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Paso Robles High School Students Earn Medals at State SkillsUSA Competition

Paso Robles, CA (April 24, 2018) – This past weekend, Paso Robles High School (PRHS) sent 72 students to compete in the SkillsUSA Annual California State Leadership & Skills Conference in Ontario. Over 2500 students from throughout the state competed in 80 different contests. PRHS students came home with 21 medals, including nine gold.

SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers, and industry representatives working together to ensure America has a skilled work force by providing educational programs, events, and competitions that support career and technical education (CTE) in schools. PRHS has one of the largest CTE programs in the state. Courses offered at PRHS include Culinary Arts, Automotive Industry, Building Trades, Informational Technology, Digital Media, Early Childhood Education, Law Enforcement, Welding, and Leadership. The CTE courses help students develop a skill set to prepare them to enter the workforce.

Students earned an opportunity to compete at the state level by winning medals at the Region 2 contest held at PRHS this past February.

Nine students who earned gold medals at the state conference will advance to the National Leadership & Skills Conference this June in Louisville, Kentucky. Gold medalists: Elizabeth Phillips (Web Design), Avery Thompson (Web Design), Zac Alves (Welding), John Nash (Plumbing), Aline Gonzalez (Basic Health Care Skills), Karina Usenova (Commercial Baking), Clinton Marsh (Electrical Wiring), Madison Harris (CPR), and Mason Brown (Telecommunications Cabling). This will be Mason's third trip to the national conference.

Silver Medalists: Julian Ramirez (Electrical Wiring), Kaden Gallant (Plumbing), Lily Seebart (Job Demo Open), Ethan Brown-Silva (Power Equipment Technology), Eli Lewis (Technology Computer Applications), and Jake Darlington (Telecommunications Cabling).

Bronze Medalists: John Wormuth-Majetich (Telecommunications Cabling), Maria Vargas (20 Second Elevator), Madison Harris (Job Interview), Lily Seebart (CPR), Angelina Valencia (Audio/Radio), and Stefan Castro (Audio/Radio).

Coming up is the Annual Sponsor Appreciation Dinner on May 9th at the Culinary Arts Center on Golden Hill Road. This dinner is in appreciation of the volunteers and financial supporters of SkillsUSA Chapter 211 (PRHS). Many local business and industry partners make financial and in-kind contributions which are used for student costs such as registration, hotels, travel, contest clothing, equipment, and needed supplies. Anyone interested in becoming a SkillsUSA financial partner should contact Randy Canaday rcanaday@pasoschools.org or call 674-4170.

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Zac Alves (center), gold medalist in Welding



John Nash, gold medalist in Plumbing



Madison Harris (left), gold medal in CPR and bronze medal in Job Interview

Lily Seebart (right), silver medal in Job Demo Open and bronze medal in CPR

