



SkillsUSA Students Excel at 2022 National Workforce Development Event

June 26, 2022 — Career and technical education students from Tennessee Postsecondary institutions demonstrated excellence and brought home 50 medals at the 2022 SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference.

The annual SkillsUSA conference was a showcase of the best career and technical education (CTE) students in the nation where outstanding students competed in 108 different trade, technical and leadership events. The 2022 SkillsUSA Championships was held in Atlanta in June, with attendance of over 12,000.

During the national event, SkillsUSA CTE students from Tennessee worked against the clock, proving their expertise in occupations such as electronics, computer aided drafting, precision machining, medical assisting and culinary arts. All contests are run by SkillsUSA with the help of industry, trade associations and labor organizations, testing competencies set by industry. In addition, leadership contestants demonstrated their skills, which included extemporaneous speaking and conducting meetings using parliamentary procedure. The annual championships event is for middle school, high school and college-level students who are members of SkillsUSA.

SkillsUSA Tennessee Postsecondary sent 93 students to participate at the national workforce event, representing 23 schools. Students consistently demonstrated expertise and professionalism while participating in a variety of leadership and competitive experiences. SkillsUSA improves the quality of the nation's future skilled workforce through the development of SkillsUSA

Framework skills that include personal, workplace and technical skills grounded in academics. The organization's vision is to produce the most highly skilled workforce in the world, providing every member the opportunity for career success.

Top student winners received gold, silver and bronze medallions. Many also received prizes such as tools of their trade and scholarships to further their careers and education. The following students finished the 2022 national conference with outstanding accomplishments.

Gold Medals

Telecommunications Cabling, Mariam Tanas, Motlow State Community College
Masonry, Chris Parker, Resource Valley Construction Training Council
Web Design and Development, Team of Gustrowsky and Gustrowsky, Southern Adventist University
Employment Application Process, Katelyn Cooke, Tennessee College of Applied Technology – Chattanooga
Medical Assisting, Tara Grimes, Tennessee College of Applied Technology – Chattanooga
Dental Assisting, Destiny Carter, Tennessee College of Applied Technology – Covington
Cyber Security, Team of Garner and Richard, Tennessee College of Applied Technology – Crump
Practical Nursing, Ramon Galvan, Tennessee College of Applied Technology - Crump
Motorcycle Service Technology, Hunter Shields, Tennessee College of Applied Technology - Paris
Information Technology Services, Christopher Montini, Volunteer State Community College

Silver Medals

Customer Service, Vanida Vongsamphanh, Motlow State Community College
Emergency Medical Technician, Team of Bowler and Byrd, Motlow State Community College
Job Interview, Laura Franklin, Northeast State Community College
Audio Radio Production, Team of Ray and Wilhite, Pellissippi State Community College
Digital Cinema Production, Team of Johnson and Mendez, Pellissippi State Community College

Internet of Things and Smart Home, Matthew Deckman, Tennessee College of Applied Technology – Chattanooga
Job Skill Demonstration Open, Liz Zapata Obregon, Tennessee College of Applied Technology – Chattanooga
Quiz Bowl, Team of Holland-Frazier, Kerley, Monfort, Orr, VanDaley, West and Whitten, Tennessee College of Applied Technology – Chattanooga
Welding Sculpture, Jonathan Thoma, Tennessee College of Applied Technology – Crossville
CNC Milling Specialist, Paul Prescott, Tennessee College of Applied Technology – McKenzie
Engineering Technology Design, Team of Downey, Garciasolano and Hensley, Tennessee College of Applied Technology – Morristown
Mechatronics, Team of Rush and Schmoeller, Tennessee College of Applied Technology – Morristown
Pin Design, Kyeesha Wilcox, Tennessee College of Applied Technology – Murfreesboro

Bronze Medals

Extemporaneous Speaking, Hannah McSwain, Northeast State Community College
Opening and Closing Ceremonies, Team of Fuget, Geathers, Gross, Haire, King, Osterhaus and Salazar, Tennessee College of Applied Technology – Chattanooga
CNC Turning Specialist, Brandon Stacks, Tennessee College of Applied Technology – Covington
Sheet Metal, Alec Ryon, Tennessee College of Applied Technology – Morristown
Crime Scene Investigation, Team of Flores, Gonzales and Harrison, Volunteer State Community College

For more information about this year's events and the winners, contact: SkillsUSA Tennessee Postsecondary State Director, Shania Willyard at shania.willyard@tbr.edu, 615.366.4497, tnpsskillsusa.org.

About SkillsUSA

SkillsUSA is a nonprofit partnership of education and industry founded in 1965 to strengthen our nation's skilled workforce. Driven by employer demand, SkillsUSA helps students develop necessary personal and workplace skills along with technical skills grounded in academics. This SkillsUSA Framework empowers every student to succeed at work and in life, while helping to close the skills gap in which millions of positions go unfilled. Through SkillsUSA's championships program and curricula, employers have

long ensured schools are teaching relevant technical skills, and with SkillsUSA's new credentialing process, they can now assess how ready potential employees are for the job. SkillsUSA has members nationwide in high schools, colleges and middle schools, covering over 130 trade, technical and skilled service occupations, and is recognized by the U.S. departments of Education and Labor as integral to career and technical education. We have served 13.9 million members since 1965. For more information: www.skillsusa.org.