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SKILLS USA KENTUCKY BRINGS HOME NATIONAL HONORS

(Frankfort, KY) – Kentucky students were among some of the top finishers at the 50th annual SkillsUSA National Conference and Skills Competition held in Kansas City, MO this summer.

SkillsUSA is a national nonprofit organization serving teachers and high school and college students who are preparing for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations, including health occupations.

The national conference recognizes and rewards excellence in a broad range of skills-related competitions and career-related areas. Through state-based competitions at spring state leadership conferences, students compete in events testing their knowledge and skills in a variety of areas. Top state winners then are eligible to compete for honors at the national leadership conference each summer.

Kentucky had 104 members attend the national conference with nine students finishing in the top five of their competitions including first, second and third place finishes by postsecondary students. Six other students finished within the top 10 of their skills categories.

“We are very proud of our students and advisers,” said Commissioner Terry Holliday. “SkillsUSA Kentucky and other student organizations provide valuable experiences for our young people that serve them well in high school, postsecondary and in their chosen careers.”

In addition to its connection to the country’s Career and Technical Education sector, SkillsUSA has a close relationship with some of the biggest corporations in the country with many serving as official sponsors including Lowe’s, Caterpillar, Chrysler, Toyota and John Deere.

More than 300,000 students and advisors join SkillsUSA annually. Combining alumni and lifetime membership, the total number served this year is more than 350,000. SkillsUSA has served more than 11.6 million members since its founding in 1965. The SkillsUSA National Conference will be moving to Louisville in 2015.

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A list of 2014 Kentucky SkillsUSA national winners follows.

2014 SkillsUSA NATIONAL CONFERENCE WINNERS

SECONDARY WINNERS			
Name	Contest	School	Ranking
Russell Aulman	Technical Drafting	Garrard Co ATC	4
Trevor Blevins Michael Hamilton Paige Meadows Alec Salyer Yasmin White	Quiz Bowl	Johnson Central HS	4
Nick Carter	Sheet Metal	Boone Co ATC	5
Dustin Stewart	Electrical Construction Wiring	Hughes Jones-Harrodsburg-ATC	5
Victor Walls	Masonry	Campbell Co ATC	5
Calvin Ransey	Culinary Arts	Murray-Calloway Co ATC	9
Branden Martin	Firefighting	Meade Co ATC	10
Shelby Newton	CNC Turning	Breckinridge Co ATC	11
Benjamin Shuck	Telecommunications Cabling	Shelby Co ATC	13
Zoe Brownfield	Architectural Drafting	Barren Co ATC	14
Clay Greene	Telecommunications Cabling	Bell Co ATC	14
Alyssa Hensley	Graphic Communications	Bullitt Co ATC	15
Samantha Thomas	First Aid-CPR	Corbin ATC	16
Reiley Crum Connor Murry Clay Smith Daniel Williams	Broadcast News Production	Johnson Central HS	17
Logan Smith	Technical Computer Applications	Shelby Co ATC	17
Kayla Wells	Welding Sculpture	Pulaski Co ATC	17
Jack Critchelow	CNC Milling	Breckinridge Co ATC	18
Blake Doyle Matt Fodor Aaron Orth Christopher Reed	TeamWorks	Campbell Co ATC	18
Chris Abney	Industrial Motor Control	Rockcastle Co ATC	19
Joshua Bowen	Computer Maintenance Tech	Lincoln Co ATC	19
Nathan Zabrecky	HCAC Nelson Co ATC		20
POSTSECONDARY WINNERS			
Amber Jackson	Advertising Design	Sullivan College	1
Cory Medley Cole Richardson	Mechatronics	E-town CTC	2
Jimmy Catalano	Aviation Maintenance Tech	Jefferson CTC	3
Raeshell Sheppard	Action Sills	Somerset CE-Laurel Campus	5
Jess Hornback	Plumbing	E-town CTC	6

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Abigail Principe	Esthetics	Somerset CC	9
Cody Penny	Industrial Motor Control	E-town	10
Chandler Young	Internetworking	E-town CTC	10
Josh Dean	HVAC	E-town CTC	12
Kevin Sturgill	Carpentry	Somerset CC-Laurel Campus	12
Casey Byrd Edward Lyvers Terry Hoyt Jamison Wright	TeamWorks	E-town CTC	13
Bernard Hamilton	Extemporaneous Speaking	Hughes Jones-Harrodsburg ATC	13
Irene Grubb	Nail Care	Somerset CC-Laurel Campus	14
Kala Jones	Cosmetology	Somerset CC Laurel Campus	17
Travis Stivers	Automotive Service Tech.	Jefferson CTC	20

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