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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 2011 Iowa State Skills USA Championships held in Des Moines, Iowa, April 28 –30. NCC brought home places 1st, 2nd, or 3rd seventeen times, with twelve students advancing to the National SkillsUSA Leadership Conference. NCC students won a total of 12 gold medals, 9 silver medals, and 4 bronze medals.

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

Automated Manufacturing Technology

1st *Cody Jonker, Orange City; *Jeremiah Nelson, Hull; *Dan Van Roekel, Orange City

Automotive Refinishing Technology

Post Secondary 2nd Curtis Goosen, Paullina

CNC Milling

Post-Secondary 1st *Nicholas Ober, Round Lake, MN

Industrial Motor Control

Post-Secondary 1st *Tyler Johnson, Sutherland
3rd Ross Hinkey, Melvin

Mechatronics

Post-secondary 1st *Kristopher Krull, George; *Aaron Rotert, Templeton
2nd Joshua Boyd, Everly; Jackson Roos, Sheldon

Precision Machining Technology

Post-secondary 2nd Alex Watts, Spirit Lake

Residential Wiring

Post-secondary 2nd Cory Gleich, Des Moines
3rd Eric Sorensen, Council Bluffs

Technical Drafting

1st *Noah Jansen, Alton
2nd Cory Shillington, Humboldt
3rd Luke Kleinwolterink, Hospers

Truck and Diesel Technology

Post-secondary 3rd Wes Peters, Little Rock

Welding Fabrication

Secondary 1st *William Doll, Sibley; *Taylor Block, Sibley; *Tyler Bremer, Ocheydan

Welding Fabrication

Post-secondary 2nd Trent Boyle, Danbury; Michael Hofmeyer, Paullina; Logan McMartin, Larchwood

Welding Sculpture

Post-secondary 1st *Nancy McDowell, Sheldon

More than 400 students competed at the state level for the opportunity to represent the state of Iowa at the 45th Annual National SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference to be held in Kansas City, Missouri, June 19-24, 2011. 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 communications 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.

Mark Steinle, Automotive Instructor, stated, "The SkillsUSA program allows students to compete with other students from all over the nation. It gives them a good gauge for what skills they have learned and what they may need to work on. At the state and national level the conferences expose the students to large international companies and vendors that support their chosen industry. It is great exposure for the students to see the 'big picture' of their field."

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 or visit our website at www.nwicc.edu.