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MARYLAND CAREER & TECHNOLOGY STUDENT ORGANIZATION WINS 20 MEDALS AT NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND SKILLS CONFERENCE

Half of SkillsUSA Maryland's competitors finish in national "Top Ten"

BALTIMORE (July 8, 2008) – Maryland's SkillsUSA delegation brought home 20 medals from the recent 44th Annual National Leadership and Skills Conference in Kansas City, MO in June.

A team of the state's most talented Career and Technology Education (CTE) high school students showcased their skills in 73 career and technical competitions. More than half of Maryland's competitors finished in the national top ten. Demonstrating exemplary CTE training, Maryland students challenged 5,000 other student champions from all 50 states, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Islands.

Maryland students in Electronics Applications and Food and Beverage Service are officially among the best in the nation, returning with gold medals. Silver medals were awarded to students in Diesel Equipment Technology, Job Skill Demonstration and Outstanding Chapter. Bronze medals were awarded in Collision Repair Technology, Criminal Justice, Esthetics, First Aid/CPR, Industrial Motor Control, Mobil Electronics Installation, Occupational Health & Safety, Prepared Speech, Technical Computer Applications and Tech Prep -Architecture and Construction.

SkillsUSA Maryland has a statewide membership of 4,800 high school students. Members have consistently demonstrated their expertise and professionalism while participating throughout the year in a variety of leadership and competitive conferences.



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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 20 counties and Baltimore City competed at the 2008 SkillsUSA State Championships held at CCBC Catonsville, Center of Applied Technology North, Anne Arundel Community College, Old Mill High School, and ITT Technical Institute.

The following students finished the national challenge with outstanding accomplishments:

SkillsUSA Maryland National Top Ten – 2008 NLSC

Gold Medal – Electronics Applications

Alexander Stevenson, Parkside High School CTE – Wicomico County

Gold Medal – Food and Beverage Service

Erica Conrad, Washington County Technical High School – Washington County

Silver Medal – Diesel Equipment Technology

Jacob Schaeffer, Carroll County Career and Technology Center – Carroll County

Silver Medal – Job Skill Demonstration A

Ryan Hinson, Center of Applied Technology North – Anne Arundel County

Silver Medal – Outstanding Chapter-High School

Kyle Cook, Tommy George, Calvert Career Center – Calvert County

Bronze Medal – Collision Repair Technology

Javier Sorto, Center of Applied Technology North – Anne Arundel County

Bronze Medal – Criminal Justice

Ryan Selph, Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center – St. Mary's County

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Bronze Medal – Esthetics

Ebonie Harrod, Morgan Weiss, Calvert Career Center – Calvert County

Bronze Medal – First Aid / CPR

Elyssa Cool, Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

Bronze Medal – Industrial Motor Control

Richard Largent, Center of Applied Technology North – Anne Arundel County

Bronze Medal – Mobile Electronics Installation

Doug Dunn, Calvert Career Center – Calvert County

Bronze Medal – Occupational Health and Safety - Multiple

Nick Lentocho, Ashley Mattingly, Calvert Career Center – Calvert County

Bronze Medal – Prepared Speech

Myra Derbyshire, Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

Bronze Medal – Technical Computer Applications

Trevor Siegert, Center of Applied Technology South – Anne Arundel County

Bronze Medal – Tech Prep Showcase – Architecture and Construction

T J Dunn, Roger Smith, Isaac Weems, Calvert Career Center – Calvert County

4th Place – Basic Health Care Skills

Jeffery Domingo, Thomas Edison High School of Technology – Montgomery County

4th Place – Medical Math

Alexis Frost, Calvert Career Center – Calvert County

4th Place – Tech Prep – Architecture and Construction

TJ Dunn, Roger Smith, Issac Weems, Calvert Career Center – Calvert County

5th Place – Audio Production

Cari Lawrence, Ashley Lindsey, Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center –
St Mary's County



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5th Place – Chapter Display

Grayson Jenkins, Jacob Paddy, Kim Price, Calvert Career Center – Calvert County

5th Place – Crime Scene Investigation

Kristen Cesario, Antwoine Harvey, Kylee Sills, Calvert Career Center – Calvert County

5th Place – Medical Assisting

Lauren Martin, Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

5th Place – Sheet Metal

Kevin Steers, Center of Applied Technology South – Anne Arundel County

6th Place – Health Occupations Professional Portfolio

Amanda Stone, Calvert Career Center – Calvert County

6th Place – Nurse Assisting

Hannah Brown, Frederick County Career and Center – Frederick County

6th Place – TeamWorks

Chris Keely, Jarett Smith, Doug Thorp, Ben Wood, Calvert Career Center – Calvert County

7th Place – Automotive Refinishing Technology

Kyle Weissner, Center of Applied Technology North – Anne Arundel County

7th Place – Electronics Technology

Jung An, Parkside High School / CTE – Wicomico County

8th Place – Community Service

Rebecca Burger, Savannah Fields, Luke Gridley, Calvert Career Center – Calvert County

8th Place – Graphic Communications

Katherine Coblentz, Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Washington County

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9th Place – Aviation Maintenance Technology

Matthew Spalding, Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center – St. Mary’s County

9th Place – Building Maintenance

William Esser, Center of Applied Technology North – Anne Arundel County

9th Place – Commercial Baking

Allen Davidson, Center of Applied Technology North – Anne Arundel County

9th Place – Preschool Teaching Assistant

Emily Brittingham, Parkside High School / CTE – Wicomico County

9th Place – Promotional Bulletin Board

Emily Meagher, Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Washington County

9th Place – Residential Wiring

John Lane, Center of Applied Technology North – Anne Arundel County

10th Place – Broadcast News Production

Robyn Cole, Tyler Hildebrand, Melissa Lagarde, Taylor Luke, Frederick County Career & Technology Center – Frederick County

10th Place – Technical Drafting

Kyle Jerkins, Parkside High School / CTE – Wicomico County

10th Place – Television (Video) Production

Tyler Bennett, Derek Hink, Frederick County Career and Center – Frederick County

For more information about Career Technology Education and SkillsUSA 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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