



Miami Valley Career Technology Center Press Release

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MVCTC Student Wins National Competition

Clayton, Ohio -- Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC) students recently returned victorious from the 45th annual National Leadership and Skills Conference, a showcase of career and technical education students. The conference was held in Kansas City, MO, from June 21-26, 2009, and quality career and technical education was the centerpiece of the event. More than 15,000 students, teachers, education leaders, and representatives from more than 1,100 national corporations, trade associations, businesses, and labor unions attended. In conjunction with the National Leadership and Skills Conference, ninety-one hands-on skill and leadership competitions were held to highlight the abilities of SkillsUSA members from across the country.

MVCTC students with success at the national conference included:

- Andrew Peters, a Franklin Monroe student in the Electrical Trades program at MVCTC, achieved a Gold Medal in the Industrial Motor Control National Contest
- Chelsea Gracheck, a Carlisle student in the Graphic Commercial Photography Contest at MVCTC, achieved a Silver Medal in the Photography National Contest
- Chris Harkless, a Northmont student in the Precision Machining program at MVCTC, achieved a Silver Medal in the Precision Machining National Contest
- The team of Jake Hayslett (Carpentry student from Vandalia), Clint Landes (Masonry student from Brookville), Brandon Pierron (Electrical Trades student from Versailles), and Brannon Willsey (Mechanical

Construction & Plumbing student from Eaton) achieved a Silver Medal in the Team Build Competition

- Cody Garber, a Franklin Monroe student in the Electrical Trades program at MVCTC, placed 4th in the Residential Wiring National Contest
- The Dental Assistant team of Desiree Brown (Tri-County North), Hannah Brown (Brookville), Megan Clymer (New Lebanon), Ashley Nickels (Wayne), Nicolle Reed (Northmont), Andrea St. Martin (Tri-County North), William Viney (Wayne), and Blake Thompson (Tri-County North) qualified for the finals and finished in 10th place in the Opening and Closing Ceremony

MVCTC Instructor and State SkillsUSA Advisor, Kelly Kramer (Arcanum), worked diligently on behalf of all MVCTC and Ohio students helping plan and deliver an excellent event for all participants.

SkillsUSA is a career technical student organization representing students pursuing careers in technical, skilled, and service occupations, including health occupations. There are 285,000 members worldwide with over 5,000 students qualifying to compete nationally each year in one of 87 contests.

MVCTC is very proud of our students and congratulates them on their great accomplishments. For more information about MVCTC and the 50 exciting career programs offered to high school juniors and seniors, or the career training opportunities offered to adult students, please visit www.mvctc.com or www.ctctube.com.

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