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Northwest Iowa Community College Students Advance to National Skills USA Leadership Competition

Students from Northwest Iowa Community College competed in the 2018 Iowa State SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference at DMACC in Ankeny, Iowa, April 26-27.

Students competed in their respective career path contests. The guidelines are developed at the National SkillsUSA level and each state conducts contests. NCC students received two gold, two silver, and three bronze medals. 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 25-29, 2018.

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)

Automotive Service Technology – High School

*1st Place – Evan Bomgaars, Le Mars, IA
3rd Place – Jason Stegemann, Matlock, IA

Automotive Service Technology – Post Secondary

3rd Place – Taylor Van Der Zwaag, Hospers, IA

Technical Drafting – Post-Secondary

3rd Place – Sarah Nibbelink, Sioux Center, IA

Welding Sculpture – Post-Secondary

*1st Place – Shelby Coudron, Madelia, MN
2nd Place – Zach Rohlf, Boyden, IA

Welding Fabrication – Post Secondary

2nd Place – Austin Blakely, Oakland, IA; Derek Elyea, Hartley, IA; Eduardo Hurtado, Merrill, IA

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 6,000 students compete hands-on in 100 different trade, technical and leadership fields.

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 50 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 nwicc.edu.
At NCC – Your Success is Our Story.