabinetmaking, C/T</u>		
1st	Brice Montgomery	Wayne State College
<u>Career Pathways Showcase – Health Sciences</u>		
1st	<u>Team #1</u>	Millard Horizon High School
<u>Career Pathways Showcase – Human Sciences</u>		
1st	<u>Team #1</u>	Fremont High School
<u>Career Pathways Showcase: Natural Resources/Agriculture/Food</u>		
1st	<u>Team #1</u>	Sterling High School
<u>Carpentry</u>		
1st	Mike Dworak	Seward High School
2nd	Jeffrey Katz	Louisville High School
3rd	Jonathan Raber	Career Pathways Institute, Grand Island
<u>Chapter Business Procedure</u>		
1st	<u>Team #4</u>	Raymond Central High School
2nd	<u>Team #3</u>	Sutherland High School
3rd	<u>Team #2</u>	Adams Central High School
<u>Chapter Display</u>		
1st	<u>Team #3</u>	Papillion-La Vista South High School
2nd	<u>Team #11</u>	Elmwood-Murdock High School
3rd	<u>Team #8</u>	Papillion-La Vista High School
<u>CNC Milling Specialist</u>		
1st	David Dever Jr	Career Pathways Institute, Grand Island
2nd	Miguel Hernandez	Career Pathways Institute, Grand Island
3rd	Joshua Fred	Career Pathways Institute, Grand Island
<u>CNC Milling Specialist, C/T</u>		
1st	Frederick Ronfeldt	Metropolitan Community College
<u>CNC Technician</u>		
1st	Alex Wagner	Career Pathways Institute, Grand Island
2nd	Clayton Pavelka	Hastings High School
<u>CNC Technician, C/T</u>		
1st	Lyle Nicholson	Southeast Community College-Milford
2nd	Craig Spilker	Southeast Community College-Milford
<u>CNC Turning Specialist</u>		
1st	Andrew Kemnitz	Hastings High School
2nd	Domitri Criswell	Career Pathways Institute, Grand Island
3rd	Michael Curran	Career Pathways Institute, Grand Island
<u>Collision Repair Technology</u>		
1st	Brandon Lewis	Metropolitan Community College
2nd	Matthew Dyas	Metropolitan Community College
3rd	Duncan Howard	Bellevue West High School
<u>Collision Repair Technology, C/T</u>		
1st	Timothy Lind	Metropolitan Community College
2nd	Tristan Carlson	Metropolitan Community College
<u>Commercial Baking</u>		
1st	Evan Jackson	Millard Horizon High School
2nd	Harleyann Baker	Millard Horizon High School
3rd	Kara Ruocco	Millard Horizon High School
<u>Community Service</u>		
1st	<u>Team #2</u>	Louisville High School
2nd	<u>Team #1</u>	Adams Central High School
3rd	<u>Team #4</u>	Omaha Bryan High School

Computer Programming

1st	Matthew Meacham	Millard North High School
2nd	Martin Simonini	Omaha North High Magnet School
3rd	Cole Vaske	Omaha North High Magnet School

Cosmetology

1st	Annalise Lecher	Sidney High School
2nd	Maggie Morris	Sutherland High School
3rd	Maddison Porter	Sidney High School

Crime Scene Investigation

1st	<u>Team #14</u>	Weeping Water
2nd	<u>Team #16</u>	Blair High School
3rd	<u>Team #15</u>	Blair High School

Criminal Justice

1st	Dylan Wilson	Omaha Bryan High School
2nd	Caitlyn Moore	Wahoo High School
3rd	Gabrielle Roberts	Papillion-La Vista High School

Culinary Arts

1st	Ryley Schuerman	Southeast Community College- The Career Academy
2nd	Moses Sorilla	Southeast Community College- The Career Academy
3rd	Megan Petr	Adams Central High School

Culinary Arts, C/T

1st	Jayde Behlke	Central Community College-Hastings
2nd	Lauren Block	Central Community College-Hastings

Customer Service

1st	Tyler Jacobson	Malcolm High School
2nd	Emma Akers	Sterling High School
3rd	Fernando Ruvalcaba	Omaha Bryan High School

Diesel Equipment Technology

1st	Ryan Sweeney	Metropolitan Community College
2nd	Dylan Tomsu	Metropolitan Community College
3rd	Sean Krebs	Clearwater Orchard High School

Diesel Equipment Technology, C/T

1st	Ian Folkers	Northeast Community College-Norfolk
2nd	James Cantrell	Southeast Community College-Milford
3rd	Philip Hammer	Central Community College-Hastings

Digital Cinema Production

1st	<u>Team #9</u>	Omaha Public Schools Career Center
2nd	<u>Team #8</u>	Omaha Public Schools Career Center
3rd	<u>Team #6</u>	Omaha Public Schools Career Center

Digital Cinema Production, C/T

1st	<u>Team #500</u>	Metropolitan Community College
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Drone Technology

1st	<u>Team #11</u>	Hastings High School
2nd	<u>Team #12</u>	Papillion-La Vista High School
3rd	<u>Team #10</u>	South Sioux City High School

Early Childhood Education

1st	Emily Dahlgren	Papillion-La Vista South High School
2nd	Gracie Davis	Papillion-La Vista South High School
3rd	Jackie Sweet	Papillion-La Vista High School

Early Childhood Education, C/T

1st	Darci Samuelson	Central Community College-Hastings
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Electrical Construction Wiring

1st	Tyler Sorensen	Metropolitan Community College
2nd	Noah Kohl	Fremont High School
3rd	Austin Pitts	Malcolm High School

Electrical Construction Wiring, C/T

1st	Dan Riha	Metropolitan Community College
2nd	Ryan Huss	Metropolitan Community College
3rd	Morgan Krueger	Central Community College-Hastings

Electronics Technology

1st	Devin Sikes	York High School
2nd	Jake Cleveland	Omaha North High Magnet School
3rd	Isaac Askey	Hastings High School

Engineering Technology

1st	<u>Team #1</u>	Papillion-La Vista South High School
2nd	<u>Team #2</u>	Lincoln Southwest High School

Extemporaneous Speaking

1st	Alexa Bruick	Seward High School
2nd	Cade Wolcott	Louisville High School
3rd	Dominic Naughtin	Sutherland High School

Fire Fighting

1st	Antonio Soto	Clearwater Orchard High School
2nd	Colton McCoy	Bennington High School
3rd	Timothy Thies	Hastings High School

Firefighting, C/T

1st	Austin Raue	Southeast Community College
2nd	John Zukaitis	Southeast Community College
3rd	Matthew Kallhoff	Southeast Community College

First Aid/CPR

1st	Madison Harcrow	York High School
2nd	Sara Randolph	Millard Horizon High School
3rd	Rachel Packwood	Millard Horizon High School

Health Knowledge Bowl

1st	<u>Team #8</u>	Millard Horizon High School
2nd	<u>Team #7</u>	Millard Horizon High School
3rd	<u>Team #15</u>	Grand Island Northwest High School

Health Occupations Professional Portfolio

1st	Kaley Marcinski	Millard Horizon High School
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HVACR, C/T

1st	James Buresh	Northeast Community College-Norfolk
2nd	Marcus Holmberg	Northeast Community College-Norfolk

Industrial Motor Control, C/T

1st	Mike Boeding	Central Community College-Columbus
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Information Technology Services

1st	Chris Galusha	Seward High School
2nd	Mason Bowser	Papillion-La Vista South High School
3rd	Walker Dick	Thayer Central High School

Internetworking

1st	Ehser Moo	Lincoln High School
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Internetworking, C/T

1st	Clint Jurgens	Northeast Community College-Norfolk
2nd	Jordan Zach	Northeast Community College-Norfolk
3rd	Tony Elder	Northeast Community College-Norfolk

Job Interview Finals

1st	Jackie Sweet	Papillion-La Vista High School
2nd	Gabrielle Roberts	Papillion-La Vista High School
3rd	Derrick Hall	Norris High School

Job Skill Demonstration A

1st	Abdulaali Abdulaali	Southeast Community College-The Career Academy
2nd	Sydney Goracke	Sterling High School
3rd	Elijah Hackbart	Seward High School

Job Skill Demonstration Open

1st	Ryan Campbell	Louisville High School
2nd	Grace Sinsel	York High School
3rd	Lauren Kaliff	York High School
<u>Masonry</u>		
1st	Danny Acosta	Career Pathways Institute, Grand Island
2nd	Zach McVicker	Grand Island Northwest High School
3rd	Dylan Zeleny	Gretna High School
<u>Masonry, C/T</u>		
1st	Evan Horak	Metropolitan Community College
<u>Mechatronics</u>		
1st	<u>Team #2</u>	Columbus High School
2nd	<u>Team #1</u>	Norris High School
3rd	<u>Team #3</u>	Columbus High School
<u>Mechatronics, C/T</u>		
1st	<u>Team #501</u>	Metropolitan Community College
2nd	<u>Team #500</u>	Metropolitan Community College
<u>Medical Assisting</u>		
1st	Montana Hill	Seward High School
2nd	Rafael Gomez	Omaha North High Magnet School
<u>Medical Math</u>		
1st	Emily Bremers	Millard Horizon High School
2nd	Logan Uhlir	Sidney High School
3rd	Evan Mettenbrink	Seward High School
<u>Medical Terminology</u>		
1st	Helen Hitz	Millard Horizon High School
2nd	Grace Taylor	Millard Horizon High School
3rd	Anna Swain	Millard Horizon High School
<u>Mobile Electronics Installation</u>		
1st	Adam Hill	North Platte High School
2nd	Garret Beard	Hastings High School
3rd	Wyatt Lambries	Bellevue West High School
<u>Mobile Robotics Technology</u>		
1st	<u>Team #7</u>	Lincoln North Star High School
2nd	<u>Team #19</u>	Kearney High School
3rd	<u>Team #1</u>	Seward High School
<u>Motorcycle Service Technology</u>		
1st	Jake Flowers	Omaha Public Schools Career Center
2nd	Zach Miller	Gretna High School
3rd	Dan Andersen	Gretna High School
<u>Motorcycle Service Technology, C/T</u>		
1st	Collin Post	Southeast Community College
2nd	Scott Guderjan	Southeast Community College
<u>Nurse Assisting</u>		
1st	Alaina Peterson	Papillion-La Vista South High School
2nd	Maria McDougall	York High School
3rd	Bethany Howard	Millard Horizon High School
<u>Opening & Closing Ceremonies</u>		
1st	<u>Team #2</u>	North Platte High School
2nd	<u>Team #3</u>	Louisville High School
3rd	<u>Team #1</u>	Seward High School
<u>Outstanding Chapter</u>		
1st	<u>Team #1</u>	Sterling High School
<u>Photography</u>		
1st	Allison Woods	York High School
2nd	Teagan Gaul	Papillion-La Vista South High School
3rd	Alondra Trans-Class	Omaha Public Schools Career Center
<u>Photography, C/T</u>		
1st	Taylor Vencil	Metropolitan Community College

Plumbing

1st	Chandler Cannon	Gretna High School
2nd	Jim Cope	Platteview High School
3rd	Collin Staley	Gretna High School

Plumbing, C/T

1st	Jamison Baird	Wayne State College
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Power Equipment Technology

1st	Kyle Moore	Gretna High School
2nd	Christian Mazza	Malcolm High School
3rd	Dustin Weaver	Norris High School

Prepared Speech

1st	Montana Hill	Seward High School
2nd	Megan Runyan	Seward High School
3rd	Miranda Hornung	Raymond Central High School

Prepared Speech, C/T

1st	Chloe Russell	Metropolitan Community College
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Promotional Bulletin Board

1st	<u>Team #2</u>	Seward High School
2nd	<u>Team #4</u>	Papillion-La Vista South High School
3rd	<u>Team #1</u>	Sidney High School

Quiz Bowl

1st	<u>Team #1</u>	Seward High School
2nd	<u>Team #24</u>	Hastings High School
3rd	<u>Team #23</u>	Platteview High School

Related Technical Math

1st	Connor Jolley	Millard North High School
2nd	Drew Persigehl	Bennington High School
3rd	Braden McShane	Bennington High School

Restaurant Service

1st	Tyrell Russell	Ravenna High School
2nd	James Riva	Sidney High School
3rd	Danielle Beaudette	Niobrara Secondary School

Robotics: Urban Search and Rescue

1st	<u>Team #1</u>	Bancroft-Rosalie Senior High School
2nd	<u>Team #2</u>	Southeast Community College-The Career Academy
3rd	Team #5	South Sioux City High School

Sheet Metal

1st	Daniel Levy	Millard North High School
2nd	Ben Shoemaker	Millard North High School
3rd	Seth Ring	Millard North High School

Sheet Metal, C/T

1st	Chase Orender	Northeast Community College-Norfolk
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T-Shirt Design, National

1st	Clara Heinicke	Seward High School
2nd	Jacob Potratz	Seward High School
3rd	Ben Galusha	Seward High School

TeamWorks

1st	<u>Team #2</u>	Crofton High School
2nd	<u>Team #1</u>	Career Pathways Institute, Grand Island
3rd	<u>Team #4</u>	Grand Island Northwest High School

TeamWorks, C/T

1st	<u>Team #501</u>	Metropolitan Community College
2nd	<u>Team #500</u>	Wayne State College

Technical Computer Applications

1st	Alexa Bruick	Seward High School
2nd	Ben Howie	Hastings High School
3rd	Peter Nguyen	Papillion-La Vista South High School

Technical Drafting

1st	Dalton Engelbart	Malcolm High School
2nd	Alex Kemnitz	Hastings High School
3rd	Brandon Maley	Hastings High School

Technical Drafting, C/T

1st	Josh Monter	Metropolitan Community College
2nd	Guruprasad Appaji	Central Community College-Columbus

TV\Video Production

1st	<u>Team #2</u>	Papillion-La Vista High School
2nd	<u>Team #7</u>	Papillion-La Vista High School
3rd	<u>Team #3</u>	Sutherland High School

TV\Video Production, C/T

1st	<u>Team #500</u>	Metropolitan Community College
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Web Design

1st	<u>Team #5</u>	Raymond Central High School
2nd	<u>Team #2</u>	Louisville High School
3rd	<u>Team #1</u>	Seward High School

Welding, Finals

1st	Maxwell Johansson	Metropolitan Community College
2nd	Johnny Seery	North Platte High School
3rd	Tyler Beaty	Metropolitan Community College

Welding, C/T

1st	Drake McNally	Southeast Community College
2nd	Robert Hartzell	Southeast Community College
3rd	Chris Pokorny	Metropolitan Community College

Welding Fabrication

1st	<u>Team #3</u>	Fremont High School
2nd	<u>Team #9</u>	North Platte High School
3rd	<u>Team #18</u>	Lexington High School

Welding Fabrication, C/T

1st	<u>Team #502</u>	Metropolitan Community College
2nd	<u>Team #501</u>	Central Community College-Hastings
3rd	<u>Team #500</u>	Southeast Community College

Welding Sculpture

1st	Clayton Koch	Arlington High School
2nd	William Fenstermaker	Elmwood-Murdock High School
3rd	Lana Berry	Gretna High School

Welding Sculpture, C/T

1st	Dustin Baxter	Southeast Community College
2nd	Will Tietmeyer	Southeast Community College
3rd	Lizzy Cunningham	Central Community College-Columbus

MIDDLE SCHOOL CONTESTS:**Robotics: Urban Search & Rescue**

1st	<u>Team #1</u>	Beveridge Magnet Middle School
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Team Engineering Challenge

1st	<u>Team #2</u>	Anselmo-Merna Junior High School
2nd	<u>Team #1</u>	Louisville Middle School

STATE ONLY CONTESTS:**State Architectural Blueprint Reading**

1st	Derek Fisher	Ravenna High School
2nd	Cole Schumacher	Bennington High School
3rd	Jack Schumacher	Bennington High School

State Bridge Building Junior Division

1st	Logan Mueller	Syracuse High School
2nd	Taylor Nelson	Raymond Central High School
3rd	Chris Galusha	Seward High School

State Bridge Building Senior Division

1st	Ben Galusha	Seward High School
2nd	Connor Schomerus	Syracuse High School
3rd	Wyatt Shafer	Seward High School

State Cabinetmaking

1st	Chaz Gaines	Hastings High School
2nd	Logan McDonald	Norris High School
3rd	Jackson McInturf	Career Pathways Institute, Grand Island

State Extemporaneous Speaking

1st	Megan Dworak	Seward High School
2nd	Garrett Kuss	Seward High School

State Job Interview

1st	Genevieve Tonniges	York High School
2nd	Reagan Petersen	Syracuse High School
3rd	Travis Rudloff	Clearwater Orchard High School

State Job Skill Demonstration

1st	Ty Shaw	Malcolm High School
2nd	Taylor Nelson	Raymond Central High School
3rd	Beau Sackett	Malcolm High School

State Metric 500 Junior Division

1st	Dakota Crosley	Niobrara Secondary School
2nd	Adam Stoto	Scottsbluff High School
3rd	Nathan Trindle	Hastings High School

State Metric 500 Senior Division

1st	Cade Kalkowski	Niobrara Secondary School
2nd	Andrew Dible	Sidney High School
3rd	Ryan Stewart	Malcolm High School

State Mousetrap Vehicles Junior Division

1st	Chris Galusha	Seward High School
2nd	Dakota Crosley	Niobrara Secondary School
3rd	Sawyer Hornung-Scherr	Norris High School

State Mousetrap Vehicles Senior Division

1st	Logan Plock	Cross County Community School
2nd	Riley Pollock	Seward High School
3rd	Nate Sandoz	Niobrara Secondary School

State Opening and Closing Ceremonies

1st	<u>Team #1</u>	Seward High School
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State Pin Design Contest

1st	Ben Galusha	Seward High School
2nd	Angelo Wignall	Seward High School
3rd	Gracie SeEVERS	Seward High School

State Precision Machining Technology

1st	Anthony Klusaw	Metropolitan Community College
2nd	Kenyon Martis	Millard South High School
3rd	Joe McDonnell	Hastings High School

State Precision Machining Technology, C/T

1st	Darren Nutt	Southeast Community College-Milford
2nd	Tyler Gerk	Southeast Community College-Milford
3rd	Lewis Littlejohn	Southeast Community College-Milford

State Prepared Speech

1st	Anna Bohlken	Syracuse High School
2nd	Mason Bowser	Papillion-La Vista South High School

State Research & Development

1st	<u>Team #1</u>	Seward High School
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State T- Shirt Design

1st	Jason Wilhelm	Louisville High School
2nd	Bailey Quick	Blair High School
3rd	Ashley Heyen	Raymond Central High School

State Technical Team Problem Solving

1st	<u>Team #1</u>	Sidney High School
2nd	<u>Team #22</u>	Broken Bow High School
3rd	<u>Team #13</u>	Syracuse High School

State Technical Team Problem Solving, C/T

1st	<u>Team #502</u>	Southeast Community College-Milford
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State Welding, GMAW

1st	Joshua Ellingson	Gretna High School
2nd	Jacob Nuckolls	Wahoo High School
3rd	Dale Norman	Bellevue West High School

State Welding, GTAW

1st	Tyler Beaty	Metropolitan Community College
2nd	Maxwell Johansson	Metropolitan Community College
3rd	Johnny Seery	North Platte High School

State Welding, OAW

1st	Ryan Rookstool	North Platte High School
2nd	Payton Addleman	Southeast Community College-The Career Academy
3rd	Dalton Rowen-Wilken	Southeast Community College-The Career Academy

State Welding, SMAW

1st	Kyle Ninete	Millard North High School
2nd	Carlos Aguilar-Velasquez	Lexington High School
3rd	Mason States	Wahoo High School