

Tech students notch wins in state SkillsUSA contests

About three dozen students from Eastside and Southside technical centers participated in the SkillsUSA state conference April 7-10 in Louisville.

Members conducted business for the Kentucky chapter, met with business and industry representatives, heard from government officials and had fun, too. More than 1,000 students competed in nearly 100 occupational and leadership skill areas. All first-place winners will advance to the national competition in June in Kansas City.

From Eastside

First-place winners:

- Power Equipment: Billy Abel
- Job Skills Demonstration Open: Kristen Arvin
- Criminal Justice: Monica Bryan
- Airbrush Design: Jordan Driskell
- Extemporaneous Writing: Tyler Steinmetz
- Computer Technical Application: Uriah Stone
- Building Maintenance: Casey Ward
- Computer Programming: Jesse Welch
- Broadcasting and News Production: Ashley Stuckey, Christie Cummins, Jacob Arnold and Christina Smith

Second-place winners:

- Diesel Technology: Todd Finch
- Power Equipment: James Rock
- Computer Maintenance: Tyler Steinmetz

Third-place winners:

- Action Skills: Brody Bernard
- Community Service: Seth Hart and Matthew Young
- Auto Refinishing: Brandon Rytland

From Southside

First-place winners:

- Culinary Arts: Donald Adkins
- Commercial Baking: Sarah Booth
- Food & Beverage Service: Jordan West

Second-place winners:

- Masonry: Tom Edwards
- Residential Wiring: Chad Ott

SkillsUSA, formerly known as VICA (the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America), is a partnership of students, teachers and industry representatives working to ensure that the United States has a skilled workforce. The national organization serves high school and college students who are preparing for careers in technical, skilled and service arenas, including health occupations.