MARYLAND CAREER & TECHNOLOGY STUDENT ORGANIZATION WINS 17 MEDALS AT NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND SKILLS CONFERENCE

SkillsUSA MARYLAND COMPETITORS BEST IN THE NATION IN FIVE COMPETITIONS

BALTIMORE, MD (July 5, 2011) – Maryland’s SkillsUSA delegation brought home 17 medals from the recent 47th Annual National Leadership and Skills Conference in Kansas City last month.

A team of the state’s most talented Career and Technology Education (CTE) high school students showcased their skills in 79 career and technical competitions. Maryland competitors earned an unprecedented ten gold medals this year. Demonstrating exemplary CTE training, Maryland students challenged 5,700 other student champions from all 50 states, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands.

Maryland students in Action Skills, Food and Beverage Service, Industrial Motor Control, Job Interview, and Quiz Bowl are officially among the best in the nation, returning with gold medals. Silver medals were awarded to students in Health Occupations Professional Portfolio, Preschool Teaching Assistant, T-Shirt Design, and Video Product Development. Bronze medals were awarded in Job Skills Demonstration and Photography.

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 2011 SkillsUSA State Championships held at the Center of Applied Technology North, CCBC Catonsville, Anne Arundel Community Television, Anne Arundel County Fire Training Academy, Baltimore International College, Earlbeck Gases and Technologies, North County High School, and Printing Specialist Corporation.

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The following students finished the national challenge with outstanding accomplishments:

**SkillsUSA Maryland National Top Ten – 2011 NLSC**

**Gold Medal** – Action Skills  
Nicholas Collison – Center of Applied Technology North - Anne Arundel County

**Gold Medal** – Food and Beverage Service  
Amala Edwards, Western School of Technology and Environmental Science – Baltimore County

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

**Gold Medal** – Job Interview  
Trinity Story, North Point High School for Science, Technology and Industry – Charles County

**Gold Medal** – Quiz Bowl  
Erin Chapman, Alexander Corbin, Gaston Lopez, Alessia Parks, Breanna Spangler and Nicholas Telesky - North Point High School for Science, Technology and Industry – Charles County

**Silver Medal** – Health Occupations Professional Portfolio  
Cloe Ayenu, Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

**Silver Medal** – Preschool Teaching Assistant  
Veronica Morris, Washington County Technical High School - Washington County

**Silver Medal** – T-Shirt Design  
Trevor Sitkoff, Thomas Edison High School of Technology - Montgomery County

**Silver Medal** – Video Product Development  
Omar Ahmed, Christopher Dold, Frederick County Career and Technology Center - Frederick County

**Bronze Medal** – Job Skill Demonstration A  
Christopher Outland, Center of Applied Technology North – Anne Arundel County

**Bronze Medal** – Photography  
Jillian Porter, Carroll County Career and Technology Center, Carroll County

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4th Place – Automotive Refinishing Technology
Ryan Faurot, Center of Applied Technology North, Anne Arundel County

4th Place – Basic Health Care Skills
Chelsey Childress, Cecil County School of Technology, Cecil County

4th Place – Collision Repair Technology
Joseph Rinehart, Center of Applied Technology North – Anne Arundel County

4th Place – Community Service
Owen Levine, Elaina Previte, Hayley Rogers, Frederick County Career and Technology Center - Frederick County

4th Place – Job Skill Demonstration Open
Miranda Kerr, Center of Applied Technology North – Anne Arundel County

4th Place – Medical Terminology
Majesta Kitts, North Point High School for Science, Technology and Industry - Charles County

4th Place – Pin Design
Joshua Shipley, Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

4th Place – Welding Fabrication
Collins Lethbridge, James Rawlings, Joseph Wentz, Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll County

5th Place – Aviation Maintenance Technology
Steven Gray, Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center – St. Mary’s County

6th Place – Commercial Baking
Kevin Sokol, Washington County Technical High School – Washington County

6th Place – Culinary Arts
Monica Hayden, North Point High School for Science, Technology and Industry – Charles County

7th Place – Dental Assisting
Katie Garrett, Center of Applied Technology South – Anne Arundel County

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7th Place – Diesel Equipment Technology  
Dorchester School of Technology - Dorchester County

7th Place – Medical Math  
Kha-Ai Tran, North Point High School for Science, Technology and Industry - Charles County

7th Place – Promotional Bulletin Board  
Victoria Frasco, Hayden Ventrice, Carroll County Career and Technology Center - Carroll County

8th Place – Medical Assisting  
Michael Robben, Center of Applied Technology North – Anne Arundel County

8th Place – Occupational Health and Safety  
Andrew Barker, Colby Bunting, Michael Tyndall, Worcester Technical High School - Worcester County

8th Place – Technical Computer Applications  
Nicholas Amigo, Center of Applied Technology South – Anne Arundel County

9th Place – Web Design  
Miles Combs, Simon Guo, Harford Technical High School - Harford County

10th Place – First Aid / CPR  
Alyssa Johnson, Frederick County Career and Technology Center - Frederick County

10th Place – Robotics and Automation Technology  
Brandon Rappozzo, Brady Vickers, Harford Technical High School – Harford 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/](http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/MSDE/divisions/careertech/career_technology/) or visit the official SkillsUSA Maryland website at [www.mdskillsusa.org](http://www.mdskillsusa.org).

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