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MARYLAND CAREER & TECHNOLOGY STUDENT ORGANIZATION WINS 19 MEDALS AT NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND SKILLS CONFERENCE

MORE THAN HALF OF SkillsUSA MARYLAND COMPETITORS FINISH IN NATIONAL TOP TEN

BALTIMORE, MD (July 17, 2012) – Maryland’s SkillsUSA delegation brought home 19 medals from the recent 48th 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 77 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.

A Maryland student in Principles of Technology is officially among the best in the nation, returning with a gold medal. Silver medals were awarded to students in Action Skills, Advertising Design, Dental Assisting, Graphic Communications, Industrial Motor Control, Medical Terminology, Nurse Assisting, Promotional Bulletin Board and TeamWorks. Bronze medals were awarded in Collision Repair Technology, Electronics Technology, Medical Assisting and Mobile Electronics Installation.

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 2012 SkillsUSA State Championships held at Anne Arundel Community Television, Anne Arundel County Fire Training Academy, Center of Applied Technology North, CCBC Catonsville, Earlebeck Gases and Technologies, North County High School, Printing Specialist Corporation, Stevenson University, Stratford University and UMBC.

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The following students finished the national challenge with outstanding accomplishments:

**SkillsUSA Maryland National Top Ten – 2012 NLSC**

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

**Silver Medal** – Action Skills
Michael Hawkins, Center of Applied Technology North – Anne Arundel County

**Silver Medal** – Advertising Design
Molly Marshall, Carroll County Career and Technology Center - Carroll County

**Silver Medal** – Dental Assisting
Liza Grider, Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology – St. Mary’s County

**Silver Medal** – Graphic Communications
Richard Brewer, Center of Applied Technology North - Anne Arundel County

**Silver Medal** – Industrial Motor Control
Jacob Vitek, Center of Applied Technology North - Anne Arundel County

**Silver Medal** – Medical Terminology
Majesta Kitts, North Point High School for Science, Technology and Industry - Charles County

**Silver Medal** – Nurse Assisting
Marilyn Mensah, Frederick Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

**Silver Medal** – Promotional Bulletin Board
Kaitlyn Gulotta, Beth Keller, Amanda Stambaugh, Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll County

**Silver Medal** – TeamWorks
Andrew Hodge, Christina May, Eric Rockwell, Brandon Smith, Frederick Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

**Bronze Medal** – Collision Repair Technology
James Johnson, Center of Applied Technology North – Anne Arundel County

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**Bronze Medal – Electronics Technology**
Sam Brown, Parkside High School / CTE - Wicomico County

**Bronze Medal – Medical Assisting**
Sammy Saylor, Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

**Bronze Medal – Mobile Electronics Installation**
Austin Vestal, Parkside High School / CTE, Wicomico County

**4th Place – Career Pathways – Business, Management and Technology**
Alexis Andrukat, Kristopher Cargill, Kaleb Singleton, Washington County Technical High School – Washington County

**4th Place – Health Occupations Professional Portfolio**
Stephanie Agbe-Davies, North Point High School for Science, Technology and Industry – Charles County

**4th Place – Prepared Speech**
Jocelyn Figgins, Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

**4th Place – Quiz Bowl**
Alexander Corbin, Noah Gibson, Gaston Lopez, Joel Rogers, Breanna Spangler, Ashlynn Stanley, North Point High School for Science, Technology and Industry – Charles County

**5th Place – Automotive Refinishing Technology**
Eddie Parsons, Center of Applied Technology North – Anne Arundel County

**5th Place – Career Pathways – Health Services**
Margaret Campbell, Kiersten Rawson, Julia Sutherland, North Point High School for Science, Technology and Industry – Charles County

**5th Place – Job Skills Demonstration A**
Daniel Anders, Worcester Technical High School – Worcester County

**6th Place – Culinary Arts**
Elizabeth Prinkley, North Point High School for Science, Technology and Industry – Charles County

**6th Place – Diesel Equipment Technology**
Ben Rashe, Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll County

**6th Place – First Aid / CPR**
Amber Major, Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center – St. Mary’s County

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6th Place – Major Appliance Technology  
Jacob Bedsaul, Harford Technical High School – Harford County

7th Place – Community Service  
Anthony Rosario, Thomas Shea, Alexis Wilson, Thomas Edison High School of Technology – Montgomery County

7th Place – Crime Scene Investigation  
AJ Dantos, Kayla LaPorte, Amber McDonald, Calvert Career and Technology Academy – Calvert County

7th Place – Related Technical Math  
Joseph Iacona, Worcester Technical High School – Worcester County

7th Place – Sheet Metal  
Colin Genovese, Harford Technical High School – Harford County

8th Place – Aviation Maintenance Technology  
Nicholas Fernald, Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center – St. Mary’s County

8th Place – Basic Health Care Skills  
Alison Drew, Center for Career and Technical Education – Allegany County

8th Place – Medical Math  
Kha-Ai Tran, North Point High School for Science, Technology and Industry – Charles County

8th Place – Nail Care  
April Johnson, Jennifer Miranda, Thomas Edison High of Technology – Montgomery County

8th Place – Preschool Teaching Assistant  
Breanna Bailey, Washington County Technical High School – Washington County

8th Place – Television (Video) Production  
Bethany Harrell, Samuel Zanella, Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

9th Place – Pin Design  
Trevor Sitkoff, Thomas Edison High School of Technology – Montgomery County

9th Place – Precision Machining Technology  
Cody Sliger, Southern Garrett High School – Garrett County

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10th Place – Chapter Display
   Devin Cagle, Ryan Catterton, Shawn McElravy, Calvert Career and Technology Academy – Calvert County

10th Place – CNC Milling
   Jared Dash, Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll County

10th Place – Firefighting
   Phillip Ward, Calvert Career and Technology Academy – Calvert County

10th Place – Video Product Development
   Benjamin Jeffs, Jacob Wilson, Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

10th Place – Welding Fabrication
   Patrick Brauning, Brady Green, Tyler Hudson, Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll County

10th Place – Welding Sculpture
   Jessica Imler, Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick 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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