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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

*1st Place – Alex Vust, Sheldon; Daniel Baker, Hull; Brian Barrios, Sheldon

Technical Drafting

*1st Place – Nic Mathies, Sheldon

2nd Place – Kaleb VandenBrink, Alton

CNC Milling

2nd Place – Zach Dreyer, Marcus

CNC Technician

*1st Place – Mitchell Dahl, Swea City, IA

Automotive Service – Post Secondary

*1st Place – Alex Ohling, Rock Rapids

Automotive Service – High School

*1st Place – Nathan Tiedeman, Hull

Job Interview

*1st Place – Tyler Huizenga, Orange City

Extemporaneous Speaking

*1st 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

2nd 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, or visit our website at www.nwicc.edu.