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## MCC students soar at SkillsUSA Nebraska Championships

Omaha, Neb. — Metropolitan Community College students medaled in 25 out of 32 postsecondary competitions at this year's SkillsUSA Nebraska Championships held in Omaha April 16-18. First-place winners advance to the national championships in Kansas City, Mo., June 23–27, for the 50<sup>th</sup> annual National Leadership and Skills conference.

In the Action Skills competition, the gold medalist was Derrick Marshall.

In the Automotive Refinishing Technology competition, the gold medalist was Johnny Guzman.

In the Automotive Service Technology competition, the gold medalist was Jason Grim. Ricardo Salazar received the silver medal, and Patrick Topf received bronze.

In the Cabinetmaking competition, the silver medalist was Caleb Gardner, and Nicholas Thompson received bronze.

In the Collision Repair Technology competition, the gold medalist was Jacob Lewis.

In the Computer Maintenance Technology competition, the gold medalist was Jesse Ramsey.

In the Cosmetology competition, the gold medalist was Katherine Ferm.

In the Early Childhood Education competition, the gold medalist was Kimberly Keane.

In the Electrical Construction Wiring competition, the gold medalist was Charles Fritz III. Joshua Critel received the silver medal, and Joseph Stephany received bronze.

In the Fire Fighting competition, the silver medalist was Luke Glesinger, and Caleb Barney received bronze.

In the Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration competition, the gold medalist was Gerald McNerney.

In the Industrial Motor Control competition, the gold medalist was Ryan Mencl.

In the Masonry competition, the gold medalist was Don Shandera.

In the Prepared Speech competition, the gold medalist was Jammie Snyder.

In the Sheet Metal competition, the gold medalist was Todd Koehly, and Bill Coleman received silver.

In the Technical Drafting competition, the gold medalist was Michael Ryle, and David Steward received silver.

In the Welding Sculpture competition, the gold medalist was Tanner Silence.

In the Welding Postsecondary competition, the gold medalist was Gordon Davis.

In the team competitions, MCC received gold medals in Audio/Radio Production, Mechatronics Postsecondary and Team Works. MCC received both gold and silver medals in the Digital Cinema Production and Video Production competitions.

SkillsUSA serves middle school, high school and college students in programs preparing them for technical, skilled and service careers. In addition to technical skills training, SkillsUSA provides educational experiences for students in leadership, teamwork, citizenship and character development. More than 300,000 students and advisers participate in SkillsUSA annually.

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Metropolitan Community College, accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association, is a comprehensive, public community college that offers affordable and quality education to all residents of Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy and Washington counties. Founded in 1974, MCC has the largest enrollment out of six community colleges in Nebraska and is the second largest postsecondary institution in the state. MCC serves more than 40,000 students annually.