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MARYLAND CAREER & TECHNOLOGY STUDENT ORGANIZATION WINS 23 MEDALS AT NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND SKILLS CONFERENCE

More Than Half of Maryland Competitors Finish in National Top Ten

BALTIMORE (June 28, 2016) – Maryland’s SkillsUSA delegation brought home 23 medals from the 51st 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 87 career and technical competitions. Demonstrating exemplary CTE training, Maryland students challenged 6,500 other student champions from all 50 states, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands.

Maryland students competing in Basic Health Care Skills and Graphic Communications are officially among the best in the nation, returning with gold medals. Silver medals were awarded to students in Building Maintenance, Cabinetmaking, Early Childhood Education, Humanoid Robotics, Medical Terminology and Principles of Engineering and Technology. Bronze medals were awarded in Commercial Baking, Crime Scene Investigation, Dental Assisting, Health Knowledge Bowl, Interactive Application and Game Development and Promotional Bulletin Board.

SkillsUSA Maryland has a statewide membership of 5,000 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 2016 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, Lincoln Culinary Institute, North County High School, Plumbers and Steamfitter Local 486, 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 – 2016 NLSC**

**Gold Medal** – Basic Health Care Skills
   Jordan Janschek, Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center – St. Mary’s County

**Gold Medal** – Graphic Communications
   Britney Whitestone, Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll County

**Silver Medal** – Building Maintenance
   Keyondra Snell, Worcester Technical High School - Worcester County

**Silver Medal** – Cabinetmaking
   Payton Dixon, Southern Garrett High School – Garrett County

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

**Silver Medal** – Humanoid Robotics
   Mary Goff, Allan Hitchcock, Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

**Silver Medal** – Medical Terminology
   Blessing Nwah, Eastern Technical High School – Baltimore County

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

**Bronze Medal** – Commercial Baking
   Alexandra Berrich, Center of Applied Technology North – Anne Arundel County

**Bronze Medal** – Crime Scene Investigation
   Britaya Gray, Wilbur Robinson, Brandon Zichfoose, Calvert Career and Technology Academy – Calvert County

**Bronze Medal** – Dental Assisting
   Chris Trujillo, Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center – St. Mary’s County

**Bronze Medal** – Health Knowledge Bowl
   Adeola Abdulkadir, Meghan Counts, Anthony Okeh, Preeya Subedi, Applications and Research Laboratory – Howard County

**Bronze Medal** – Interactive Application and Game Development
   Jarod Liberty, Jordan Pearson, Applications and Research Laboratory – Howard County

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Bronze Medal – Promotional Bulletin Board
Amanda Koogle, Dan Oehlsen, Madison Pool, Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll County

4th Place – Major Appliance and Refrigeration Technology
Kyle Fields, Worcester Technical High School – Worcester County

4th Place – Medical Math
Zachary Cioccio, Worcester Technical High School – Worcester County

4th Place – Nurse Assisting
Zoe Croyle, Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

5th Place – American Spirit
Elizabeth Lopez, Fiona Quenano, North Point High School for Science, Technology and Industry - Charles County

5th Place – Audio-Radio Production
Danielle Brooks, Kyle Coleman, Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center – St. Mary’s County

5th Place – CNC Technician
Ethan Ames, Parkside High School / CTE – Wicomico County

5th Place – Career Pathways – Industrial and Engineering Technology
Kevin Farmer, Erika Jacobs, Austin Lemere, Cody Phelps, Brittany Sechler, August Shrader, Frederick Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

5th Place – Digital Cinema Production
Garrison Irwin, Braden Smedley, Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

5th Place – First Aid / CPR
Britney Hall, Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center – St. Mary’s County

5th Place – Medical Assisting
Haven Silvio, Frederick County Career and Technology Center - Frederick County

6th Place – Advertising Design
Rachel Engle, Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll County

6th Place – Computer Programming
Kavya Kavanakudy, Western School of Technology and Environmental Science, – Baltimore County

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7th Place – Aviation Maintenance Technology
  Trenton Bell, Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center – St. Mary’s County

7th Place – Community Action Project
  Victoria Moreau, Adam Taylor, Worcester Technical High School – Worcester County

7th Place – Plumbing
  Nicholas Calvert, Western School of Technology and Environmental Science, – Baltimore County

8th Place – Collision Repair Technology
  Wyatt Seitz, Center of Applied Technology North – Anne Arundel County

8th Place – Culinary Arts
  Khori Eubanks, Center of Applied Technology North – Anne Arundel County

8th Place – Customer Service
  Allison Anderson, Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center – St. Mary’s County

8th Place – Employment Application Process
  Alyssa Rabasco, Robert D. Stethem Educational Center – Charles County

8th Place – Outstanding Chapter
  Tram Nguyen, Frederick Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

8th Place – T-Shirt Design
  Eve Watsky, Worcester Technical High School – Worcester County

9th Place – Career Pathways – Arts and Communication
  Jordan Norris, Hannah Willenborg, Aubri Wallo, Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center – St. Mary’s County

9th Place – Extemporaneous Speaking
  Kermit Rivera Maldonado, Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

9th Place – Job Skill Demonstration A
  Caleb Barnes, Western School of Technology and Environmental Science – Baltimore County

9th Place – Screen Printing Technology
  Erica Miller, Center for Career and Technical Education – Allegany County

9th Place – Sheet Metal
  Sean Taylor, Center of Applied Technology South – Anne Arundel County

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9th Place – Web Design
Jacob Karnes, Shelby Sherbert, Caroline County Career and Technology Center – Caroline County

10th Place – Action Skills
Quincy Johnson, Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

10th Place – Architectural Drafting
Joshua Miller - Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll County

10th Place – Career Pathways – Health Services
John Chamberlain, Emily Mast, Hannah Semsker, Worcester Technical High School – Worcester County

10th Place – Esthetics
Amber Tucker, Calvert Career and Technology Academy – Calvert County

10th Place – Industrial Motor Control
Joedouglas Ashton, Center of Applied Technology North – Anne Arundel County

10th Place – Photography
Elizabeth Dillard, Washington County Technical High School - Washington County

10th Place – TeamWorks
Brady Baker, Ryan Coleman, Brayden Pennington, Caleb Wilt, Center for Career and Technical Education – Allegany 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/careeretech/career_technology/ or visit the official SkillsUSA Maryland website at www.mdskillsusa.org.