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MARYLAND CAREER & TECHNOLOGY STUDENT ORGANIZATION WINS 24 MEDALS AT NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND SKILLS CONFERENCE

FORTY-FOUR PERCENT OF SkillsUSA MARYLAND COMPETITORS FINISH IN NATIONAL TOP TEN

BALTIMORE, MD (July 1, 2013) – Maryland’s SkillsUSA delegation brought home 24 medals from the recent 49th Annual National Leadership and Skills Conference in Kansas City, June 24-28, 2013.

A team of the state’s most talented Career and Technology Education (CTE) high school students showcased their skills in 84 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 Medical Assisting, Nurse Assisting, Principles of Engineering Technology and Tee Shirt Design are officially among the best in the nation, returning with gold medals. Silver medals were awarded to students in Career Pathways Showcase, First Aid/CPR, Plumbing, Promotional Bulletin Board and Quiz Bowl. Bronze medals were awarded in Digital Cinema Production, Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration, Major Appliance and Refrigeration Technology and Medical Math.

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 2013 SkillsUSA State Championships held at Anne Arundel Community Television, Anne Arundel County Fire Training Academy, Center of Applied Technology North, CCBC Catonsville, Earlbeck Gases and Technologies, North County High School, Printing Specialist Corporation, Stevenson University and Stratford University.

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The following students finished the national challenge with outstanding accomplishments:

**SkillsUSA Maryland National Top Ten – 2013 NLSC**

**Gold Medal** – **Medical Assisting**
Ashley Koepping, Center of Applied Technology South – Anne Arundel County

**Gold Medal** – **Nurse Assisting**
Alondra Herrera, Frederick Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

**Gold Medal** – **Principles of Engineering Technology**
Daniel Beck – Worcester Technical High School - Worcester County

**Gold Medal** – **T Shirt Design**
Amanda Ross, Thomas Edison High School of Technology – Montgomery County

**Silver Medal** – **Career Pathways – Business, Management and Technology**
Peter Crampton, Phillip McField, Brian Tew - Washington County Technical High School – Washington County

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

**Silver Medal** – **Plumbing**
Dennis Reynolds, Jr., Cecil County School of Technology – Cecil County

**Silver Medal** – **Promotional Bulletin Board**
Alexi Bair, Olympia Serrano, Holly Wagner-Ruckman - Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll County

**Silver Medal** – **Quiz Bowl**
Alexander Corbin, Noah Gibson, Gaston Lopez, Alyssa Moffat, Joel Rogers, Ashlynn Stanley, Marie Sterba - North Point High School for Science, Technology and Industry – Charles County

**Bronze Medal** – **Digital Cinema Production**
Kara Stone, Zach Teal - Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll County

**Bronze Medal** – **Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration**
Jack Russo, Worcester Technical High School – Worcester County

**Bronze Medal** – **Major Appliance and Refrigeration Technology**
Wyatt Brady, Worcester Technical High School – Worcester County

**Bronze Medal** – **Medical Math**
Kha-Ai Tran, North Point High School for Science, Technology and Industry - Charles County

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4th Place – Basic Health Care Skills  
Morgan Harding, Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

4th Place – Health Occupations Professional Portfolio  
Elizabeth Cramer, Calvert Career and Technology Academy – Calvert County

5th Place – Community Action Project  
Mariah Blackstock, Shelby Boyer, Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology – St. Mary’s County

5th Place – Electronics Technology  
Jonathan Scott, Parkside High School / CTE - Wicomico County

6th Place – Career Pathways Showcase – Health Services  
Jenna Barry-Utzig, Monique Dela Cruz, Randy Heng, Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center – St. Mary’s County

6th Place – Early Childhood Education  
Kim McCloskey, North Point High School for Science, Technology and Industry – Charles County

6th Place – Health Knowledge Bowl  
Camrie Hendking, Quianita Miller, Asia Williams, David Williams, North Point High School for Science, Technology and Industry – Charles County

6th Place – Restaurant Service  
Janiece Yates, Western School of Technology and Environmental Science – Baltimore County

7th Place – Audio/Radio Production  
Stephen Harp, Raven Kingston, Center for Career and Technical Education – Allegany County

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

7th Place – Collision Repair Technology  
Lewis Hicks, Center of Applied Technology North – Anne Arundel County

7th Place – Dental Assisting  
Amber Wallis, Center of Applied Technology South – Anne Arundel County

7th Place – Extemporaneous Speaking  
Mallorie Parlon, Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

7th Place – Pin Design  
Zachary John, Thomas Edison High School of Technology – Montgomery 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].

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