SkillsUSA 2010 National and State Results

Northwest Iowa Community College students competed at the National Skills USA Conference in Kansas City during the week of June 21, 2010. The conference is an annual event where career and technical education students from around the United States showcase their skills. Skills USA is the national organization for students in trade, industrial, technical, and health occupations education.

The following NCC students competed and received recognition for placing in their category:

- **Automated Manufacturing Technology**: 2nd place in the nation, Jeremiah Nelson, Hull; Cody Jonker, Orange City; and Austin Thevenin, Aurelia.
- **Mechatronics**: 2nd place team in the nation, Jacob Vander Stoep, Maurice; and Marshal Dreessen, Blair, NE.
- **Automated Manufacturing Technology – Secondary**: 7th place in the nation, Clayton Buckley, Orange City; Dan Van Roekel, Orange City; and Matt Van Roekel, Orange City.
- **Technical Drafting**: 8th place in the nation, Alex Lancaster, Alton.
- **Related Technical Math**: 8th place in the nation, Mike Brown, Missouri Valley.
- **Industrial Motor Control**: 12th place in the nation, Logan Willmert, Elmore, MN.
- **Automotive Refinishing**: 20th place in the nation, Zac Hulst, Hospers.
- **Diesel Equipment Technology – Secondary**: 24th place in the nation, Cody Rosenboom, Hartley.

Students from Northwest Iowa Community College, Sheldon, IA, competed in the 2010 Iowa State Skills USA Championships held in Des Moines, Iowa, April 30 – May 1. NCC brought home places 1st, 2nd, or 3rd twenty two times earning thirty two medals in twelve of thirteen competitions with twelve students advancing to the National SkillsUSA Leadership Conference. NCC students won a total of 12 gold medals, 14 silver medals, and 6 bronze medals.

The following list of students is those that competed and placed first, second, or third at the State Skills USA Contests (those marked with a * are advancing to the National Competition):

- **100% Chapter Membership Award**:
  - NCC - Collision Repair Program
  - NCC – Diesel Technology Program
  - NCC – Machining Program
• **Academic Achievement Award:**  
  3.5 GPA, Advisor recommendation, State Conference attendee  
  Travis McVay, Sioux Falls, SD, Automotive Service Technology  
  Jake Peters, Orange City, Collision Repair & Refinishing Technology  
  Zac Hulst, Hoppers, Collision Repair & Refinishing Technology  
  Andrew Echternach, Okabena, MN, Collision Repair & Refinishing Technology  
  Cody Jonker, Orange City, Design Technology  
  Brandon Ebel, Spencer, Engineering Design  
  Alex Lancaster, Alton, Engineering Design  
  Craig Zieman, Hartley, Welding

• **Automated Manufacturing-Secondary:** 1st place-*Clayton Buckley, Orange City; Daniel Van Roekel, Orange City; and Matt Van Roekel, Orange City.

• **Automated Manufacturing:** 2nd place-Brandon Ackerman, Sibley; Jeremiah Nelson, Hull; and Austin Thevenin, Aurelia; 3rd place-Cody Jonker, Orange City; Matt Van Beek, Rock Valley; and Lance Wibben, George.

• **Automotive Refinishing-Secondary:** 1st place-*Zac Hulst, Hoppers.

• **Automotive Service:** 2nd place-Kendall Hofman, Sanborn; 3rd place-Travis McVay, Sioux Falls, SD.

• **Collision Repair-Secondary:** 2nd place-Aaron Beenken, Sheldon.

• **Diesel Equipment-Secondary:** 1st place-*Cody Rosenboom, Hartley.

• **Electronics Technology:** 1st place-*Luke De Jong, Hoppers; 2nd place-Cody Petersen, Sibley; 3rd place-Randy Holz, Sheldon.

• **Industrial Motor Control:** 1st place-*Logan Willert, Elmore, MN; 2nd place-Colton Christoffersen, Blair, NE; 3rd place-Travis Ailts, Rushmore, MN.

• **Mechatronics:** 1st place-*Marshall Dreessen, Sibley, and Jacob Vander Stoep, Maurice; 2nd place-Mike Ahlers, Spencer, and Alex Krier, Pierson.

• **Related Technical Math:** 1st place-*Michael Brown, Missouri Valley.

• **Residential Wiring:** 1st place-*Danny Stuekerjuergen, West Point; 2nd place-Tyler Johnson, Bancroft

• **Team Works:** 2nd place-Ryan Kroese, Hull; Kirk Schmidt, Sheldon; Jason Van Otterloo, Rock Valley; and Robert White, Polk City.

• **Technical Drafting:** 1st place-*Alex Lancaster, Alton; 2nd place-Brandon Ebel, Spencer.
More than 400 students competed at the state level for the opportunity to represent the state of Iowa at the 44th Annual National SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference to be held in Kansas City, Missouri, June 21-25, 2010. At the national-level of the SkillsUSA Championships, over 4,600 students compete in 80 occupational and leadership skill areas.