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Six LCTI students place first at SkillsUSA state championships
Four of the first-place finishers also qualified for the national competition

HERSHEY, Pa. | Six Lehigh Career & Technical Institute students won first place at the SkillsUSA Pennsylvania Leadership and Skill Championships held April 13-15 at Hershey Lodge.

Four of the first-place finishers also qualified to compete June 20-24 at the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference in Louisville, Kentucky.

LCTI’s first-place winners are:

William Allen High School

Ishalys Garcia, Painting & Decorating
Contest: Painting & Decorating

Emmaus High School

Malachi Atkinson, Web Design/Web Programming
Contest: Web Design

Jeffrey Pennycoff, Indoor/Outdoor Maintenance
Contest: Building Maintenance

Lehigh Valley Christian High School

Ryan Kuntz, Precision Machine Tool Technology
Contest: CNC Milling Specialist

Parkland High School

Kyle Tretter, Precision Machine Tool Technology
Contest: Precision Machining Technology

Southern Lehigh High School

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Alex Heffelfinger, Web Design/Web Programming
Contest: Web Design

Atkinson, Heffelfinger, Kuntz and Pennycoff each have an opportunity to represent LCTI at the SkillsUSA national championships this summer. The national championships do not include the contest categories in which Garcia and Tretter competed.

The following students earned second- and third-place finishes at the state championships:

Catasauqua High School

Madison Xander, Advertising Design/Commercial Art
Contest: Advertising Design, Third Place

Emmaus High School

Howard Moyer, Heavy Equipment Operations & Preventive Maintenance
Contest: Heavy Equipment Operations, Third Place

Kenny Pavlick, Print Technology/Graphic Imaging
Contest: Graphic Communications, Second Place

Northern Lehigh High School

Dylan Berger, Small Engines/Recreational Vehicle Repair
Contest: Power Equipment Technology, Third Place

Northwestern Lehigh High School

Gavin Mengel, Precision Machine Tool Technology
Contest: CNC Technician, Second Place

Salisbury High School

Desiree Nester, Health Occupations
Contest: Basic Health Care Skills, Second Place

Southern Lehigh High School

Alejandro Ramos, Precision Machine Tool Technology
Contest: CNC Turning Specialist, Second Place

Whitehall High School

Miranda Gunkle, Health Occupations
Contest: Nurse Assisting, Second Place

SkillsUSA is one of seven career & technical student organizations at LCTI. Diesel Medium & Heavy Truck Technology instructor Randy Schock serves as the chapter advisor.
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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. Visit lcti.org for more information about LCTI.