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Northwest Iowa Community College Students Advance to National SkillsUSA Leadership Competition

Students from Northwest Iowa Community College, Sheldon, IA, competed in the 2014 Iowa State Skills USA Championships held in Ankeny, Iowa, May 1-2. NCC students received six gold and five silver medals. The students who received gold medals have earned the right to advance to the National Leadership and Skills Conference to be held in Kansas City June 23 – 27, 2014.

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

Automated Manufacturing and Technology

*1st Place – Alex Vust, Sheldon; Willis Radtke, Sheldon; Brian Barrios, Sheldon
2nd Place – Zach Stoner, Kennard, NE; Chuck Mulder, Orange City; David Vazquez, Orange City

Technical Drafting

*1st Place – Matthew VanRoekel, Orange City

CNC Mill

*1st Place – Ryan Mohr, Vail, IA

Welding Sculpture – Post Secondary

*1st Place – Andrew Edwards, Orange City
2nd Place – Terri Koedam, Alton

Welding Sculpture – High School

*1st Place – Bren Nelson, Hartley

Welding Fabrication

2nd Place – Zachary Garland, Spirit Lake; Bryant Hatcher, Pisgah; Russell Lorch, Ocheyedan

Job Skills Demonstration A

*1st Place – Jonathon Hibbing, Hartley

Diesel Technology – Post Secondary

2nd Place – Brady Kooiker, Sheldon

Diesel Technology – High School

2nd Place – Kellie Einck, Primghar

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 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, or visit our website at www.nwicc.edu.