

National Leadership and Skills Conference in Review 2015

The SkillsUSA Championships, held in Louisville, Kentucky, took place June 22-26, 2015, as part of the SkillsUSA 51st annual National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC), a showcase of career and technical education students. The SkillsUSA Championships is the national-level competition for public high school and college/postsecondary technical students enrolled in career and technical education programs. SkillsUSA organizes this event, and it is considered the single greatest day of industry volunteerism in America every year at an estimated cost of more than \$36 million. During the week, more than 6,000 outstanding career and technical education students—all state contest winners competed hands-on in 100 different trade, technical and leadership fields. Students worked against the clock and each other, proving their expertise in occupations like plumbing, computer-aided drafting, precision machining, automotive service technology and broadcast news production. All contests are run with the help of industry, trade associations, and labor organizations, and test competencies are set by industry. In addition, leadership contestants demonstrated their skills, which included extemporaneous speaking and conducting meetings by parliamentary procedure. Top student winners received gold, silver and bronze medallions. Many also received prizes such as tools of their trade and/or scholarships to further their careers and education. In addition, high scorers in the contests received Skill Point Certificates. SkillsUSA Georgia came in 5th in the nation in medallion count. Georgia high school competitors brought home 20 medallions and 74 top scorer positions, indicating an increase over last year's placement. A pinnacle achievement for SkillsUSA members as part of the Work Force Ready System is the awarding of Skill Point Certificates. Earning a Skill Point Certificate is a significant achievement that documents a student's knowledge and abilities within a certain area. This criterion is developed and endorsed by industry representatives. 48 Georgia students earned Skill Point Certificates, signifying that they achieved technical competencies and proficiency on the national level.

New this year was the Chapter Excellence Program (CEP). CEP honors chapter achievement relative to SkillsUSA's framework of developing personal, workplace and technical skills. The framework actualizes SkillsUSA's mission "to empower members to become world-class workers, leaders and responsible American citizens." It also serves as the blueprint for career readiness — our ultimate goal as an organization. Paramount to framework success is the creation and implementation of an effective program of work* — SkillsUSA's planning tool for chapters. By participating in program of work activities, SkillsUSA chapters become conduits for meaningful student growth. The CEP recognizes these efforts by offering every chapter an opportunity to attain measurable competencies in pursuit of framework objectives. Georgia had six of the 24 chapters that were competing for the ultimate SkillsUSA recognition, the Model of Excellence Chapter. The chapters that competed were; Cambridge High School, Cross Keys High School, East Laurens High School, Maxwell High School, Sandy Creek High School, and Union Grove High School.

National Leadership and Skills Conference Georgia Highlights at a Glance:

- 5th in the Nation in medallion count
- 777 Georgia attendees
- 777 Georgia Contestants
- 20 Gold, Silver and Bronze Medallions presented to Georgia Students
- &&& Top Scorer Positions Earned- top 10
- &&& Skill Point Certificates Awarded
- Payten Stowe, elected as a SkillsUSA National Officer

Gold Medallion Winners

Union Grove High School	Gavin	Deleshaw	Quiz Bowl	GOLD
Union Grove High School	Andre	Blair	Quiz Bowl	GOLD
Union Grove High School	Kimberly	Erett	Quiz Bowl	GOLD
Cross Keys High School	Angel	Leon	Occupational Health and Safety - Single	GOLD

Union Grove High School	Kaitlyn	Mote	Quiz Bowl	GOLD
Union Grove High School	Thushara	Mudireddy	Quiz Bowl	GOLD
Union Grove High School	Nathan	Rhineheimer	Quiz Bowl	GOLD
Cross Keys High School	William	Roblero	Occupational Health and Safety - Single	GOLD
Hart County High School	Riley	Sanders	American Spirit	GOLD
Union Grove High School	Mathew	Seitz	Quiz Bowl	GOLD
Pickens High School	Anna	Walker	Early Childhood Education	GOLD
Hart County High School	Caleb	Wilder	American Spirit	GOLD
Cross Keys High School	Donnell	Williams	Occupational Health and Safety - Single	GOLD

Silver Medallion Winners

Hephzibah High School	Preston	Kitchings	Sheet Metal	SILVER
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Bronze Medallion Winners

Cross Keys High School	Rosa	Bello-Aguilera	Outstanding Chapter	BRONZE
Tift County High School	Carlos	Diaz-Hernandez	Mechatronics	BRONZE
Cambridge High School	Grant	Mitchell	Job Skill Demonstration Open	BRONZE
Effingham College and Career Academy	Michael	Ryan	Motorcycle Service Technology	BRONZE
Heritage High School	Matthew	Stagg	Architectural Drafting	BRONZE
Tift County High School	Daniel	Strickland	Mechatronics	BRONZE

Top Ten Finalists

				<u>NLSC Placement</u>
Allatoona High School	Brittany	Hulette	Television (Video) Production	4
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Union Grove High School	Ryan	Palmer	Related Technical Math	4
Richmond County Technical Career Magnet School	Quan	Robinson	Building Maintenance	4
Tift County High School	Deonjay	Daniels	Humanoid Robotics	5
North Cobb High School	Mia	Jordan	Principles of Engineering & Technology	5
Cross Keys High School	Karla	Lopez	CPS-Information Technology	5
Tift County High School	Alexander	Mailloux	Humanoid Robotics	5
Cross Keys High School	Delia	Mendez	CPS-Information Technology	5
Cross Keys High School	Daniella	Ramirez	CPS-Information Technology	5
Evans High School	Austin	Cale	Technical Drafting	6
Sandy Creek High School	Kristofer	Davis	Mobile Electronics Installation	6

Tift County High School	Sam	Hand	Robotics and Automation Technology	6
Tift County High School	Andrew	Scarborough	Robotics and Automation Technology	6
Harris County High School	Nicholas	Willey	Graphics Imaging-Sublimation	6
North Murray High School	Trey	Williams	Criminal Justice	6
Cross Keys High School	Brenda	Betancourt	Medical Assisting	7
Camden County High School	Brook	Bulter	Occupational Health and Safety - Multiple	7
Camden County High School	Viviane	Clark	Occupational Health and Safety - Multiple	7
Camden County High School	Knute	Jones	Industrial Motor Control	7
Adairsville High School	Carter	Arrington	TeamWorks	8
Tift County High School	Xena	Barnes	CPS-Manufacturing	8
Cambridge High School	Jordan	Crosby	Crime Scene Investigation	8
Tift County High School	Alec	Davis	CPS-Manufacturing	8
Cambridge High School	Haley	Liakakos	Crime Scene Investigation	8
Cross Keys High School	Viviana	Lizalde	CPS-Health Science	8
Cross Keys High School	Salvador	Martinez	Technical Computer Applications	8
Cambridge High School	Emmerson	McClung	Crime Scene Investigation	8
Cross Keys High School	Jackie	Morales	CPS-Health Science	8
Troup County Comp High School	Ashley	Perdue	Graphic Communications	8
Adairsville High School	John	Redd	TeamWorks	8
Adairsville High School	Brandon	Shuping	TeamWorks	8
Adairsville High School	Logan	Tolbert	TeamWorks	8
Cross Keys High School	Cinthya	Vazquez	CPS-Health Science	8
Tift County High School	Moesha	Woods	CPS-Manufacturing	8
Maxwell High School of Tech	Bryant	Amaya	Automotive Refinishing Technology	9
Golden Isles Career Academy	Derek	Briggs	CNC Milling Specialist	9
Jordan Vocational High School	Tristan	Campbell	Promotional Bulletin Board	9
Gilmer High School	Jacob	Engstrom	Job Interview	9
Cedartown High School	Ryan	Fincher	Welding	9
Hapeville Charter Career Academy	Frank	Kadiri	Dental Assisting	9
Washington County High School	Zeporria	Kitchen	CPS-Agricultural, Food & Natural Resources	9
Jordan Vocational High School	Autumn	Powell	Promotional Bulletin Board	9
Washington County High School	Crystal	Swint	CPS-Agricultural, Food & Natural Resources	9
Jordan Vocational High School	Jaylin	Williams	Promotional Bulletin Board	9
Washington County High School	Janae	Young	CPS-Agricultural, Food & Natural Resources	9

Cambridge High School	David	Ashcom	Digital Cinema Production	10
Harris County High School	Madison	Carder	CPS-Arts,Audiovisual Technology & Communications	10
Apalachee High School	Kristen	Gragg	Medical Terminology	10
Cambridge High School	Caroline	Hearn	Digital Cinema Production	10
Lee County High School	Dylan	Manley	Welding Sculpture	10
Harris County High School	Georgia	Patterson	CPS-Arts,Audiovisual Technology & Communications	10
Woodville Tompkins Technical & Career Institute	Abe	Robinson	Firefighting	10
Harris County High School	Preslie	Stowe	CPS-Arts,Audiovisual Technology & Communications	10