

**NEWS RELEASE**

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**SkillsUSA NEBRASKA ANNOUNCES 2018 LEADERSHIP AND SKILLS CONFERENCE WINNERS**

SkillsUSA Nebraska, a Nebraska Department of Education career and technical student organization, recently recognized award winners and elected new state officers during its 2018 State Leadership and Skills Conference in Grand Island. Because of the success of the conference, the SkillsUSA Nebraska Board of Directors approved to extend their contract with Heartland Events Center and Fonner Park through 2027.

More than 2,300 people attended the conference, including over 1,700 high school and college students and advisors. Students participated in over 140 hands–on skill and leadership contests. The contests were developed and directed with the help of Nebraska industry, trade associations, and labor organizations, and tested competencies set by national industry standards. First-place winners from Nebraska competitions qualify for the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Championships Conference held June 19-23, in Louisville, Kentucky.

**The SkillsUSA Nebraska State Officers for 2018-19 are:**

Clayton Riley, Waverly High School

Cordell Vrbka, Seward High School

Evan Riley, Waverly High School

Jarod Harris, Seward High School

Tanner Sasse, Benson High School, Omaha

Max Yarnell, Louisville High School

Gracie Davis, Papillion–La Vista South High School

Joshua Fowler, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

Chandler Cannon, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

**Outstanding High School Advisor of the Year:**

 Larry Klaus of Bennington High School

**Outstanding College/Technical Advisor of the Year:**

Ken Jefferson of Southeast Community College, Lincoln

**Jake Duncan Leadership Award Recipient:**

Ryan Campbell of Louisville High School

**$500 SkillsUSA Nebraska Scholarship High School Recipient:**

Alexa Brenn of Arlington High School

**$500 SkillsUSA Nebraska Scholarship College Recipient:**

Tanner Knight of Northeast Community College

**SkillsUSA Week Winners:**

1st Place: Seward High School

2nd Place: Bennington High School

3rd Place: Sterling High School

**Incoming SkillsUSA Nebraska Board of Directors are:**

Aaron Jones of Waverly High School

Paul Cross of Westside High School, Omaha

Zach Pechacek of Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

**First, second and third place winners are:**

**3–D Visualization and Animation**

1st Place Team A Sam Briggs, Levi Homp Seward High School

2nd Place Team B Antonio Lopez, Kaine Johnston Seward High School

**Action Skills**

1st Place Jonathan Vargas–Soto Bryan High School, Omaha

2nd Place Maverick Brown Raymond Central School

**Additive Manufacturing**

1st Place Team E Preston S Plock, Dylan Sperling Cross County Community Schools

2nd Place Team C Gavin Quintanilla, Nickolas Quintanilla Papillion–La Vista South High School

3rd Place Team D Ethan Bowles, Abby Zachek The Career Academy, Lincoln

**Additive Manufacturing, College/Technical**

1st Place Team C Alexander Kemnitz, Adolfo Vargas Central Community College, Hastings

2nd Place Team A Rachel Holder, Lauri Johnson Southeast Community College, Lincoln

3rd Place Team B Tanner McDuffee, David Thelen Southeast Community College, Milford

**Advertising Design**

1st Place Virginia Glaser Seward High School

2nd Place Malik Brown Benson High School

3rd Place Jenna Potratz Seward High School

**Architectural Drafting**

1st Place Anne Pham Career Pathways Institute, Grand Island

2nd Place Valentin Guerrero Career Pathways Institute, Grand Island

3rd Place Abbey Juett Career Pathways Institute, Grand Island

**Architectural Drafting, College/Technical**

1st Place Marco Moreno Northeast Community College, Norfolk

2nd Place Tanner Stelling Northeast Community College, Norfolk

3rd Place Macy Olson Northeast Community College, Norfolk

**Audio/Radio Production**

1st Place Team B Eleanor Dunning, Evan Jaixen Career Center, Omaha

2nd Place Team A Thomas Bosmeniel, Nolan Whitney Seward High School

**Audio/Radio Production, College/Technical**

1st Place Team A Noah Wilcox, Landen Scheffler Northeast Community College, Norfolk

2nd Place Team B Alexandria Keen, Pat Careye Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

**Automated Manufacturing Technology**

1st Place Team C Kohlton Johnson, Fredy Navas, Sean Willard Career Pathways Institute, Grand Island

2nd Place Team D Eduardo Mendoza, Seth Lucio–Miles, Amanda Bohm Omaha North Magnet High School

3rd Place Team B Logan Garbers, Daniel A Jacinto, Yefry Pasapera Columbus High School

**Automated Manufacturing Technology, College/Technical**

1st Place Team A Denna Stewart, DJ Criswell, Johnathan Leitschuck Central Community College, Hastings

**Automotive Refinishing Technology**

1st Place Dillon Kolbo Cozad High School

2nd Place Jacob Jensen Tekamah–Herman Schools

3rd Place Ryder Wenzl Lincoln Northeast High School

**Automotive Refinishing Technology, College/Technical**

1st Place Dylan Barg Northeast Community College, Norfolk

2nd Place Brian Hedglin Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

3rd Place Jaylen Fairchild Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

**Automotive Service Technology**

1st Place Taylor Holz Broken Bow High School

2nd Place Lucas H Powles Yutan Public Schools

3rd Place Gerardo Caldera Lexington High School

**Automotive Service Technology, College/Technical**

1st Place Joseph Stellato Northeast Community College, Norfolk

2nd Place Andrew Spangler Southeast Community College, Milford

3rd Place Kale Smith Southeast Community College, Milford

**Basic Health Care Skills**

1st Place Gillian Mettenbrink Seward High School

2nd Place Shar Soe Career Center, Omaha

3rd Place Jadelyn Jarchow Thayer Central High School

**Broadcast News Production**

1st Place Team B Diondra Butler, Donnae Simmons, Thomas Leehy, Jakelin Costilla Career Center, Omaha

2nd Place Team A Emma Hansen, Jaimee Jindra, Ryan Davelaar, Gabrielle Push Omaha North Magnet High School

**Broadcast News Production, College/Technical**

1st Place Team A Dustin Van Zee, Dustin Stortzum, Kaylee Dankert, Henry Hagge Northeast Community College, Norfolk

**Cabinetmaking**

1st Place Tyler J McLaughlin Yutan Public Schools

2nd Place Matt Carlson Millard North High School

3rd Place Matt Brown Bennington High School

**Cabinetmaking, College/Technical**

1st Place Derek Summers Wayne State College

2nd Place Garrett Byerly Central Community College, Hastings

3rd Place Daniel Fullerton Wayne State College

**Carpentry**

1st Place Zachery Lagasse The Career Academy, Lincoln

2nd Place Bret Gleason Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

3rd Place Logan Nordby Hastings High School

**Carpentry, College/Technical**

1st Place Ryan Essink Wayne State College

2nd Place Matt Lewis Northeast Community College, Norfolk

3rd Place Tyrel Garner Wayne State College

**Chapter Business Procedure**

1st Place Team B Duke Nelson, Brady Nelson, Scott Tvrdy,

Jack Nelson, Taylor Nelson, Amber Heyen Raymond Central School

2nd Place Team A Jonathan Svoboda, Jax Johnson, Jory Nelson, Garrett Kuss, Brady Smith, Sam Briggs Seward High School

**Chapter Display**

1st Place Team A Anndee Jelinek, Sydney Hancock, Joshua Thomas Benson High School, Omaha

2nd Place Team B Phuc Peter Nguyen, Alexander Smith, Noah Zych Papillion–La Vista South High School

3rd Place Team C Rhiannon Painter, Morgan Rinestine Thedford Public School

**CNC Milling Specialist**

1st Place Jesus Fuentes Career Pathways Institute, Grand Island

2nd Place Ismar Ortiz Career Pathways Institute, Grand Island

3rd Place Samii Ponce–Hermandez Career Pathways Institute, Grand Island

**CNC Milling Specialist, College/Technical**

1st Place Even Peterson Southeast Community College, Milford

2nd Place Robert Brooks Southeast Community College, Milford

**CNC Technician**

1st Place Elijah Young Career Pathways Institute, Grand Island

2nd Place Braxton Schumm Hastings High School

3rd Place Luke Chamberlain Hastings High School

**CNC Technician, College/Technical**

1st Place Jack Winemiller Southeast Community College, Milford

2nd Place Johnathon Mounce Southeast Community College, Milford

**CNC Turning Specialist**

1st Place Axel Cifuentes Career Pathways Institute, Grand Island

2nd Place Cameron Edwards Hastings High School

3rd Place Zane Antillon Career Pathways Institute, Grand Island

**CNC Turning Specialist, College/Technical**

1st Place Broderick Harms Southeast Community College, Milford

2nd Place Aaron Levering Central Community College, Hastings

**Collision Repair Technology**

1st Place Cheyenne Purchase Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

2nd Place Paul Baltes Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

3rd Place Julio Roman Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

**Collision Repair Technology, College/Technical**

1st Place Kyle Ray Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

2nd Place Jacob Kaczmarek Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

3rd Place Michael Zavala–Taylor Northeast Community College, Norfolk

**Commercial Baking**

1st Place Kaila Avent Hastings High School

2nd Place Hannah Helmer Seward High School

3rd Place Makenna Rowe Papillion–La Vista South High School

**Commercial Baking, College/Technical**

1st Place Cassie Belling Southeast Community College, Lincoln

2nd Place Alexis Varndell Southeast Community College, Lincoln

3rd Place Nga Nguyen Southeast Community College, Lincoln

**Community Service**

1st Place Team E Nicole Swanson, Trey Turner, Wylie Oliver Fort Calhoun High School

2nd Place Team L Tatum Nickell, Carsen Knott, Valerie Knott Louisville High School

3rd Place Team B Sean Mclain, Lane Rainforth Papillion–La Vista South High School

**Computer Programming**

1st Place Leland Smith The Career Academy, Lincoln

2nd Place Cole Vaske Omaha North Magnet High School

3rd Place Hunter Hoscheit Broken Bow High School

**Computer Programming, College/Technical**

1st Place Patrick Kosmacek Northeast Community College, Norfolk

**Cosmetology**

1st Place Bailey Bannister Fort Calhoun High School

2nd Place Noa Jurgens Norris High School

3rd Place Kate Hoefker Fort Calhoun High School

**Career Pathways Showcase: Business, Management, & Technology**

1st Place Team A Sam M Boldt, Ben J Hier, Morgan S Haner Sterling High School

**Career Pathways Showcase: Human Services**

1st Place Team A Daniel J Schwenneker, Heidi Eckhardt,

Malayna D Wingert Sterling High School

**Career Pathways Showcase: Industrial & Engineering Technology**

1st Place Team L Carsen Knott, Jason Wilhelm, Joey Gruber Louisville High School

**Career Pathways Showcase: Natural Resources/Ag/Food**

1st Place Team A Jenifer Velazquez–Perfecto, Rieley Kowalski,

Erica Riley The Career Academy, Lincoln

**Crime Scene Investigation**

1st Place Team O Liam Odell, Andrew Steskal, Travis Rudloff Unified School District, Clearwater/Orchard

2nd Place Team P Austin Pokorny, Kirby Willats, Clay Thiele Unified School District, Clearwater/Orchard

3rd Place Team U Sarah Adam, Macy Unick, John Vacek Ravenna Senior High School

**Criminal Justice**

1st Place Jeremiah Gage Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

2nd Place Delainie Johnson Blair High School

3rd Place Sophie Rassmussen Blair High School

**Culinary Arts**

1st Place Hanna Christiansen The Career Academy, Lincoln

2nd Place Trenton Kriz The Career Academy, Lincoln

3rd Place Witney Stanley Career Center, Omaha

**Culinary Arts, College/Technical**

1st Place Kevin Carrillo Southeast Community College, Lincoln

2nd Place Hae–Sung Chu Southeast Community College, Lincoln

3rd Place Kelsey Coyle Southeast Community College, Lincoln

**Customer Service**

1st Place Amanda M Francis Bryan High School, Omaha

2nd Place Jojo Burke Plattsmouth High School

3rd Place Tim Melerski Sterling High School

**Customer Service, College/Technical**

1st Place Peyton Schmidt Southeast Community College, Milford

**Diesel Equipment Technology**

1st Place Nick Haynes Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

2nd Place Wyatt Porter Anselmo–Merna High School

3rd Place Michael Leonard Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

**Diesel Equipment Technology, College/Technical**

1st Place Ryan Callies Southeast Community College, Milford

2nd Place Spencer D Trout Wayne State College

3rd Place Jon Meis Northeast Community College, Norfolk

**Digital Cinema Production**

1st Place Team F Julian Hock–Beaty, Naomi Turner Career Center, Omaha

2nd Place Team B Effren Gonzalez–Ortega, Nicole McMorrow Career Center, Omaha

3rd Place Team A Jonathan Svoboda, Jory Nelson Seward High School

**Digital Cinema Production, College/Technical**

1st Place Team E Kara Schmoeller, Jenn Harris Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

2nd Place Team C Nick Madison, Nathan Blizzard Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

3rd Place Team B Jacob Leach, David Festner Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

**Early Childhood Education**

1st Place Gracie Davis Papillion–La Vista South High School

2nd Place Ayanna Garza Axtell High School

3rd Place Mattie Bumgarner Anselmo–Merna High School

**Electrical Construction Wiring**

1st Place Jake Riha Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

2nd Place Colton Hewgley Hershey High School

3rd Place Braulio Lopez Career Pathways Institute, Grand Island

**Electrical Construction Wiring, College/Technical**

1st Place Trevor Pecena Northeast Community College, Norfolk

2nd Place Drew Eskins Northeast Community College, Norfolk

**Engineering Technology Design**

1st Place Team C Jack Rollin, Nolan Stengel, Jacob Maguire Papillion–La Vista High School

2nd Place Team A Dhruv Singh, Luke Jensen, Josh Bauman Millard North High School

3rd Place Team F Daniel Lovitt, Cameron Luker, Max Swails Kearney High School

**Extemporaneous Speaking**

1st Place Dhruv Singh Millard North High School

2nd Place Alec Rome Career Center, Omaha

3rd Place Anna Ready Logan View Jr/Sr High School

**Firefighting**

1st Place Reggie Rafert Cross County Community Schools

2nd Place Ian Perry Omaha North Magnet High School

3rd Place Nolan Erikson Adams Central Jr./Sr. High School

**Firefighting, College/Technical**

1st Place Josh Forrest Southeast Community College, Lincoln

2nd Place Bryan Hennig Southeast Community College, Lincoln

3rd Place Justin Matthes Southeast Community College, Lincoln

**First Aid–CPR**

1st Place Baileigh Ivey York High School

2nd Place Lilly Limley Career Center, Omaha

3rd Place Morgan Mills Elmwood–Murdock High School

**Health Knowledge Bowl**

1st Place Team D Alexa Brenn, Macy Rosenthal, Maggie M Schmidt, MacKenzie Hagemeister Arlington Public Schools

2nd Place Team B Gracie Davis, Cassandra Gaul, Abigail Goss, Taelynn Grady Papillion–La Vista South High School

3rd Place Team A Alysa Biggs, Gillian Mettenbrink, Isaiah Kottich, Lena Hughes Seward High School

**Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration, College/Technical**

1st Place Tyler Kudlacek Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

2nd Place Calen Storjohn Northeast Community College, Norfolk

3rd Place Nikolay Mimitrov Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

**Industrial Motor Control, College/Technical**

1st Place Dylan Eisenmann Northeast Community College, Norfolk

2nd Place Gene Kumm Northeast Community College, Norfolk

3rd Place Michael Boeding Central Community College, Columbus

**Information Technology Services**

1st Place Ricardo Diaz Hastings High School

2nd Place Walker Dick Thayer Central High School

3rd Place Thomas Ringler Seward High School

**Information Technology Services, College/Technical**

1st Place Francisco Nuno Northeast Community College, Norfolk

**Interactive Application & Game Development**

1st Place Team A Gavin Morris, Dylan Almquist Career Pathways Institute, Grand Island

**Internetworking**

1st Place Edward Gonzalez–Olmedo Career Pathways Institute, Grand Island

2nd Place Enrique Regalado Career Pathways Institute, Grand Island

3rd Place Alexander Smith Papillion–La Vista South High School

**Internetworking, College/Technical**

1st Place Jessie Wiseman Northeast Community College, Norfolk

2nd Place Andre Bustamante Northeast Community College, Norfolk

3rd Place Kelsi Havlovic Northeast Community College, Norfolk

**Job Interview**

1st Place Lexa Rauert York High School

2nd Place Luke Jensen Millard North High School

3rd Place Jaycen Timm Logan View Jr/Sr High School

**Job Skill Demonstration A**

1st Place Chase Stanley The Career Academy, Lincoln

2nd Place Jaycen Timm Logan View Jr/Sr High School

3rd Place Fatima Ayal The Career Academy, Lincoln

**Job Skill Demonstration Open**

1st Place Spencer P Mclean Sterling High School

2nd Place Cameron J VanGroningen Sterling High School

3rd Place Elizabeth Schultz Seward High School

Masonry

1st Place Sachi Baeta The Career Academy, Lincoln

2nd Place Jack Sharp Waverly High School

3rd Place Jack Norris Fremont High School

**Masonry**

1st Place Evan Horak University of Nebraska, Lincoln

2nd Place Bryce Coble Northeast Community College, Norfolk

**Mechatronics**

1st Place Team B Dylan J Smith, Joe A Massman Columbus High School

2nd Place Team A Alec Colgan, Sam Schuster Norris High School

**Mechatronics, College/Technical**

1st Place Team A Joey Nyffeler, Robert Semon Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

**Medical Assisting**

1st Place Emily E Noyd Cross County Community Schools

2nd Place Allie Boettger Gretna High School

3rd Place Cordell Vrbka Seward High School

**Medical Math**

1st Place Sarah Altman Papillion–La Vista High School

2nd Place Ryan Wall Seward High School

3rd Place Michael Keatts Bennington High School

**Medical Terminology**

1st Place Lena Hughes Seward High School

2nd Place Alysa Biggs Seward High School

3rd Place Kelcee Bacon Bancroft–Rosalie Public School

**Mobile Electronics Installation**

1st Place David Ideus Seward High School

**Mobile Robotics Technology**

1st Place Team H Felix Nguyen, Jumyaat Versch Lincoln North Star High School

2nd Place Team B Isaac Beacom, Sher Lah Benson High School

3rd Place Team G Dalton Blaha, Ryan Gaughen North Bend Central

**Mobile Robotics Technology**

1st Place Team A Kody Salak, Kyle Lentz Northeast Community College, Norfolk

**Motorcycle Service Technology**

1st Place Hayden Sedlak Plattsmouth High School

2nd Place Jackson Plog Plattsmouth High School

3rd Place Kyle Quick Tekamah–Herman Schools

**Motorcycle Service Technology, College/Technical**

1st Place Jesse Worrell Southeast Community College, Lincoln

2nd Place Dan Andersen Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

3rd Place Josh Atanasu Southeast Community College, Lincoln

**National T–Shirt Contest**

1st Place Carson Somer Papillion–La Vista South High School

2nd Place Kathleen Sills Benson High School

3rd Place Jacob Potratz Seward High School

**Nurse Assisting**

1st Place Tori Ostrand Bancroft–Rosalie Public School

2nd Place Tyra Bonneau Bancroft–Rosalie Public School

3rd Place Sara Merritt Bancroft–Rosalie Public School

**Opening and Closing Ceremonies**

1st Place Team D Carli Fudge, Sarah Phares, Jestynne Crankshaw, Korissa Runyan, Rebecca Ady, Kainin Wilson, Hallie Malsbury North Platte High School

2nd Place Team B Macy Gebhardt, Nolan Whitney, Isaac Rolf, Cordell Vrbka, Jacobi King, Virginia Glaser,

Madalyn Lobmeyer Seward High School

3rd Place Team A Chase Prochnow, Jacob Potratz, Kayla Luebbe, Greta Hughes, David Ideus, Elijah Hackbart,

Malia Rolf Seward High School

**Photography**

1st Place Efren Herrarte Lexington High School

2nd Place Nate Rock Career Center, Omaha

3rd Place Abigail Van Velson Seward High School

**Photography, College/Technical**

1st Place Erin Colson Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

2nd Place Stcey Kleffman Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

3rd Place Marc Emanuel Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

**Plumbing**

1st Place Joshua Fowler Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

2nd Place Colin Staley Gretna High School

3rd Place Kobe Wilkins Arlington Public Schools

**Plumbing, College/Technical**

1st Place Chandler Cannon Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

2nd Place Christian Weeks Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

3rd Place Jamison Baird Wayne State College

**Power Equipment Technology**

1st Place Christian D Mazza Malcolm High School

2nd Place Nathan Schulte Gretna High School

3rd Place Norman Sefrna Lincoln High School

**Prepared Speech**

1st Place Miranda Hornung Raymond Central School

2nd Place Sarah Altman Papillion–La Vista High School

3rd Place Kenna Gottschalk Seward High School

**Promotional Bulletin Board**

1st Place Team A Megan Dworak, Gillian Mettenbrink, Greta Hughes Seward High School

2nd Place Team D Emily A Agena, Nicole Harms,

Daniel J Schwenneker Sterling High School

3rd Place Team C Allison J Nesbitt, Hannah Langley Sidney Public Schools

**Quiz Bowl**

1st Place Team A Christopher Galusha, Thomas Ringler,

Wade Slepicka, Ryan Wall, Evan Nottingham Seward High School

2nd Place Team J Isaac Miesbach, Ethan Gunderson, Evan Riley, Francis Havlovic Waverly High School

3rd Place Team M Tyler Hupp, Kirby Willats, Andrew Steskal,

Liam Odell, James Kester Unified School District, Clearwater/Orchard

**Related Technical Math**

1st Place Drew Persigehl Bennington High School

2nd Place Evan Nottingham Seward High School

3rd Place Hunter Blume Bennington High School

**Restaurant Service**

1st Place Mary Privett Wahoo High School

2nd Place Tara E Walters Sterling High School

3rd Place Madison N Smith Sterling High School

**Robotics: Urban Search & Rescue**

1st Place Team F Dylan Raney, Collin Kotz Papillion–La Vista High School

2nd Place Team K Logan Leader, Trevin Mowrey Crofton High School

3rd Place Team A Tanner Sasse, Lucas Melancon Benson High School

**Robotics: Urban Search & Rescue, College/Technical**

1st Place Team A Calvin Craig, Cody Greenwood Northeast Community College, Norfolk

**Sheet Metal**

1st Place Seth Ring Millard North High School

2nd Place Hayden Thatcher North Platte High School

**Sheet Metal, College/Technical**

1st Place Austin Zoucha Northeast Community College, Norfolk

2nd Place Jordan Soby Northeast Community College, Norfolk

**TeamWorks**

1st Place Team C Wes Matheny, Ryan Witt, Tyler Remmereid,

Aaron Wynn Bennington High School

2nd Place Team B Brandon Garza, Sean Kile, McKenzie Hall,

Nate Hopkins Norris High School

3rd Place Team A Christian Black, Aung Soe, Clayton Clapp,

Alex Frost Benson High School

**TeamWorks, College/Technical**

1st Place Team A Keenan Lienemann, Dakota Franks, Pedro Nunez, Spencer Trueman Central Community College, Hastings

**Technical Computer Applications**

1st Place Matthew Ardt Seward High School

2nd Place Ben Howie Hastings High School

3rd Place Phuc Peter Nguyen Papillion–La Vista South High School

**Technical Drafting**

1st Place CJ Jurgens Norris High School

2nd Place Zachary Mollohan Hastings High School

3rd Place Jefferson Mai Hastings High School

**Technical Drafting, College/Technical**

1st Place Adrian Acencio Central Community College, Hastings

2nd Place Craig Spilker Southeast Community College, Milford

3rd Place Devon Rupp Wayne State College

**Television Video Production**

1st Place Team G Alec Rome, Peter David Career Center, Omaha

2nd Place Team C Jelani Ladd, Kyrii Richardson Omaha North Magnet High School

3rd Place Team E Jules Diecker, Libbie DeBusk Adams Central Jr./Sr. High School

**Television Video Production, College/Technical**

1st Place Team B Jamison Denton–Carter, Ulises Orozco Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

2nd Place Team A Cris Robinson, Carlos Antonio Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

**Web Design**

1st Place Team A Christopher Galusha, Austin Dobrusky Seward High School

2nd Place Team B Nathan Miller, Landon Nelson Seward High School

**Welding**

1st Place Johnny Seery North Platte High School

2nd Place Max Bieker Fremont High School

3rd Place Gabe Krueger Fremont High School

**Welding, College/Technical**

1st Place Leah Reichwaldt Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

2nd Place Jordan Thompson Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

3rd Place Patrick Leinhardt Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

**Welding Fabrication**

1st Place Team K Louis Johnson, Peter Emanuel, Dylan Ladehoff North Bend Central

2nd Place Team F Ryan Brandt, Daniel Petersen, Ethan Meerkatz Deshler Public

3rd Place Team Q Keifer Smith, Brent Bergman, Carter Davidson North Platte High School

**Welding Fabrication, College/Technical**

1st Place Team E Andrew Lempke, Daniel Levy, Austin Points Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

2nd Place Team A Brody Baer, Kyle Huxhold, Parker Micek Southeast Community College, Lincoln

3rd Place Team D Laura Alex Matzke, Kelsey Hutchinson, Nora Cobb Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

**Welding Sculpture**

1st Place Chase Rodwell Elmwood–Murdock High School

2nd Place Megan Dworak Seward High School

3rd Place Grace Roberts Westside High School

**Welding Sculpture, College/Technical**

1st Place Will C Tietmeyer University of Nebraska, Lincoln

2nd Place Alex Callaway Southeast Community College, Lincoln

**Middle School, Job Skill Demonstration Open**

1st Place Madison Melcher Unified School District, Clearwater/Orchard

2nd Place Makayla Osienger Thedford Public School

3rd Place Cassidy Bearinger Unified School District, Clearwater/Orchard

**Middle School, Opening & Closing Ceremonies**

1st Place Team B Zoe Abramo, Audrie Lepore, Brooklyn Garlock, Grace Darling, Aspen Eckley, Brynn Brewer, Esmeraldo Perez Wahoo High School

2nd Place Team A Gunnar Shabram, Trevor Thomson, Hadley Cheatum, Savanna Ferris, Charity Eberhardt, Adrian Mejia, Levi Cronk Unified School District, Clearwater/Orchard

**Middle School, Team Engineering Challenge**

1st Place Team L Carson Downs, Harrison Klein, Reed Toelle Louisville High School

2nd Place Team B Treyton Waldmeier, Cayden Huber, Traven Virus Thayer Central High School

3rd Place Team A Joe Herrera, Garritt Kavan, Michael Robinson Wahoo High School

**State Only, Architectural Blueprint Reading**

1st Place Zach Utech Bennington High School

2nd Place Marshall D Garner Weeping Water High School

**State Only, Bridge Building JR**

1st Place Hannah Kolterman–Wagner Seward High School

2nd Place Jack Nelson Raymond Central School

3rd Place Carter Miller Thayer Central High School

**State Only, Bridge Building SR**

1st Place Christopher Galusha Seward High School

2nd Place Luke Jensen Millard North High School

3rd Place Bryan Bailey Syracuse High School

**State Only, Drone Technology Advanced**

1st Place Team C Quinn Feenstra, Dylan Hallstrom South Sioux City High School

2nd Place Team A Dalton Buxton, Joshua C Robertson Fairbury High School

3rd Place Team B Justin Mensik, Ben Dostal North Bend Central

**State Only, Drone Technology Basic**

1st Place Team I Trenton Fletcher, Tyler Hupp Unified School District, Clearwater/Orchard

2nd Place Team H Zachary Bridges, Kyler Gomez Bancroft–Rosalie Public School

3rd Place Team B Wylie Oliver Fort Calhoun High School

**State Only, Job Interview**

1st Place Macie K Whalen Sterling High School

2nd Place Ryan Gaughen North Bend Central

3rd Place Karson Paitz Ravenna Senior High School

**State Only, Job Skill Demonstration**

1st Place Karson Paitz Ravenna Senior High School

2nd Place Siraya Wiedel Thayer Central High School

3rd Place Kinzie Remmers Thayer Central High School

**State Only, Metric 500 JR**

1st Place Ken Justo Niobrara Public School

2nd Place Camden Eisenhauer Niobrara Public School

3rd Place Adam Dekay Niobrara Public School

**State Only, Metric 500 SR**

1st Place Blake L Marcoe Syracuse High School

2nd Place Bladen Nichols Broken Bow High School

3rd Place Trayvin Russell Broken Bow High School

**State Only, Mouse Trap Vehicles JR**

1st Place Kaleb Bliss Cross County Community Schools

2nd Place Garrett Erickson Seward High School

3rd Place Elizabeth Gokie Seward High School

**State Only, Mouse Trap Vehicle SR**

1st Place Jax Johnson Seward High School

2nd Place Emma Arp Elkhorn Public Schools

3rd Place Reed C Seelhoff Syracuse High School

**State Only, Opening & Closing Ceremonies**

1st Place Team D Mia Hilber–Hansmeier, Caleb Tegtemeier, Kaitlyn Connelly, Hannah Rosenof, Ethan Bokoskie, Destiny Rundquist, Emma Dowhower North Platte High School

2nd Place Team A Vilynn Decker, Abby Baack, Austin Dobrusky, Amber Gadeken, Elizabeth Schultz, Matthew Sherman, Jenna Potratz Seward High School

3rd Place Team B Carissa Gottschalk, Emma Kuss, Anna Hughes, Hannah Roebke, Samantha Hughes, Hannah Helmer, Abbey Ringler Seward High School

**State Only, Pin Contest**

1st Place Bailey Baack Seward High School

2nd Place Ryan Davelaar Omaha North Magnet High School

3rd Place Brady Hull Logan View Jr/Sr High School

**State Only, Precision Machining Technology**

1st Place Kenyon Martis Millard South High School

2nd Place Gabe Samson Millard South High School

3rd Place Justin Frey Fremont High School

**State Only, Precision Machining Technology, College/Technical**

1st Place Jacob Redinger Southeast Community College, Milford

2nd Place Max Goldberg Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

3rd Place Lane West Southeast Community College, Milford

**State Only, Prepared Speech**

1st Place Abigail Van Velson Seward High School

2nd Place Elizabeth Gokie Seward High School

3rd Place Emily Gokie Seward High School

**State Only, Research & Development**

1st Place Team A Christopher Galusha, Chase Prochnow Seward High School

**State Only, State T–Shirt Contest**

1st Place Carson Core Seward High School

2nd Place Ashley Heyen Raymond Central School

3rd Place Wyatt Wiedel Thayer Central High School

**State Only, Technical Team Problem Solving**

1st Place Team L Barrett Skrobecki, Hannah Reiter, Evan Riley, Donavyn Kirby, Francis Havlovic Waverly High School

2nd Place Team E Alec Colgan, Jacob Johnson, Ben VanBrocklin, Michael Walsh, Cameron Ebbers Norris High School

3rd Place Team A Garrett Kuss, David Ideus, Carson Core, Evan Nottingham, Brady Smith Seward High School

**State Only, Technical Team Problem Solving, College/Technical**

1st Place Team B Jack Winemiller, Gustave Reiser, Craig Spilker, Matthew Kucera, Tanner McDuffee Southeast Community College, Milford

2nd Place Team C Josh Forrest, Bryan Hennig, Justin Matthes, Alexis Varndell, Shaelee Luebbe Southeast Community College, Lincoln

**State Only Welding, GMAW**

1st Place Scott Cain South Sioux City High School

2nd Place Adrian Acosta Lexington High School

3rd Place Zac Cote Bellevue West High School

**State Only Welding, GTAW**

1st Place Johnny Seery North Platte High School

2nd Place Jason Eppens The Career Academy, Lincoln

3rd Place Max Bieker Fremont High School

**State Only Welding, OAW**

1st Place Mitchell Walters North Platte High School

2nd Place Alex Schmailzl Waverly High School

3rd Place Micaiah Wooten The Career Academy, Lincoln

**State Only Welding, SMAW**

1st Place Mitchell Pavel Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

2nd Place Gabe Krueger Fremont High School

3rd Place Grant Hansen Deshler Public

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