SkillsUSA 2009 National and State Results

Northwest Iowa Community College students competed at the National Skills USA Conference in Kansas City during the week of June 22, 2009. 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:

- Industrial Motor Controls: *1st place in the nation*, Ben Marso, Bode, IA.
- Mechatronics: *4th place team in the nation*, Eric Fedler, West Point, IA; and Ryan Parker, Cherokee, IA.
- Automated Manufacturing Technology: *4th place team in the nation*, Neil Schettler, Sheldon, IA; Logan Rohwer, Spencer, IA; and Lance Wibben, George, IA.
- Community Service: *5th place team in the nation*, Dustin DeWild, Boyden, IA; Austin Gisolf, Rock Valley, IA; and Travis Morton, Sibley, IA.
- Residential Wiring: *13th place in the nation*, Logan Willmert, Elmore, MN.
- Job Skills Demonstration: *14th place in the nation*, Jeremiah Nelson, Hull, IA.
- Technical Drafting: *17th place in the nation*, Brandon Ackerman, Sibley, IA.
- CNC Milling: *17th place in the nation*, Kenton Vore, Orange City, IA.

Students from Northwest Iowa Community College, Sheldon, IA, competed in the 2009 Iowa State SkillsUSA Championships held in Des Moines, Iowa, April 30–May 1. NCC brought home 7 gold medals, 5 silver medals, and 7 bronze medals with 11 students advancing on to the national competition. NCC had a total of 41 students entered in 14 student competitions and 25 students medaled in 12 events. The first place winners of the Iowa SkillsUSA Championships will go on to compete in the national event to be held the last full week of June in Kansas City, Kansas.

The following list of students are those who competed and placed first, second, or third at the State SkillsUSA Contests:

- 100% Chapter Membership Award:
  - NCC - Collision Repair
  - NCC - Truck & Diesel
  - NCC - Welding
  - NCC - Machining
  - NCC - Technical Drafting
  - NCC – Electronics
  - NCC – Electrical
• Leadership Award:
  NCC – Dustin DeWild, Boyden
• Academic Achievement Award:
  NCC – Dustin DeWild, Boyden
  NCC – Austin Gisolf, Rock Valley
  NCC – Travis Morton, Sibley
  NCC – Jason Blankers, Sheldon
  NCC – Clinton Schilling, Sheldon
  NCC – Terry De Boer, Archer
• Automotive Service Technology:
  2nd place - Travis McVay, Sioux Falls, SD
• Community Service Team:
  1st place - Dustin DeWild, Boyden; and Austin Gisolf, Rock Valley
• Automotive Refinishing Technology:
  3rd place - Jason Blankers, Sheldon
• CNC Milling:
  1st place - Kenton Vore, Orange City
• Diesel Equipment Technology:
  3rd place - Terry De Boer, Archer
• Electronics Technology:
  3rd place - Tyler Gengler, Sanborn
• Job Skills Demonstration B:
  1st place - Jeremiah Nelson, Hull
  2nd place - Jared Bomgaars, Hull
• Mechatronics Team:
  2nd place - Brandon De Young, Cherokee; and Ryan Parker, Cherokee
  3rd place - Eric Fedler, West Point; and Doug Schipull, Hardy
• Automated Manufacturing Technology Team:
  1st place - Logan Rohwer, Spencer; Neil Schettler, Sheldon; and Lance Wibben, George
• Industrial Motor Control:
  1st place - Ben Marso, Bode
  3rd place - Chris Newman, Le Mars
• Precision Machining Technology:
  3rd place - Austin Thevenin, Aurelia
• Residential Wiring:
  1st place - Logan Willmert, Elmore, MN
  2nd place - Ryan Kroese, Hull
  3rd place - Robert White, Polk City
• Technical Drafting:
  1st place - Dexter Blankespoor, Doon
  2nd place - Brandon Ackerman, Sibley

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, Kansas, June 22 - 24, 2009. At the national-level of the SkillsUSA Championships, over 4,600 students compete in 80 occupational and leadership skill areas.