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NEBRASKA DISTRICT 49 STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS

Nebraska Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs) are vital components of Career and Technical Education (CTE), enhancing student learning through real-world application, leadership development, and hands-on experiences. Integrated into classroom curriculum, CTSOs empower students to build employability and career-specific skills, preparing them for future success. Through activities, programs, and competitive events, students explore Nebraska career opportunities, develop technical and leadership abilities, and connect with peers, educators, and industry leaders.

This document celebrates the outstanding achievements of students and advisors from Nebraska’s seven CTSOs, showcasing state and national award winners for the 2023-2024 year by legislative district. These achievements underscore the transformative impact of CTE and CTSOs, demonstrating how they equip students with the tools to thrive in their chosen careers while contributing to Nebraska’s workforce and economy!

Learn more about Nebraska’s Career and Technical Student Organizations at: www.education.ne.gov/nce/career-technical-student-organizations-ctsos/



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State Career Development Conference

Name	District	Event	Award
Vincent Timberlake	Papillion LaVista	Business Service Marketing	First Place
Agau Bol	Papillion LaVista	Community Awareness Project	First Place
Emily Cortes	Papillion LaVista	Community Awareness Project	First Place
Logan Deyke	Papillion LaVista	Hospitality Services Team Decision Making	First Place
Jacob Hippe	Papillion LaVista	Hospitality Services Team Decision Making	First Place
Zaidah Lightener	Papillion LaVista	Sports and Entertainment Marketing	First Place



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State Leadership Conference

Name	District	Event	Award
Story Keffer	Gretna	Exploring Support Services Careers (Varsity)	First Place



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State Leadership Conference

Name	District	Event	Award
Kinley Harris	Papillion LaVista	Biotechnology	First Place
Eleanor Prekker	Papillion LaVista	Medical Terminology	First Place
Claire Prekker	Papillion LaVista	Pathophysiology	First Place
Emma Binkley	Papillion LaVista	HOSA Bowl	First Place
Alexis Huang	Papillion LaVista	HOSA Bowl	First Place
Kidist Negus	Papillion LaVista	HOSA Bowl	First Place
Katie Van Sant	Papillion LaVista	HOSA Bowl	First Place
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State Leadership and Skills Conference

Name	District	Event	Award
Audrey Wilcoxson	Gretna	Baking & Pastry Arts	First Place
Caleb Perez	Gretna	Medical Math	First Place
Emma Kaijala	Papillion LaVista	Advertising Design	First Place
Braden Covington	Papillion LaVista	Architectural Drafting	First Place
Joseph Strawn	Papillion LaVista	Masonry	First Place
Caden Nimmo	Papillion LaVista	Restaurant Service	First Place
Nate Heath	Papillion LaVista	President	State Officer
Emma Kaijala	Papillion LaVista	Secretary	State Officer