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**LCTI students win 54 medals at SkillsUSA regional competition**
The medal haul included 16 gold, 23 silver and 15 bronze

**ALLENTOWN, Pa.** | Lehigh Career & Technical Institute students won 16 gold medals and nearly $82,000 in scholarships Wednesday (Jan. 31) at the SkillsUSA District 11 Championships. LCTI’s students also earned 23 silver and 15 bronze medals for a grand total of 54 medals.

Held annually at the Agri-Plex Expo Center, the regional event pits LCTI students against peers from Bethlehem Area Vocational-Technical School, Career Institute of Technology, Monroe Career & Technical Institute and Upper Bucks County Technical School in more than 50 contests of skill ranging from automotive service technology to web design.

All of the gold medal winners qualified to compete at the next level of competition. In most cases, that's this spring's SkillsUSA Pennsylvania Leadership and Skill Championships. The statewide event is scheduled April 17-20 at Hershey Lodge and Conference Center in Hershey.

After a long day of competition, the roughly 400 competitors headed to Parkland High School in South Whitehall Township for an evening awards ceremony celebrating their accomplishments. In addition to medals, top finishers in 11 categories were presented with thousands of dollars in scholarships and prizes provided by Automotive Training Center, Northampton Community College and the D'Olimpio Memorial Fund.

LCTI’s medal winners and scholarship recipients are:

**William Allen High School**

Second Place - Advertising Design: Elisha Redondo, Advertising Design/Commercial Art

First Place - Automotive Service Technology: Zachary Hertzog, Auto Technology
  - $12,240 scholarship - Automotive Training Center
  - $1,000 scholarship - Northampton Community College

Second Place - Automotive Service Technology: Damien Morris, Auto Technology
  - $11,424 scholarship - Automotive Training Center

Second Place - Commercial Baking: Maryann Rodriguez, Commercial Baking
First Place - Nail Care: Neilyn Acosta, Cosmetology
First Place - Nail Care: Lorena Lopez, Cosmetology
Second Place - Early Childhood Education: Nyajia Beasley, Early Care & Education of Young Children
Third Place - Health Knowledge Bowl: Genesis Diaz, Health Occupations
Second Place - Prepared Speech: Pedro Ortiz, Plumbing
First Place - Automated Manufacturing: Steven Hernandez, Pre-Engineering & Engineering Technology

Louis E. Dieruff High School

Third Place - Technical Computer Applications: Maliki Barry, Administrative Office Technology/Accounting
Second Place - Cake Decorating: Amaris Ramos, Commercial Baking
Second Place - Nail Care: Joselyn Reyes-Paulino, Cosmetology
First Place - Culinary Arts: Elisha Ramos, Culinary Arts
  • $1,000 scholarship - Northampton Community College
Third Place - Health Knowledge Bowl: Johanna Rodriguez, Health Occupations

Emmaus High School

First Place - Automotive Maintenance & Light Repair: Nathanel Colson, Auto Technology
  • $12,240 scholarship - Automotive Training Center
  • $1,000 scholarship - Northampton Community College
Third Place - Building Construction: Elijah Vanderslice, CAP Building Trades Maintenance
Second Place - Basic Health Care: Mackenzie Meyers, Health Occupations
Second Place - Automated Manufacturing: Noah Carl, Precision Machine Tool Technology
First Place - Web Design: Jeffrey Reed, Web Design/Web Programming
Second Place - Welding: Kyle Bortz, Welding Technology
Second Place - Automated Manufacturing: Jacob Baia, Precision Machine Tool Technology

Northwestern Lehigh High School

First Place - Diesel Equipment Technology: Jack Turner, Diesel Medium & Heavy Truck Technology
  • $12,240 scholarship - Automotive Training Center
Second Place - Precision Machining: Trevor Miller, Precision Machine Tool Technology
Second Place - Customer Service: Noah Reiter, Plumbing

**Parkland High School**

Third Place - Automotive Refinishing Technology: Luis Solano, Auto Body/Collision Repair Technology
- $8,400 scholarship - Automotive Training Center

Third Place - Automotive Maintenance & Light Repair: Daniel Carl, Auto Technology
- $10,200 scholarship - Automotive Training Center

Second Place - Nail Care: Jazmine Sanchez, Cosmetology

Second Place - Culinary Arts: Margarita Castro, Culinary Arts

Third Place - Diesel Equipment Technology: William Stettler, Diesel Medium & Heavy Truck Technology
- $10,200 scholarship - Automotive Training Center

Third Place - Early Childhood Education: Christina Krop, Early Care & Education of Young Children

Third Place - Masonry: Evan Hudson, Masonry

Second Place - Plumbing: Ryan Correll, Plumbing

Second Place - Automated Manufacturing: Matthew Rice, Pre-Engineering & Engineering Technology

First Place - Automated Manufacturing: Levi Nuss, Precision Machine Tool Technology

First Place - Web Design: Kolt Litrenta, Web Design/Web Programming

Second Place - Web Design: Alexander Cevicelow, Web Design/Web Programming

** Salisbury High School**

Third Place - Technical Drafting: Dustin Kramer, Drafting/Computer-Assisted Drafting

First Place - First Aid/CPR: Alyssa Wygand, Health Occupations

Second Place - Carpentry: Zaki Al-Bajali, Carpentry

**Southern Lehigh High School**

First Place - Technical Drafting: Alexander Ortiz, Electrical Technology

Second Place - Technical Computer Applications: Reese Mink, Administrative Office Technology/Accounting

Third Place - Nurse Assisting: Heather Brinckman, Health Occupations

Third Place - Health Knowledge Bowl: Mariah Conover, Health Occupations
First Place - Welding: Dean Wieder, Welding Technology
  • $1,000 scholarship - Northampton Community College

Whitehall High School

Third Place - Carpentry: Logan Fawcett, Carpentry

First Place - Criminal Justice: Fredrid Tirado Cardona, Criminal Justic
  • $1,000 scholarship - Northampton Community College

Second Place - Architectural Drafting: Jose Morales, Drafting/Computer-Assisted Drafting

Third Place - Health Knowledge Bowl: Gabrielle Cooper, Health Occupations

Second Place - HVACR: Thomas Jackowski, Heating/Air Conditioning & Refrigeration

First Place - Automated Manufacturing: Talen Getchell, Precision Machine Tool Technology

First Place - Graphic Communications: Jeremy Salabsky, Print Technology/Graphic Imaging

Third Place - Graphic Communications: Jaron Crosson, Print Technology/Graphic Imaging

Second Place - Web Design: Nicholas Gerancher, Web Design/Web Programming

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About Lehigh Career & Technical Institute
Lehigh Career & Technical Institute is Pennsylvania’s largest career and technical school. Founded in 1971, LCTI each year provides more than 45 skills-based programs of study, as well as academic instruction for about 2,700 students from 10 of Lehigh County’s public high schools. LCTI also offers industry-relevant training and credentials for adults working in the Lehigh Valley and beyond. The school’s state-of-the-art facilities encompass 450,000 square feet on a 47-acre campus in the Schnecksville section of North Whitehall Township. Learn more at lcti.org.