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## **MARYLAND CAREER & TECHNOLOGY STUDENT ORGANIZATION WINS 23 MEDALS AT NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND SKILLS CONFERENCE**

*63 SkillsUSA Maryland's competitors finish in national "Top Ten"*

**BALTIMORE (July 6, 2009)** – Maryland's SkillsUSA delegation brought home 23 medals from the recent 45<sup>th</sup> Annual National Leadership and Skills Conference in Kansas City, MO in June.

A team of the state's most talented Career and Technology Education (CTE) high school students showcased their skills in 83 career and technical competitions. Nearly half of Maryland's competitors finished in the national top ten. Demonstrating exemplary CTE training, Maryland students challenged 5,400 other student champions from all 50 states, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands.

Maryland students in Electronics Technology, Employment Application Process, Medical Terminology and Promotional Bulletin Board are officially among the best in the nation, returning with gold medals. Silver medals were awarded to students in Chapter Display, Criminal Justice, Customer Service, Electronics Application, Industrial Motor Control and Occupational Health and Safety. Bronze medals were awarded in Major Appliance Technology, Medical Math, Prepared Speech, Web Design and Welding Fabrication.

SkillsUSA Maryland has a statewide membership of 5,000 high school students. Members have consistently demonstrated their expertise and professionalism while participating throughout the year in a variety of leadership and competitive conferences.

The Maryland State Department of Education, in cooperation with business, industry, and education partners, coordinates two annual statewide conferences to prepare students for this rigorous national competition.

Maryland CTE students representing 20 counties and Baltimore City competed at the 2009 SkillsUSA State Championships held at CCBC Catonsville, Center of Applied Technology North, Anne Arundel Community Television, Anne Arundel County Fire Training Academy, Baltimore International College, Earlbeck Gases and Technologies, Northrop Grumman Corporation, Old Mill High School and Printing Specialist Corporation.

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The following students finished the national challenge with outstanding accomplishments:

### SkillsUSA Maryland National Top Ten – 2009 NLSC

#### **Gold Medal – Electronics Technology (Post Secondary)**

Spencer Crockett, Parkside High School CTE – Wicomico County

#### **Gold Medal – Employment Application Process**

Megan Evelyn, Frederick County Career & Technology Center – Frederick County

#### **Gold Medal – Medical Terminology**

Brandon Coleman, James A. Forrest Career & Technology Center – St. Mary's County

#### **Gold Medal – Promotional Bulletin Board**

Emily Meagher, Ikea Wilson, Frederick County Career & Technology Center – Frederick County

#### **Silver Medal – Chapter Display**

James Cornett, Meagan Turner, Issac Weems, Calvert Career Center – Calvert County

#### **Silver Medal – Criminal Justice**

Cassidy O'Brian, Frederick County Career & Technology Center – Frederick County

#### **Silver Medal – Criminal Justice (Post Secondary)**

Matthew Gourley, Frederick County Career & Technology Center – Frederick County

#### **Silver Medal – Customer Service**

Virginia Harris, Worcester County Career & Technology Center - Worcester County

#### **Silver Medal – Electronics Applications**

Jung An, Parkside High School CTE – Wicomico County

#### **Silver Medal – Industrial Motor Control**

Jason Tauber, Center of Applied Technology North – Anne Arundel County

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### **Silver Medal – Occupational Health and Safety - Multiple**

Ashley Mattingly, Michael Shepherd, Calvert Career Center – Calvert County

### **Bronze Medal – Major Appliance Technology**

Edward Klein, Harford Technical High School - Harford County

### **Bronze Medal – Medical Math**

Christine Kantner, Washington County Technical High School - Washington County

### **Bronze Medal – Prepared Speech**

Philippa Hatch, Frederick County Career & Technology Center - Frederick County

### **Bronze Medal – Web Design**

David Cobb, Eric Foltz, Harford Technical High School - Harford County

### **Bronze Medal – Welding Fabrication**

Daniel Chance, Matt Fletcher, John Winn, Parkside High School CTE - Wicomico County

### **4<sup>th</sup> Place – Audio-Radio Production**

Taylor Sargent, Adam Sickle, Dr. James A. Forrest Career & Technology Center – St. Mary's County

### **4<sup>th</sup> Place – Building Maintenance**

Ryan Slep, Center of Applied Technology North – Anne Arundel County

### **4<sup>th</sup> Place – Job Skill Demonstration - Open**

Caitlyn Wienhoff, Frederick County Career & Technology Center - Frederick County

### **4<sup>th</sup> Place – Mobile Electronics Installation**

Doug Dunn, Calvert Career Center - Calvert County

### **4<sup>th</sup> Place – Outstanding Chapter – High School**

Chamaine Jones, Brianna Tomlinson, Calvert Career Center – Calvert County

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### 5<sup>th</sup> Place – Action Skills

Michael Jones, Center of Applied Technology North – Anne Arundel County

### 5<sup>th</sup> Place – Aviation Maintenance Technology

Matt Spalding, Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center – St Mary's County

### 5<sup>th</sup> Place – Culinary Arts

Matthew Lorman, North Point High School For STI – Charles County

### 5<sup>th</sup> Place – Electronics Technology

Tyler Moskov, Parkside High School CTE – Wicomico County

### 5<sup>th</sup> Place – Esthetics

Shelby Higgins, Lauren Lisko, Calvert Career Center - Calvert County

### 5<sup>th</sup> Place – Job Skill Demonstration A

Anthony Stafford, Frederick County Career and Technology Center – Frederick County

### 5<sup>th</sup> Place – Sheet Metal

Clinton Foster, Hereford High School – Baltimore County

### 6<sup>th</sup> Place – Basic Health Care Skills

Angel Galvez, Thomas Edison High School of Technology – Montgomery County

### 6<sup>th</sup> Place – Health Knowledge Bowl

Ana-Alicia Martinez-Leons, Anna Mattson, Samantha Penix, Holly Pratt, Center of Applied Technology North – Anne Arundel County

### 6<sup>th</sup> Place – HVACR

Dominic Ofano, Worcester County Career & Technology Center - Worcester County

### 6<sup>th</sup> Place – Medical Assisting

Adam Elmoor, Center of Applied Technology North – Anne Arundel County

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### **6<sup>th</sup> Place – Television (Video) Production**

David Burrier, Andrew Edwards, Frederick County Career and Technology Center –  
Frederick County

### **7<sup>th</sup> Place – Health Occupations Professional Portfolio**

Katie Coffman, Washington County Technical High School – Washington County

### **7<sup>th</sup> Place – TeamWorks**

Jeremy Bales, Tyler Dorman, Eric Hodge, Gerald Roberts, Frederick County Career and  
Center – Frederick County

### **8<sup>th</sup> Place – Commercial Baking**

Emily Ruhlman, Center of Applied Technology North – Anne Arundel County

### **8<sup>th</sup> Place – Dental Assisting**

Gary Peterson, Center of Applied Technology South – Anne Arundel County

### **8<sup>th</sup> Place – Masonry**

Gary Kline, Harford Technical High School - Harford County

### **8<sup>th</sup> Place – Screen Printing Technology**

Crystal Sanders, Frederick County Career and Center – Frederick County

### **9<sup>th</sup> Place – Collision Repair Technology**

Ryan Baer, Center of Applied Technology North – Anne Arundel County

### **9<sup>th</sup> Place – Nurse Assisting**

Melissa Sweeny, Frederick County Career and Center – Frederick County

### **10<sup>th</sup> Place – Cabinetmaking**

Cain Sturm, Southern Garrett High School - Garrett County

### **10<sup>th</sup> Place – Engineering Technology**

Dianna Escobar, Brendan Kloos, Denis Mitchell, Washington County Technical High  
School – Washington County

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**10<sup>th</sup> Place** – Extemporaneous Speaking

Alyssa Molina, Frederick County Career and Center – Frederick County

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[http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/MSDE/divisions/careertech/career\\_technology/](http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/MSDE/divisions/careertech/career_technology/).

Or visit the official SkillsUSA Maryland website at [www.mdskillsusa.org](http://www.mdskillsusa.org)

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