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NEBRASKA STUDENTS ATTEND SkillsUSA NATIONAL CONFERENCE AND SKILLS COMPETITION

Two hundred and thirty students and advisors from Nebraska attended the 53rd National Leadership and Skills Conference, sponsored by SkillsUSA, June 19 - 23 in Louisville, KY. More than 6,500 students, from 52 states and territories, competed in 100 occupational and leadership skill areas. Nebraska came home with 26 medallions and 65 Skill Point Certificates, representing completion of required skill competencies in their respective competition.

SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers, and industry representatives, working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce while helping each student to excel. SkillsUSA is a national student organization that serves trade, industrial, technical, and health occupation students in high schools and college/technical schools. The career and technical student organization provides quality education experiences for students in leadership, teamwork, citizenship, and character development while building and reinforcing 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 understanding of the free enterprise system and involvement in community service activities.

Voting Delegates for Nebraska

High School – Duke Nelson of Raymond Central HS, Reesa Wilcox of Sterling HS, Megan Dworak of Seward HS

College/Technical – Peyton Schmidt of Southeast Community College-Milford and Reginald Dawson of Metropolitan Community College-Omaha

Nebraska Top Ten Award Winners

1st Place - Gold medalists

- Prepared Speech - High School Division
Miranda Hornung
Raymond Central High School, Raymond – Pat Harrington, advisor

2nd Place – Silver medalists

- Audio-Radio Production – College/Technical Division
Charles Ames and Shirocco Williams
Metropolitan Community College, Omaha – Roger Mead, advisor

3rd Place – Bronze medalists

- Mechatronics - High School Division
Joseph Massman & Jesse Osborn
Columbus High School, Columbus – Tracy Dodson, advisor
- Opening and Closing Ceremonies - High School Division
Rebecca Ady, Kelsey Epp, Josline Garcia, Abby Kring, Hallie Malsbury, Breanna Patterson, Korissa Runyan
North Platte High School, North Platte – Diane Livingston, advisor
- Related Technical Math – High School Division
Drew Persigehl
Bennington High School, Bennington – Larry Klaus, advisor
- CNC Technician – High School Division
Clayton Pavelka
Hastings High School – Matt Hurt, advisor
- Medical Math – High School Division
Evan Mettenbrink
Seward High School, Seward – Kurt Holliday, advisor
- Mobile Electronics Installation – High School Division
Garrett Beard
Hastings High School, Hastings – Matt Hurt, advisor
- Automotive Refinishing Technology – College/Technical Division
Bo Jensen
Northeast Community College, Norfolk – Dave Beaudette, advisor
- Mobile Robotic Technology – College/Technical Division
Calvin Craig & Dylan Kudera
Northeast Community College, Norfolk – Richard Chrisman, advisor

- Motorcycle Service Technology – College/Technical Division
Randy Larson
Southeast Community College, Lincoln – Terry Kuebler, advisor
- Carpentry – College/Technical Division
Matt Spawn
Wayne State College, Wayne – Greg VanderWeil, advisor
- Quiz Bowl – High School Division
Christopher Galusha, Jarod Harris, Greta Hughes, Evan Mettenbrink & Riley Pollock
Seward High School, Seward – Kurt Holliday, advisor

4th Place

- Computer Programming – High School Division
Alex Richardson
Bennington High School, Bennington – Larry Klaus, advisor
- Firefighting – College/Technical
Austin Raue
Southeast Community College, Lincoln –Greg Burroughs, advisor
- Career Pathways: Natural Resources – High School Division
Emma Lanik, Chase Stanley
The Career Academy, Lincoln – Tom Wheeldon, advisor

5th Place

- Diesel Equipment Technology – College/Technical Division
Morgan Barnes
Northeast Community College, Norfolk – Tony Milenkovich, advisor
- Robotics: Urban Search and Rescue – High School Division
Dylan Raney & Nolan Stengel
Papillion LaVista High School, Papillion – Scott Kneifl, advisor
- Additive Manufacturing – College/Technical Division
Addison Nosal & Austen Wingler
Southeast Community College, Milford – Elaine Vavra, advisor

6th Place

- Early Childhood Education – College/Technical Division
Darci Samuelson
Central Community College, Hastings – Reba Skalka, advisor

- Collision Repair Technology – College/Technical Division
Tim Lind
Metropolitan Community College, Omaha – Joe Baker, advisor
- Culinary Arts - High School Division
Billy Le
The Career Academy, Lincoln – Maybell Galusha, advisor

7th Place

- Criminal Justice – College/Technical Division
Catie Hornbacher
Central Community College, Columbus – Leon Finecy, advisor
- Job Skill Demonstration – High School Division
Ryan Campbell
Louisville High School, Louisville – Jesse Zweep, advisor
- Digital Cinema Production – College/Technical Division
Jacob Leach & Cris Robinson
Metropolitan Community College, Omaha – Bob Maass, advisor
- Photography – College/Technical Division
Erin Colson
Metropolitan Community College, Omaha – Bob Maass, advisor
- Welding Sculpture – College/Technical Division
Leah Reichwaldt
Metropolitan Community College, Omaha – Darin Owens, advisor
- Nurse Assisting – High School Division
Brooklyn Hergott
Thayer Central HS, Hebron – Louie Keim, advisor

8th Place

- Customer Service – High School Division
Fernando Ruvalcaba
Bryan High School, Omaha– Larry St.Hillaire, advisor
- Career Pathways: Industrial/Engineering – High School Division
Joey Gruber, Emily Downs & Lauren Downs
Louisville High School, Louisville – Jesse Zweep, advisor
- TeamWorks – College/Technical Division
Josh Brown, Evan Horak, Jay Muller & Christian Weeks
Metropolitan Community College, Omaha – Trevor Secora, advisor

- TV/Video Production – College Technical Division
Carlos Antario & Ulises Orozco
Metropolitan Community College, Omaha – Bob Maass, advisor

9th Place

- Engineering Technology/Design – High School Division
Joshua Bauman, Luke Jensen & Dhruv Singh
Millard North High School, Millard – Greg Dunn, advisor
- Chapter Display – High School Division
Casey Kopf, Madison Mills & Ben Spaulding
Elmwood-Murdock High School, Murdock – Don Brothers, advisor
- Team Engineering Challenge – Middle School Division
Caleb Hrabik, Jennifer Katz & Delany Middleton
Louisville Middle School, Louisville – Allison Klimek, advisor
- Plumbing – College/Technical Division
Chandler Cannon
Metropolitan Community College, Omaha – Pat Leddy, advisor
- Computer Programming – College/Technical Division
Gregory Kosmacek
Northeast Community College, Norfolk – Richard Chrisman, advisor

10th Place

- Automated Manufacturing Technology – College/Technical Division
DJ Criswell, Alexander Kemnitz & Denna Stewart
Central Community College, Hastings – Troy Davis, advisor

Complete results can be found at the SkillsUSA website.

<http://www.skillsusa.org/competitions/skillsusa-championships/results/>

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