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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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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 2015 Iowa State Skills USA Championships held in Ankeny, Iowa, April 30-May 1. NCC students received eight gold and three silver medals and one bronze medal. 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 22 – 26, 2015.

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 and Technology**

\*1<sup>st</sup> Place – Alex Vust, Sheldon; Daniel Baker, Hull; Brian Barrios, Sheldon

#### **Technical Drafting**

\*1<sup>st</sup> Place – Nic Mathies, Sheldon

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Kaleb VandenBrink, Alton

#### **CNC Milling**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Zach Dreyer, Marcus

#### **CNC Technician**

\*1<sup>st</sup> Place – Mitchell Dahl, Swea City, IA

#### **Automotive Service – Post Secondary**

\*1<sup>st</sup> Place – Alex Ohling, Rock Rapids

#### **Automotive Service – High School**

\*1<sup>st</sup> Place – Nathan Tiedeman, Hull

#### **Job Interview**

\*1<sup>st</sup> Place – Tyler Huizenga, Orange City

#### **Extemporaneous Speaking**

\*1<sup>st</sup> Place – Jeremy Bond, Orange City

### **Welding Fabrication**

\*1st Place – Chuck Mulder, Orange City; Tanner Reents, Wellsburg, IA; Alex Warman, Amery, WI

### **Welding Sculpture – Post Secondary**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Dalton Nelson, Vinton, IA

### **Collision Repair**

3rd Place – Jeremy Bond, Orange City

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](mailto:studentservices@nwicc.edu), or visit our website at [www.nwicc.edu](http://www.nwicc.edu).