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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 2010 Iowa State Skills USA Championships held in Des Moines, Iowa, April 30 – May 1. NCC brought home places 1st, 2nd, or 3rd twenty two times earning thirty two medals in twelve of thirteen competitions with twelve students advancing to the National SkillsUSA Leadership Conference. NCC students won a total of 12 gold medals, 14 silver medals, and 6 bronze medals.

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

- **100% Chapter Membership Award:**

NCC - Collision Repair Program
NCC – Diesel Technology Program
NCC – Machining Program

- **Academic Achievement Award:**

3.5 GPA, Advisor recommendation, State Conference attendee

Travis McVay, Sioux Falls, SD, Automotive Service Technology
Jake Peters, Orange City, Collision Repair & Refinishing Technology
Zac Hulst, Hospers, Collision Repair & Refinishing Technology
Andrew Echternach, Okabena, MN, Collision Repair & Refinishing
Cody Jonker, Orange City, Design Technology
Brandon Ebel, Spencer, Engineering Design
Alex Lancaster, Alton, Engineering Design
Craig Zieman, Hartley, Welding

Automated Manufacturing

Secondary	1 st	*Clayton Buckley, Orange City; Daniel Van Roekel, Orange City; and Matt Van Roekel, Orange City
Post-secondary	2 nd	Brandon Ackerman, Sibley; Jeremiah Nelson, Hull; and Austin Thevenin, Aurelia
	3 rd	Cody Jonker, Orange City; Matt Van Beek, Rock Valley ; and Lance Wibben, George

Automotive Refinishing

Secondary	1 st	*Zac Hulst, Hospers
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Automotive Service

Post-secondary	2 nd	Kendall Hofman, Sanborn
	3 rd	Travis McVay, Sioux Falls, SD

Collision Repair

Secondary 2nd Aaron Beenken, Sheldon

Diesel Equipment

Secondary 1st *Cody Rosenboom, Hartley

Electronics Technology

Post-secondary 1st *Luke De Jong, Hospers
2nd Cody Petersen, Sibley
3rd Randy Holz, Sheldon

Industrial Motor Control

Post-secondary 1st *Logan Willmert, Elmore, MN
2nd Colton Christoffersen, Blair, NE
3rd Travis Ailts, Rushmore, MN

Mechatronics

Post-secondary 1st *Marshal Dreessen, Sibley, and Jacob Vander Stoep, Maurice
2nd Mike Ahlers, Spencer, and Alex Krier, Pierson

Related Technical Math

Post-secondary 1st *Michael Brown, Missouri Valley

Residential Wiring

Post-secondary 1st *Danny Stuekerjuergen, West Point
2nd Tyler Johnson, Bancroft

Team Works

Post-secondary 2nd Ryan Kroese, Hull; Kirk Schmidt, Sheldon; Jason Van Otterloo, Rock Valley; and Robert White, Polk City

Technical Drafting

Post-secondary 1st *Alex Lancaster, Alton
2nd Brandon Ebel, Spencer

More than 400 students competed at the state level for the opportunity to represent the state of Iowa at the 44th Annual National SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference to be held in Kansas City, Missouri, June 21-25, 2010. 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 Stienle, 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.”

Steven Youngs, Collision Repair Instructor, was elected to the Iowa SkillsUSA State Board of Directors (3 year term). Youngs was also selected to the National Technical Committee for Community Service Contest.

Steve Pearce, Industrial Instrumentation & Control Instructor, was recognized for his six years of Service as a State Board Member for Iowa SkillsUSA.

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.