Maryland Career & Technical Students Shine At National Leadership and Skills Conference

Half of Maryland Competitors Finish in National Top Ten

BALTIMORE (July 11, 2019) – Maryland’s SkillsUSA delegation brought home 18 medals from the 55th Annual National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC), recently held in Louisville, KY. A team of the state’s most talented Career and Technical Education (CTE) high school students showcased their skills in 94 CTE competitions. Demonstrating exemplary CTE training, Maryland students challenged 6,400 other student champions from all 50 states, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands.

Maryland students competing in Audio-Radio Production, Engineering Technology Design, Medical Terminology, and Nurse Assisting are officially among the best in the nation, returning with gold medals. Silver medals were awarded to students competing in Health Knowledge Bowl, Pin Design, and Promotional Bulletin Board. Bronze medals were awarded to students competing in Early Childhood Education, Health Knowledge Bowl, and Major Appliance and Refrigeration Technology.

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 following students placed in the top 10 during the national competition:

SkillsUSA Maryland National Top Ten – 2019 National Leadership and Skills Conference

**Gold Medal** – Audio-Radio Production
Victoria Brooks, Aiden Kaleta: Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center – St. Mary’s County

**Gold Medal** – Engineering Technology-Design
Malia Cohen, Anthony Salvatore Fertitta Jr., Leann Gomez, Bethany Stoll: Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll County

**Gold Medal** – Medical Terminology
Annalee Johnson: Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center – St. Mary’s County
Gold Medal – Nurse Assisting
Madison McBride: Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center – St. Mary’s County

Silver Medal – Health Knowledge Bowl
Jane Lee, Frances Maglaqui, Kiet Nguyen, Nhuquynh Nguyen: Eastern Technical High School – Baltimore County

Silver Medal – Pin Design (MS)
Piper Gooding: Worcester Technical High School – Worcester County

Silver Medal – Promotional Bulletin Board
Delaney Bartholow, Rachel Haines, Kristina Kemp: Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll County

Bronze Medal – Early Childhood Education
Madison Grace: North Point High School for STI – Charles County

Bronze Medal – Health Occupations Professional Portfolio
Tijesunimi Borode: Western School of Technology and Environmental Science – Baltimore County

Bronze Medal – Major Appliance and Refrigeration Technology
Brenda Hernandez: J.M. Tawes Technology and Career Center – Somerset County

4th Place – Basic Healthcare Skills
Makala Harrison: Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

4th Place – Cyber Security
Nicholas Greiner: Jude Poole Jr., Center of Applied Technology South – Anne Arundel County

4th Place – Dental Assisting
Britney Duong: Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center – St. Mary’s County

4th Place – Pin Design
Yuang Chen: Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll County

4th Place – Technical Drafting
Brandon Spilis: Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

5th Place – Automated Manufacturing Technology
Jason Frazier, Justin Greenwell, Nathan Renfro: Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll County

5th Place – Criminal Justice
Morgan Braithwaite: Washington County Technical High School – Washington County

5th Place – Graphic Communications
Rita Wienand: Center of Applied Technology North – Anne Arundel County
5th Place – Job Interview (PS)
   Danielle Brooks: Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center – St. Mary’s County

5th Place – Masonry
   Greg Mullinix: Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll County

5th Place – Medical Math
   Dunni Ojumu: Western School of Technology and Environmental Science – Baltimore County

5th Place – Telecommunications Cabling
   Hannah Virts: Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center – St. Mary’s County

6th Place – 3-D Visualization and Animation
   Nichola Maynard, Nicholas Neff: Washington County Technical High School – Washington County

6th Place – Mobile Robotics Technology
   Daniel Baltezegar: J.M. Tawes Technology and Career Center – Somerset County

6th Place – Occupational Health and Safety - Single
   Michael Brittingham, Trevor Hudson, Kaleb Steele: Worcester Technical High School – Worcester County

6th Place – Team Engineering Challenge (MS)
   Brandon Anderson, Ethan Gell, Justin Hurney: Worcester Technical High School - Worcester County

7th Place – Career Pathways – Industrial and Engineering Technology
   Rachel Burns, Misael Marin, Julian Wresche: Frederick Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

8th Place – Broadcast News Production
   Martin Higgins, Emily Jacob, Lucas Senesi, Lilly Stephens: Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

8th Place – Career Pathways – Business, Management and Technology
   Austin Abarca, Caryn Law, Michael Stone: North Point High School for STI - Charles County

8th Place – Internetworking
   Christian Frazier: North Point High School for STI – Charles County

9th Place – American Spirit
   Kahlyn Ekles, Abigail Lane, Aiden Reynolds: Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll County

9th Place – Diesel Equipment Technology
   Michael Coffey: Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll County
9th Place – Principles of Engineering and Technology
George Rivers: Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center – St. Mary’s County

9th Place – Medical Assisting
Haleigh Tucker: Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

9th Place – Employment Application Process
Cole Clements: Robert D. Stethem Educational Center – Charles County

9th Place – Community Action Project

9th Place – TeamWorks
Jonathan Brown, Ryan Mandl, Kyle Robey, Andrew Wood: Harford Technical High School – Harford County

10th Place – Crime Scene Investigation
Karla Dizon, Madison Meade, Holly Sabreeya: North Point High School for STI - Charles County

10th Place – Industrial Motor Control
Emerson Hanlon: Center of Applied Technology North – Anne Arundel County

10th Place – Information Technology Services
Josh Oltarzewski: Harford Technical High School – Harford County

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Additional information can also be found on the Division of Career and College Readiness website (www.mdcteprograms.org) or the official SkillsUSA Maryland website.

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