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Northwest Iowa Community College Students Advance to National Skills USA Leadership Competition

Students from Northwest Iowa Community College competed in the 2017 Iowa State SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference at DMACC in Ankeny, Iowa, Friday, April 28.

Students competed in their respective career path contests. The guidelines are developed at the National SkillsUSA level and each state conducts contests. NCC students received five gold, two silver, and two bronze medals. The students who received gold medals have earned the right to advance to the National Leadership and Skills Conference to be held in Louisville, Kentucky June 19-23, 2017.

The following students are those that competed and placed first, second and third at the State SkillsUSA Contests. (Those marked with a * are advancing to the National Competition)

Automated Manufacturing Technology

*1st Place – James Dubbelde, Larchwood; Christian Krejci, Spencer; Keith O’Dell, South Sioux City, NE

Automotive Service Technology – High School

*1st Place – Colin Van Diepen, Ocheyedan

CNC Milling

*1st Place – Trevor Smith, Sanborn

Diesel Equipment Technology – Post-Secondary

3rd Place – Hunter Fiddelke, Sutherland

Diesel Equipment Technology – High School

2nd Place – Shane De Wit, Hawarden

Mobile Electronics Installation

*1st Place – Jordan Walhof, Rock Valley

Technical Drafting – Post-Secondary

*1st Place – Benjamin Barritt, Cleghorn

Welding Art/Sculpture – Post-Secondary

2nd Place - Dan Elgersma, Sanborn

3rd Place – Matthew Peck, Cleghorn

More than 400 students competed at the state level for the opportunity to represent the state of Iowa at the National Leadership and Skills Conference. At the national level of the SkillsUSA Championships, over 6,000 students compete hands-on in 100 different trade, technical and leadership fields.

SkillsUSA programs help to establish industry standards for job skill training in the lab and classroom, and promote community service. SkillsUSA is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and is also cited as a "successful model of employer-driven youth development training program" by the U.S. Department of Labor.

The mission of SkillsUSA is an applied method of instruction for preparing America's high performance workers in public career and technical programs. It provides quality education experiences for students in leadership, teamwork, citizenship and character development. It builds and reinforces self-confidence, work attitudes and communication skills. It emphasizes total quality at work: high ethical standards, superior work skills, life-long education, and pride in the dignity of work. SkillsUSA also promotes understanding of the free-enterprise system and involvement in community service.

Each year NCC has consistently brought home awards and several national qualifiers from state SkillsUSA competition. For more information on SkillsUSA, or about any of the more than 50 programs offered at Northwest Iowa Community College, contact us by calling 712-324-5061 or 1-800-352-4907, email at studentservices@nwicc.edu, or visit our website at nwicc.edu.
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