MARYLAND CAREER & TECHNOLOGY STUDENT ORGANIZATION WINS 22 MEDALS AT NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND SKILLS CONFERENCE

More Than Half of Maryland Competitors Finish in National Top Ten

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BALTIMORE (June 30, 2015) – Maryland’s SkillsUSA delegation brought home 22 medals from the 50th Annual National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC), held in Louisville, KY, last week.

A team of the state’s most talented Career and Technology Education (CTE) high school students showcased their skills in 89 career and technical competitions. Demonstrating exemplary CTE training, Maryland students challenged 6,000 other student champions from all 50 states, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands.

Maryland students competing in Electrical Construction Wiring, Graphic Communications, Industrial Motor Control, and T-Shirt Design are officially among the best in the nation, returning with gold medals. Silver medals were awarded to students in Basic Health Care Skills, Dental Assisting, Early Childhood Education, First Aid/CPR, Interactive Application and Game Development, Major Appliance and Refrigeration Technology, Principles of Engineering and Technology and Promotional Bulletin Board. Bronze medals were awarded in Commercial Baking, Digital Cinema Production, Humanoid Robotics and Job Skill Demonstration.

SkillsUSA Maryland has a statewide membership of 5,100 high school students. Members have consistently demonstrated their expertise and professionalism while participating throughout the year in a variety of leadership and competitive conferences.

The Maryland State Department of Education, in cooperation with business, industry, and education partners, coordinates two annual statewide conferences to prepare students for this rigorous national competition.

Maryland CTE students representing 23 counties and Baltimore City competed at the 2014 SkillsUSA State Championships held at Anne Arundel Community Television, Anne Arundel County Fire Training Academy, Center of Applied Technology North, CCBC Catonsville, Conference Center at the Maritime Institute of Technology, Earlbeck Gases and Technologies, Lincoln Culinary Institute, North County High School, Printing Specialist Corporation and Stevenson University.

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The following students finished the national challenge with outstanding accomplishments:

**SkillsUSA Maryland National Top Ten – 2015 NLSC**

**Gold Medal** – *Electrical Construction Wiring*
Nicholas Wiegand, North Point High School for Science, Technology and Industry - Charles County

**Gold Medal** – *Graphic Communications*
Chandler Kerr, Center of Applied Technology North – Anne Arundel County

**Gold Medal** – *Industrial Motor Control*
Ryan Tauber, Center of Applied Technology North – Anne Arundel County

**Gold Medal** – *T-Shirt Design*
Olivia Hurley, Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll County

**Silver Medal** – *Basic Health Care Skills*
Jessica Bryant, Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

**Silver Medal** – *Dental Assisting*
Gabrielle Brianna Cory, Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center – St. Mary’s County

**Silver Medal** – *Early Childhood Education*
Alyssa Gonnella, North Point High School for Science, Technology and Industry – Charles County

**Silver Medal** – *First Aid / CPR*
Sydney Currie, Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center – St. Mary’s County

**Silver Medal** – *Interactive Application and Game Development*
Phillip Edwards, Issiah Manns, Kells McDonald III, Western School of Technology and Environmental Science – Baltimore County

**Silver Medal** – *Major Appliance and Refrigeration Technology*
Kyle Fields, Worcester Technical High School – Worcester County

**Silver Medal** – *Principles of Engineering and Technology*
Lindsay Kremer, Worcester Technical High School – Worcester County

**Silver Medal** – *Promotional Bulletin Board*
Sarah Alexander, Rachel Engle, Clare Mare, Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll County

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Bronze Medal – Commercial Baking
   Josephine Wolfe, Center of Applied Technology North – Anne Arundel County

Bronze Medal – Digital Cinema Production
   Casey Fair, Timothy Petrie, Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll County

Bronze Medal – Humanoid Robotics
   Mark Goff, Allan Hitchcock, Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

Bronze Medal – Job Skill Demonstration A
   William Oller, Center of Applied Technology North – Anne Arundel County

4th Place – Automotive Service Technology
   Jordan Bergeson-Keller, Center of Applied Technology South – Anne Arundel County

4th Place – Nurse Assisting
   Elizabeth Cordeiro, Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

4th Place – Prepared Speech
   Laila Mirza, Worcester Technical High School – Worcester County

5th Place – Internetworking
   Marc Alvin Al-OS, Center of Applied Technology South – Anne Arundel County

5th Place – TeamWorks
   Ryan Compton, Austin Craig, Madison Craumer, Ben Demetrakis, Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll County

5th Place – Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration
   Jerel Davis, Parkside High School/CTE– Wicomico County

5th Place – Photography
   Lili Flowers, Washington County Technical High School - Washington County

5th Place – Medical Assisting
   Justin Knotts, Frederick County Career and Technology Center - Frederick County

5th Place – Web Design
   Nicolas Koski, Jason Herlth, Caroline County Career and Technology Center – Caroline County

5th Place – Community Service
   Leah Pennington, Alyssa Raqueno, Jenna Williams, North Point High School for Science, Technology and Industry – Charles County

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5th Place – Community Action Project
   Lily Ricks, Adam Taylor, Worcester Technical High School – Worcester County

6th Place – 3-D Visualization and Animation
   Connor Calder, Hunter Dopkin, Applications and Research Laboratory – Howard County

6th Place – Welding Fabrication
   Sean Duvall, Dustin Hahn, Garrett Murphy, Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

6th Place – Outstanding Chapter
   Erin Green, Sarah Jones, Maya Kidane, North Point High School for Science, Technology and Industry – Charles County

6th Place – Firefighting
   Jason Harris, Calvert Career and Technology Academy – Calvert County

6th Place – Pin Design
   Marc Lazaga - Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll County

6th Place – Aviation Maintenance Technology
   Stephen Scott Topolski III, Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center – St. Mary’s County

7th Place – Quiz Bowl
   James Atkins, Skye Corbin, Luke Gibson, Loel Rogers, Dennis Whitley IV, North Point High School for Science, Technology and Industry – Charles County

7th Place – Crime Scene Investigation
   Patricia Atkinson, Dylan McCabe, Stephanie McCarter, North Point High School for Science, Technology and Industry – Charles County

7th Place – Criminal Justice
   Tyler Berberian, Calvert Career and Technology Academy – Calvert County

7th Place – Medical Terminology
   Cody Bistline, Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll County

7th Place – Health Occupations Professional Portfolio
   Alivia Fogle, Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

7th Place – Welding Sculpture
   Daphine Henderson, North Point High School for Science, Technology and Industry – Charles County

7th Place – Nail Care
   Lynn Le, Thomas Edison High School of Technology – Montgomery County
7th Place – Medical Math
Daniel Moyer, Worcester Technical High School – Worcester County

7th Place – Sheet Metal
Timothy Tenney, Center of Applied Technology South – Anne Arundel County

8th Place – Graphic Imaging-Sublimation
Kiri Hanekamp, Center for Career and Technical Education – Allegany County

8th Place – Action Skills
Austin Nicholson, Center of Applied Technology North – Anne Arundel County

8th Place – Nail Care
Mercedes Smith, Center of Applied Technology South – Anne Arundel County

9th Place – Career Pathways – Health Services
Suha Ansari, Mercedes Clark, Amy Zheng, North Point High School for Science, Technology and Industry – Charles County

9th Place – Entrepreneurship
Alyssa Barefield, Mariah Goeres, Valerie Roberts, Dominique Wiscovitch, Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll County

9th Place – Career Pathways – Industrial and Engineering Technology
Meya Chilengi, Monica McInerney, Barrett Moncure, Worcester Technical High School – Worcester County

9th Place – Esthetics
Zoey De La Cruz, Laurel High School – Prince Georges’s County

9th Place – Culinary Arts
Khori Eubanks, Center of Applied Technology North – Anne Arundel County

10th Place – Related Technical Math
Ian Waggoner, Worcester Technical High School - Worcester County

10th Place – Automotive Refinishing Technology
Adam Weber, Dorchester Career and Technology Center – Dorchester County

10th Place – Carpentry
Austin Hahn, Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

For more information about Career Technology Education and SkillsUSA, please contact Charles Wallace, State Director, Maryland State Department of Education at 410-767-8872. You can also visit the Maryland State Department of Education’s website at http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/MSDE/divisions/careertech/career_technology/ or visit the official SkillsUSA Maryland website at www.mdskillsusa.org.