



Northwest Iowa
Community College

603 West Park Street
Sheldon, Iowa 51201

Phone 712-324-5061 or
toll free 1-800-352-4907, Ext. 105

May 15, 2013

NEWS RELEASE

*May be published
when received.*

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

Students from Northwest Iowa Community College, Sheldon, IA, competed in the 2013 Iowa State Skills USA Championships held in Des Moines, Iowa, April 25 - 26. NCC students received two gold, one silver medal and three bronze medals. The students who received gold medals have earned the right to advance to the National SkillsUSA Leadership Conference to be held in Kansas City June 24 – 28, 2013.

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

Automated Manufacturing and Technology

*1st Place – Kelly Konz, Hull; Justin Jansma, Sioux Center; David Vazquez, Orange City

Technical Drafting

*1st Place – Mark Sjoerdsma, Sioux Center

3rd Place – Willis Radtke, Sheldon

Motor Controls

2nd Place – Joshua Pickner, Sheldon

3rd Place – Matthew Woodall, Cherokee

Mechatronics, team competition

3rd Place – Anthony Back, Cherokee; Ty Reynolds, Winfield

More than 400 students competed at the state level for the opportunity to represent the state of Iowa at the 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.

Also, at the State SkillsUSA Championships, Ryan Steffen, NCC Instructor was elected to the Iowa SkillsUSA Board of Directors. 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.

Photos: SkillsUSA – Team 2013: Pictured: (L-R) Justin Jansma, Kelly Konz, David Bazquez.

SkillsUSA – Mark Sjoerdsma