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SkillsUSA Bronze and Silver Medals Awarded to NGTC

This spring, 40 students from 18 programs at North Georgia Technical College competed at the state SkillsUSA contest in 26 events and last week nine winners traveled to Louisville, Kentucky, for the 51st annual National Leadership and Skill Conference. NGTC’s Brad Budd of Hephzibah garnered a Silver medal in Photography and Michelle Brewer of Clayton achieved Bronze in the Medical Assisting event.

“It was a fantastic experience to see such commitment on a national level to the technical skills we need to keep moving this country forward,” said Vice President for Economic Development Dr. Mark Ivester. “Our students were so well prepared and dedicated and it was exciting to see them put everything they had into their competition. They put in long hours and they never once let their energy level falter. We are very proud of all of them.”

Along with Brad and Michele, the other students travelling to Louisville this year were Allen Mull of Clarkesville in CNC Technician, Briana Bramlett of Toccoa in Commercial Baking, Drew Burgess of Loganville in Marine Service Technology, Makayla Stewart of Clarkesville in Medical Math, and the Welding Fabrication team of Andrew Culp of Athens, Curtis Wofford of Dillard, and Anthony Justice of Seneca, South Carolina. Georgia Zumwalt also attended as the Vice President of the Georgia SkillsUSA Chapter.

“Our students represented the college well, competing with professionalism and passion,” said NGTC SkillsUSA Advisor and Marine Technology Instructor Morris Harrison. “If you haven’t seen some of the photos on facebook, take a look because it will give you an idea of the scope of the events as well as the intensity in the competition. It was amazing to see the commitment to the experience, and I know that each student has grown from the opportunity.”

The contests are planned by technical committees made up of representatives of labor and management in the industries and are designed to test the skills needed for a successful entry-level performance in given occupational fields. Safety practices and procedures – an area of great concern to labor and management alike – are judged and graded and constitute a portion of a contestant’s score. SkillsUSA is a national career and technical student organization with chapters at high schools and colleges across the country.
"We appreciate the instructors who gave of their time to help these students prepare for the State and National SkillsUSA competitions," said Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Mike King. “The support given to these students by their instructors was instrumental in their success. Our SkillsUSA program has benefited from the guidance and leadership of Morris Harrison who gave his time to lead the SkillsUSA program here at North Georgia Technical College during this academic year."

For more information on the programs of study at NGTC, contact 706-754-7700 or visit the website at www.northgatech.edu.

Picture: Brad Budd (center of medalists) receives Silver in Photography at SkillsUSA National Conference.

Picture: Michelle Brewer receives Bronze in Medical Assisting at SkillsUSA National Conference.

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