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Northwest Iowa Community College Students to Advance to National SkillsUSA Leadership Competition

Students from Northwest Iowa Community College, Sheldon, IA, competed in the 2012 Iowa State Skills USA Championships held in Des Moines, Iowa, April 26 - 27. NCC students received six gold, one silver and four bronze medals. The six students who received gold medals have earned the right advance to the National SkillsUSA Leadership Conference to be held in Kansas City June 23 – 27, 2012.

The following list of students are 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.):

Automotive Refinishing Technology

*1st Place - Jonathan Hibbing, Hartley
3rd Place - Kyle Techen, Hull

Collision Repair Technology

*1st Place – Cody Mayer, Sheldon

Diesel Equipment Technology

3rd Place – Kendall Hofman, Sanborn

Job Skill Demonstration A

*1st Place – Adam Bousema, Sanborn

Technical Drafting

*1st Place – Kelly Konz, Hull
2nd Place – Justin Jansma, Sioux Center
3rd Place – Daniel VanRoekel, Orange City

Welding Fabrication

*1st Place – Jeremy DeBoom, Hawarden; Tanner Doeden, Sibley; Jesse Rayevich, Castana;
3rd Place – Bailey Christianson, Mapleton; Austin Evertse, Hull; David Peterson, Gowrie

Welding Sculpture

*1st Place – Brooke Nelson, Hartley

More than 400 students competed at the state level for the opportunity to represent the state of Iowa at the 46th Annual National SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference. At the national-level of the SkillsUSA Championships, over 4,600 students compete in 80 occupational and leadership skill areas.

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 40 programs offered at Northwest Iowa Community College, contact us by calling 712-324-5061 or 1-800-352-4907, email at studentservices@nwicc.edu, text THUNDER to 82492, or visit our website at www.nwicc.edu.