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NEBRASKA DISTRICT 8 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
Daniel Bargholz	Omaha	Buying and Merchandising Team Decision Making	First Place
Kinverly Franco	Omaha	Buying and Merchandising Team Decision Making	First Place
Dilan Aguirre-Valdez	Omaha	Integrated Marketing Campaign-Service	First Place
Joel Salvador-Huerta	Omaha	Integrated Marketing Campaign-Service	First Place
Hafsa Osman	Omaha	Principles of Marketing	First Place
Adam Morfin	Omaha	Secretary	State Officer
Lucas Krapfl	Omaha	Sports & Entertainment Marketing Team Decision Making	First Place
Kieran Thompson	Omaha	Sports & Entertainment Marketing Team Decision Making	First Place



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National Leadership Conference

Name	District	Event	Award
Daisy Altamirano	Omaha	Educators Rising Moment - Spanish (Varsity)	Third Place

State Leadership Conference

Name	District	Event	Award
Lea Hanson	Omaha	President	State Officer
Mia Sanchez Rodriguez	Omaha	Children’s Literature K-3 Spanish (Varsity)	First Place
Taylor Langan	Omaha	Children’s Literature Pre-K (Junior Varsity)	First Place
Yuliana Corazon	Omaha	Children’s Literature Pre-K Spanish (Varsity)	First Place
Sunny Thang	Omaha	Children’s Literature Pre-K Spanish (Varsity)	First Place
Keziah Etse	Omaha	Creative Lecture (Varsity)	First Place
Daisy Altamirano	Omaha	Educators Rising Moment - Spanish (Varsity)	First Place
Chloe Price	Omaha	Exploring Non-Core Subject Teaching Careers (Varsity)	First Place
Maria Reyes	Omaha	Impromptu Speaking (Junior Varsity)	First Place
Abigail Jarrell	Omaha	Job Interview (Varsity)	First Place
Chade Dol	Omaha	Lesson Planning & Delivery - Arts (Junior Varsity)	First Place
Yazmin Dominguez	Omaha	Lesson Planning & Delivery - STEM (Junior Varsity)	First Place
Paarrun Gatdet	Omaha	Public Service Announcement (Junior Varsity)	First Place
Melusi Ngeleka	Omaha	Public Service Announcement (Varsity)	First Place

National Leadership Conference

Name	District	Event	Award
Josh Santiago	University of Nebraska - Omaha	Accounting Case Competition	First Place
Kyra Creamer	University of Nebraska - Omaha	Future Business Educator	Second Place
Kyra Creamer	University of Nebraska - Omaha	Job Interview	Third Place

State Leadership Conference

Name	District	Event	Award
Nathan Krajicek	Skutt Catholic	Economics	First Place
Skutt Catholic Chapter	Skutt Catholic	Gold Seal Chapter	Recipient
Landry Lehan	Omaha Mercy	Marketing	First Place
Darian Jones	Omaha Marian	Who's Who	Recipient
Meghan Knier	Skutt Catholic	Who's Who	Recipient

State FFA Convention

Name	District	Event	Award
Payton Blankenship	Omaha	State Degree	Recipient
Charles Herron Jr.	Omaha	State Degree	Recipient
Kaydence Jones	Omaha	State Degree	Recipient
Erika Munguia Jacobo	Omaha	State Degree	Recipient
Carolina Thompson	Omaha	State Degree	Recipient

State Leadership Conference

Name	District	Event	Award
Hser Nay Tha Kpaw	Omaha	Community Awareness	First Place
Ba Blut Moo	Omaha	Community Awareness	First Place
November Paw	Omaha	Community Awareness	First Place
Paw Tha Say	Omaha	Community Awareness	First Place
James Weber	Omaha	Dental Terminology	First Place
Ellie Eischeid	Omaha	Emergency Medical Technician	First Place
Salah Aldyn Khair Allah	Omaha	Emergency Medical Technician	First Place
Dominika Kouassi	Omaha	Job Seeking Skills	First Place
Ebony Royster	Omaha	Nutrition	First Place
Mercedes Renken	Omaha	Research Poster	First Place
Saron Goitmon	St. Pius/St. Leo	Foundations of Medical Terminology	First Place
Mick Moyer	St. Pius/St. Leo	Math for Health Careers	First Place

National Leadership & Skills Conference

Name	District	Event	Award
Wyatt Zeleny	Metropolitan Community College	Plumbing	First Place
AJ Konecny	Metropolitan Community College	3-D Visualization and Animation	Third Place
Eli Mohr	Metropolitan Community College	3-D Visualization and Animation	Third Place
Chad Fey	Metropolitan Community College	Audio/Radio Production	Third Place
Olivia Naumann	Metropolitan Community College	Audio/Radio Production	Third Place
Joseph Lytle	Metropolitan Community College	Collision Damage Appraisal	First Place
Winston Ruzicka	Metropolitan Community College	Firefighting	Second Place
Callan Scholz	Metropolitan Community College	Power Equipment Technology	First Place

State Leadership and Skills Conference

Name	District	Event	Award
Clara Stilen	Metropolitan Community College	Collision Damage Appraisal	First Place
Cole Vanderheiden	Metropolitan Community College	Collision Repair Technology	First Place
Zack Carson	Metropolitan Community College	Diesel Equipment Technology	First Place
Jaxon Christensen	Metropolitan Community College	Firefighting	First Place
Blake Tarver	Metropolitan Community College	Motorcycle Service Technology	First Place
Wyatt Zeleny	Metropolitan Community College	Plumbing	First Place
Tyler Winsor	Metropolitan Community College	Welding	First Place
Josh Bennett	Metropolitan Community College	Welding Fabrication	First Place
Aidan Roupch	Metropolitan Community College	Welding Fabrication	First Place
Hunter Volcheck	Metropolitan Community College	Welding Fabrication	First Place
Hannah Wiczorek	Metropolitan Community College	Welding Sculpture	First Place
AJ Konecny	Metropolitan Community College	3-D Visualization and Animation	First Place
Eli Mohr	Metropolitan Community College	3-D Visualization and Animation	First Place
Chad Fey	Metropolitan Community College	Audio/Radio Production	First Place
Olivia Naumann	Metropolitan Community College	Audio/Radio Production	First Place
Angelo Perry	Metropolitan Community College	CNC Programmer	First Place
Joseph Lytle	Metropolitan Community College	Collision Damage Appraisal	First Place
Anne Dovali	Metropolitan Community College	Collision Repair Technology	First Place
Kaden Andersen	Metropolitan Community College	Digital Cinema Production	First Place
Gabriel Ysusi	Metropolitan Community College	Digital Cinema Production	First Place
Winston Ruzicka	Metropolitan Community College	Firefighting	First Place
Dustin Fredericks	Metropolitan Community College	Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration	First Place
Ramses Barrios	Metropolitan Community College	Photography	First Place
Callan Scholz	Metropolitan Community College	Power Equipment Technology	First Place
Brandon Gallo	Metropolitan Community College	Precision Machining Technology	First Place
Geoffrey Courtney	Metropolitan Community College	Technical Team Problem Solving	First Place
Gavin Griggs	Metropolitan Community College	Technical Team Problem Solving	First Place
Marcelo Molina	Metropolitan Community College	Technical Team Problem Solving	First Place
Oluwatobi Ajise	Metropolitan Community College	Television (Video) Production	First Place
Paul Grinsberg	Metropolitan Community College	Television (Video) Production	First Place
Denver Fincham	Metropolitan Community College	Welding	First Place
David Arrenondo	Omaha	Cyber Security	First Place
Armond Davis	Omaha	Cyber Security	First Place
Lily Kolb	Omaha	Digital Cinema Production	First Place
Cara Travis	Omaha	Digital Cinema Production	First Place
Jonathan Flores-Mondragon	Omaha	Mobile Robotics Technology	First Place
Christian Gallagher	Omaha	Mobile Robotics Technology	First Place