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## **Career & Tech School Medium/Heavy Duty Truck Repair student is #1 in state; fellow students bring home a 2<sup>nd</sup> prize and three 3<sup>rd</sup> prize trophies from SkillsUSA competition**

**Michael D'Agostino of Duanesburg wins state Diesel Technology title; Brooke Marcucci of Slingerlands wins 2<sup>nd</sup> in Cosmetology.; 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophies won in Floral Design by Cassandra Delbene of Ravena, HVAC/R by Travis Richardson of Selkirk and Nurse Assisting by Kristina White of Guilderland**

Michael D'Agostino of Duanesburg, a Medium/Heavy Duty Truck Repair student at the Capital Region Career & Technical School in Albay (Colonie), won first place in the Diesel Technology event at the New York State SkillsUSA Competition in Syracuse, April 1-3.

D'Agostino, who is also a Duanesburg High School senior, outscored students from across New York to win the state title from SkillsUSA, a national organization for career and technical students. In June, he'll compete in the SkillsUSA National Competition in Kansas City, MO.

Students from the Capital Region Career & Technical School also brought home a 2<sup>nd</sup> place and three 3<sup>rd</sup> place state award from the competition. Brooke Marcucci, a Career & Tech Cosmetology student and Guilderland High School junior, won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the SkillsUSA State Cosmetology Junior event.

Cassandra Delbene, a senior in Career & Tech's Floral Design program and at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School, won third place in the state SkillsUSA Floral Design competition.

Travis Richardson of Selkirk, a Career & Tech HVAC/R student and also a senior at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School, brought home a 3<sup>rd</sup> place SkillsUSA state award in HVAC/R.

Career & Tech Nurse Assistant student and Guilderland High School senior Kristina White scored third in New York State in Nurse Assisting at the SkillsUSA event.

The students competed against their peers from throughout New York, testing their technical and professional skills through hands-on and written contests. Most Career & Tech students attend class at the school for half a day and at their home high school for the other half day.

More than three dozen students representing both campuses of the Capital Region Career & Technical School (Albany/Colonie and Schoharie) competed in the SkillsUSA state competition in Syracuse. Many of the students had scored top awards at the SkillsUSA Regional Competition held in March at Schenectady County Community College. Results of that competition are posted online at [www.bocescaereertech.org](http://www.bocescaereertech.org).

"I am proud of all of our students who competed in the SkillsUSA competitions," said Dr. Hank Stopinski, Capital Region BOCES director of career and technical education. "These students are true leaders and role models. I also thank their teachers, Career & Tech staff and high schools for supporting these extraordinary young adults."

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 1,300 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](http://www.bocescareertech.org).