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How did they fit all those trophies on the busses?! **Local Career & Tech School students win big at SkillsUSA Regionals**

A number of local high school students enrolled at the Capital Region BOCES Career & Technical School in Albany (Colonie) and Schoharie won events at the March 18 SkillsUSA Regional Competition at Schenectady County Community College, bringing home eight 1st place trophies, ten 2nds, five 3rds, three 4ths, and four 5th place awards. Several students will go on to the New York State SkillsUSA competition April 1-3 in Syracuse.

SkillsUSA is a national organization for career and technical education students, and competitions are held annually at the regional, state and national levels.

Scoring first place in the region at the March 18 event were:

<u>Student:</u>	<u>Won 1st place in:</u>	<u>Career & Tech program</u>	<u>High school</u>
Tyler Ostermann	Vehicle Maintenance	Auto Trades Technology	Cobleskill-Richmondville
Michael D'Agostino	Diesel Engine Repair	Med/Heavy Duty Truck Repair	Duanesburg
Kristina White	Nurse Assistant	Nurse Assistant	Guilderland
Cassandra Delbene	Floral Design	Floral Design	Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk
Dakota Eckert	Food and Beverage	Culinary Arts	Schalmont
Meghan Stilson	Culinary Arts	Culinary Arts Tech Prep	Schenectady
Kquamaine Winters	Food Prep Assistant	Food Services	Schenectady
Aaron Chojecki	Residential Wiring	Electrical Trades	Scotia-Glenville

Scoring second place in the region at the SkillsUSA Regionals were:

<u>Student:</u>	<u>Won 2nd place in:</u>	<u>Career & Tech program</u>	<u>High school</u>
Amanda Harrington	Job Skill Demonstration	Cosmetology	Cobleskill-Richmondville
Chris Tuttle	Food and Beverage	Culinary Arts	Colonie Central
Matthew Pellerin	Residential Wiring	Electrical Trades	Duanesburg
Brooke Marcucci	Cosmetology Junior	Cosmetology	Guilderland
Robert Ryan	Culinary Arts	Culinary Arts	Guilderland
Sherry Starks	Commercial Baking	Hospitality & Culinary Arts	Middleburgh
Jeannine Goff	Cosmetology Senior	Cosmetology	Mohonasen
Allen Potts	Diesel Engine Repair	Med/Heavy Duty Truck Repair	Mohonasen
Timothy (TJ) Banahan	Welding	Welding & Metal Fab.	Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk
Caitlyn Basile	Floral Design	Floral Design	Voorheesville

Scoring third place in the region at the SkillsUSA Regionals were:

<u>Student:</u>	<u>Won 3rd place in:</u>	<u>Career & Tech program</u>	<u>High school</u>
Tyler (TJ) Carusone	Welding	Welding & Metal Fab.	Burnt Hills/Ballston Lake
Stephanie Woreth	Getting to Know You	Criminal Justice	Cobleskill-Richmondville
Daniel Sim	Collision Repair	Auto Body Repair	Guilderland
Peter Fitzgerald	Internetworking	Computer & Network Technician	Schenectady
Kayla Wojna	Cosmetology Senior	Cosmetology	Schenectady

Scoring fourth place in the region at the SkillsUSA Regionals were:

<u>Student:</u>	<u>Won 4th place in:</u>	<u>Career & Tech program</u>	<u>High school</u>
Amanda Caswell	Floral Design	Floral Design	Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk
Jonathan Miller	Carpenter Assistant	Building Trades	Voorheesville
Bradley Carpenter	Internetworking	Computer & Network Technician	Watervliet

Scoring fifth place in the region at the SkillsUSA Regionals were:

<u>Student:</u>	<u>Won 5th place in:</u>	<u>Career & Tech program</u>	<u>High school</u>
Rebecca Marshall	Commercial Baking	Hospitality & Culinary Arts	Middleburgh
Denielle Dix	Job Skill Demonstration	Culinary Arts	Schenectady
Shante Oni-Eseleh	Prepared Speech	Lodging Management	Schenectady
Cassandra Blyth	Food and Beverage	Hospitality & Culinary Arts	Schoharie

“We are proud of our team of students who competed in the SkillsUSA Regionals at SCCC,” said Dr. Hank Stopinski, Capital Region BOCES director of career and technical education. “With sportsmanship and professionalism practiced by all, our students served as terrific ambassadors for both the Capital Region BOCES Career and Technical School and their home high schools.”

SkillsUSA (formerly known as VICA) is a national organization for career and technical students that promotes technical and professional growth and personal development through leadership seminars and workshops, campus activities, community service, and competitions. Each Career & Technical School campus has a student-run SkillsUSA chapter.

More than 1,200 local high school and adult students are enrolled in 40 programs of study offered by the Capital Region Career & Technical School. The school is operated by the Capital Region Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) and serves residents of Albany, Schenectady, Schoharie and southern Saratoga counties. For more information, visit www.bocescareertech.org.