

RALPH R. WILLIS CAREER AND TECHNICAL CENTER STUDENTS WIN AT THE WV SKILLSUSA COMPETITIONS

Nineteen students from Ralph R. Willis Career & Technical Center (RRWCTC) participated in the annual SkillsUSA State Championship competitions. The annual competition determines the “best of the best” from many programs of study for students throughout the state.

SkillsUSA is the national organization for students in trade, industrial, technical and health occupations fields. It sponsors the SkillsUSA Championship competitions annually to recognize the achievements of career and technical education students and to encourage them to strive for excellence and pride in their chosen fields. Students who win gold (1st place) will compete in the national competition that will be held in Louisville, Ky.

The annual two-day state competition was held on April 14th at Fairmont State University in Fairmont, WV. The students from Ralph R. Willis Career and Technical Center represented all three-high schools in Logan County- Chapmanville Regional High, Logan High and Man High.



Front Row: David Adkins (Principal), Eddie Kirkendoll (Instructor)

Middle Row: Jack Frye (Machine Tool Instructor), Amber Richards (Prepared Speech 2nd Place), Jayleigh Riley (Restaurant Services 4th Place), Haylea Bumgarner (Culinary Arts), Kayla Toler (SkillsUSA State Officer-President, Medical Terminology 3rd Place), Aleah Carpenter (Commercial Baking), Paige Woodall (Health Occupations Professional Portfolio 1st Place), Kitana Stollings (Web Design 2nd Place), Becky Keathley (Computer Technology Instructor\SkillsUSA Advisor), Peggy Vance (CTE Director), Cliff Motes (Automotive Instructor)

Back Row: Nick Vance (Manual Lathe 3rd Place), Caleb Dillon (Industrial Equipment\Welding Fabrication Contest), Trey Gillman (Industrial Equipment\Welding Fabrication Contest), Issac Lambert (CNC Milling 2nd Place), Andrew Adkins (Industrial Equipment\Welding Fabrication Contest), Cameron Zealy (Information Technology Services), Micheal Ellis (Electrial Construction Wiring), Floyd Bumgarner (HVAC&R), Cameron Miller (Web Design 2nd Place), Noah Hurst (Mobile Robotics 3rd Place), Taylor Killen (Mobile Robotics 2nd Place), Jared McCoy (Automotive Techology 4th Place), Bill Wilcox (HVAC&R Instructor)



**Kayla Toler, WV SkillsUSA President
Medical Terminology (3rd Place Winner)**

Kayla Toler, a student from Kim Brown's Therapeutic Services program ran for a WV SkillsUSA State Officer position and was elected as the new WV SkillsUSA State President. She also competed in Medical Terminology and won a bronze medal (3rd place). Paige Woodall, a student from Kim Brown's Therapeutic Services program competed in Health Occupations Professional Portfolio and won a gold medal (1st place). She will be competing in the national competition in Louisville, KY. Amber Richards, a student from Kim Brown's Therapeutic Services program competed in Prepared Speech and won a silver medal (2nd place).



**Paige Woodall, Health Occupations Professional Portfolio
(1st Place Winner)**



**Amber Richards, Prepared Speech
(2nd Place Winner)**

Cameron Miller and Kitana Stollings, students from Becky Keathley's Computer Technology program, won silver medals (2nd place) in the Web Design competition. The competition required students to design and develop a WV tourism web site.



Taylor Killen, a student from Eddie Kirkendoll's Electrical Technology program and Noah Hurst, a student from Cliff Motes' Automotive Technology program won bronze medals (3rd place) in the Mobile Robotics competition. They were tasked with building a robot that would stack cones and move them into scoring zones.



Noah Hurst and Taylor Killen, Mobile Robotics (3rd Place Winner)



Isaac Lambert, CNC Milling (2nd Place Winner)

Isaac Lambert, a student from Jack Frye's Machine Tool program won a silver medal (2nd place) in the CNC Milling competition. Nick Vance, also a student from Jack Frye's program won a bronze medal (3rd place) in the Manual Lathe competition.

Jared McCoy, a student in Cliff Motes' Automotive Technology program won 4th place in the Automotive Service Technology competition. Jayleigh Riley, a student in Teresa Justice's program won 4th place in the Restaurant Services competition.

The following students also competed in the WV SkillsUSA competitions and represented their programs from RRWCTC:



Nick Vance, Manual Lathe, (3rd Place Winner)

- Haylea Bumgarner from Teresa Justice's Pro-Start program competed in the Culinary Arts competition
- Aleah Carpenter from Teresa Justice's Pro-Start program competed in the Commercial Baking competition
- Andrew Adkins, Trey Gillman, Caleb Dillon from Jerry Frye's Industrial Equipment Technology program competed in the Welding Fabrication competition
- Floyd Bumgarner from Bill Wilcox's HVAC&R program competed in the HVAC&R competition
- Micheal Ellis from Eddie Kirkendoll's Electrical Techology program competed in the Electrical Construction Wiring competition

RRWCTC would like to thank the Logan Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Logan County Schools and the Logan County Commission for their generous contributions, so that our students would have the opportunity to compete in the WV SkillsUSA competitions this year. Also, a big thank you to the students of RRWCTC who worked throughout the school year to help raise proceeds to offset the costs of the competitions.