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[New Mexico 26, 2010] – New Mexico students receive top honors at the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) National Leadership Conference. The HOSA National Leadership Conference, held in Orlando, Fl., took place June 23-26, 2010.

New Mexico students and schools winning top honors are:

Onate High School in Las Cruces selected as an Outstanding National Chapter; Fred Barrio and Michael Ortiz from Onate High School placed in the top ten in Medical Terminology; Linda Deno from Central New Mexico Community College (CNM) received a Silver Medal placing second in Medical Terminology; Christina Timmons from CNM placed in the top ten in Medical Math; and Angelina Richardson from CNM received a Gold Medal and recognition of being number one in the nation in Veterinary Assisting.

During the national competition, students worked against the clock and each other, proving their expertise in Health Career Occupations.

HOSA is a student organization whose mission is to promote career opportunities in health care and to enhance the delivery of quality health care to all people.

[New Mexico, June 26, 2010] – Twenty-three New Mexico students received Skill Point Proficiency Certificates at the SkillsUSA national championship competition. The SkillsUSA Championships, held in Kansas City, Mo., took place June 22-25, 2010, as part of the SkillsUSA 46th annual National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC), a showcase of career and technical education students. During the week, more than 5,600 outstanding career and technical education students from across the nation—all state contest winners competed hands-on in 96 different trade, technical and leadership fields.

During the national competition, students worked against the clock and each other, proving their expertise in occupations areas. All contests are run with the help of industry, trade associations, and labor organizations. Test competencies are set by industry.

High scorers in the contests received Skill Point Certificates. The Skill Point Certificate was awarded in 90 occupational and leadership areas to students who achieved a high score defined by industry.

New Mexico Skill Point Proficiency Certificates were awarded to:

Amber Benson from Navajo Technical College (NTC) in Extemporaneous Speaking; Micheal Caputo from Central New Mexico Community College (CNM) in Residential Wiring; Tiffany Colhoff and William Deneen from CNM in Job Skill Demonstration; Edgar Coyle and David Torres from CNM in Cabinetmaking; Adrian De La Cruz, Stetson Dunn, Joe Gonzales, Juan Carlos Medina, Riley Meyers, and Shelby White from Hobbs High School in Chapter Business Procedure; Ashley Fort from CNM in Nail Care; Gary Gamertsfelder from Luna Community College in Automotive Refinishing; Ryan Holets from CNM in Aviation Maintenance; Danae Holloman from San Juan College in Cosmetology;

Raina Marianto from NTC in Food and Beverage Service; Randall McCoy from CNM in Industrial Motor Control; Jessica McWhirter from CNM in Commercial Baking; Omar Saenz from Dexter High School in Action Skills; Joshua Sena and Bryan Tenorio from CNM in 3-D Visualization and Animation.

[New Mexico, June 26, 2010] – Seven New Mexico students have won top honors in the SkillsUSA national championship competition. The SkillsUSA Championships, held in Kansas City, Mo., took place June 22-25, 2010, as part of the SkillsUSA 46th annual National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC), a showcase of career and technical education students. During the week, more than 5,600 outstanding career and technical education students from across the nation—all state contest winners competed hands-on in 96 different trade, technical and leadership fields.

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New Mexico students winning top honors are: Joshua Sena and Bryan Tenorio from Central New Mexico Community College (CNM), receiving Silver Medals in 3-D Visualization and Animation; Jessica McWhirter from CNM, receiving a Bronze Medal in Commercial Baking; Daniel LeVrier, Kenneth Newman, and Charles Jetty from CNM, receiving Gold, Silver and Bronze in Geospatial Technology; Randal McCoy from CNM receiving a Bronze Medal in Industrial Motor Control.



[New Mexico., June 26, 2010] – Vanessa Mendez, 20, of NMSU Dona Ana Community College has been elected as a National Officer for SkillsUSA. The 46th annual SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC), held in Kansas City, Mo., took place June 22-25, 2010. SkillsUSA NLSC is a showcase of career and technical education students. During the week, national officer candidates participated in Voting Delegate Sessions, campaigning to become one of fifteen national officers. Being a national officer is one of the highest honors a student can achieve in SkillsUSA.

SkillsUSA is a national partnership of students, teachers and industry, working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. SkillsUSA chapters help students who are preparing for careers in technical, skilled and service occupations excel. SkillsUSA has more than 300,000 students and instructors as members nationwide.