FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MARYLAND CAREER & TECHNOLOGY STUDENT ORGANIZATION WINS 14 MEDALS AT NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND SKILLS CONFERENCE

SkillsUSA CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY

BALTIMORE, MD (June 30, 2014) – Maryland’s SkillsUSA delegation brought home 14 medals from the recent 50th Annual National Leadership and Skills Conference in Kansas City, June 23-27.

A team of the state’s most talented Career and Technology Education (CTE) high school students showcased their skills in 76 career and technical competitions. Demonstrating exemplary CTE training, Maryland students challenged 6,100 other student champions from all 50 states, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands.

Maryland students competing in Graphic Communications, Medical Assisting and Related Technical Math are officially among the best in the nation, returning with gold medals. Silver medals were awarded to students in Action Skills, Career Pathways – Natural Resources/Agriculture, Nurse Assisting and Technical Computer Applications. Bronze medals were awarded in Community Action Project, Major Appliance and Refrigeration Technology and Medical Assisting.

SkillsUSA Maryland has a statewide membership of 5,400 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, Earlbeck Gases and Technologies, North County High School, Printing Specialist Corporation, Stevenson University and Stratford University.

- more -
The following students finished the national challenge with outstanding accomplishments:

**SkillsUSA Maryland National Top Ten – 2014 NLSC**

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

**Gold Medal** – Medical Assisting (Postsecondary)  
Ashley Koepping, Stevenson University – Baltimore, Maryland

**Gold Medal** – Related Technical Math  
Paige Stanley, Worcester Technical High School - Worcester County

**Silver Medal** – Action Skills  
Tyree Jackson, Center of Applied Technology North – Anne Arundel County

**Silver Medal** – Career Pathways – Natural Resources - Agriculture  
Erin Green, Ashley Latour, William Remik, North Point High School for Science, Technology and Industry – Charles County

**Silver Medal** – Nurse Assisting  
Amber Major, Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center – St. Mary’s County

**Silver Medal** – Technical Computer Applications  
Cindy Gomez, Thomas Edison High School of Technology – Montgomery County

**Bronze Medal** – Community Action Project  
Joseph Beebe, TJ Frampton, Worcester Technical High School – Worcester County

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

**Bronze Medal** – Medical Assisting  
Maya Kidane, North Point High School for Science, Technology and Industry - Charles County

**4th Place** – Basic Health Care Skills  
Amanda Ponce, Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

**4th Place** – Medical Math  
Angelah Ellis, North Point High School for Science, Technology and Industry – Charles County

**5th Place** – Crime Scene Investigation  
Bethany Bowman, Dylan McCabe, Stephanie McCarter, North Point High School for Science, Technology and Industry – Charles County

-more-
SkillsUSA

5th Place – Criminal Justice
Gill-Jan Eleazar, North Point High School for Science, Technology and Industry – Charles County

5th Place – Firefighting
Gabriel Robison, Calvert Career and Technology Academy – Calvert County

5th Place – Outstanding Chapter
David Green, Alondra Herrera, Esther Shafer, Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

5th Place – Photography
Alan Clark III, Washington County Technical High School - Washington County

5th Place – T-Shirt Design
Casey Sasser, Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll County

6th Place – Advertising Design
Kevin Guyer, Applications and Research Laboratory – Howard County

6th Place – Architectural Drafting
Nicholas Rakowski, Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

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

6th Place – Career Pathways – Business, Management and Technology
Peter Crampton, Brenan Taylor, Valerie Taylor, Washington County Technical High School – Washington County

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

6th Place – Industrial Motor Control
Ryan Tauber, Center of Applied Technology North – Anne Arundel County

6th Place – Internetworking
Marc Alvin Al-OS, Center of Applied Technology South – Anne Arundel County

7th Place – Building Maintenance
Steven Zentmyer, Worcester Technical High School – Worcester County

-more-
SkillsUSA

7th Place – Employment Application Process
   Erin Hessong, Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

7th Place – Health Knowledge Bowl
   Camrie Hendking, Sydney Patterson, Asia Williams, David Williams, North Point High School for Science, Technology and Industry – Charles County

7th Place – Medical Terminology
   Valerie Evans, Thomas Edison High School of Technology – Montgomery County

8th Place – Career Pathways – Health Services
   Monique Dela Cruz, Ramona Gray, Randy Heng, Vicki Waldron, Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center – St. Mary’s County

8th Place – Entrepreneurship
   Carolyn Beder, Nick Colella, Stephanie Miller, Taylor Waldrup, Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll County

8th Place – First Aid / CPR
   Sydney Currie, Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center – St. Mary’s County

9th Place – Dental Assisting
   Josephine Stehling, Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center – St. Mary’s County

9th Place – Diesel Equipment Technology
   Jeremy Williams, Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll County

9th Place – Digital Cinema Production
   Emma Prodey, Joshua Yaskovich - Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll County

9th Place – Graphic Imaging-Sublimation
   Devon Center for Career and Technical Education – Allegany County

9th Place – Sheet Metal
   Cory White, Harford Technical High School – Harford County

10th Place – Broadcast News Production
   Sophie Eureka, Eric Myers, Maria Olney, Benjamin Wetzel, Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

10th Place – Electronics Technology
   James Culp, Parkside High School/CTE– Wicomico County

10th Place – Pin Design
   Emily Monteleone - Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll 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.

###