

February 3, 2023

News Release:

East Central Community College Hosts Secondary SkillsUSA Contest

East Central Community College in Decatur was proud to host over 417 students from over 20 high schools on campus on Friday afternoon for the Region 3 – Secondary SkillsUSA Contest.

SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. A nonprofit national education association, SkillsUSA serves middle-school, high-school and college/postsecondary students preparing for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations.

High school students that came to ECCC competed in Extemporaneous Speaking, Job Interview, Job Interview Receptionist, Welding, Welding Fabrication, Masonry, Carpentry, Automotive, Job Demonstration A & Open, Opening and Closing Ceremonies, Prepared Speech, Related Technical Math, and SkillsUSA Quiz Bowl competitions.

“We are very excited to provide a hosting site for these SkillsUSA competitions each year, as this is a great opportunity for these students to showcase their skills to businesses and partners in the area,” said ECCC’s Director of Career and Technical Education Cody Spence. “This event provides East Central an opportunity to show these students, from our local district and beyond, that we value the SkillsUSA organization and what it stands for and hope that they may choose to continue their education here and be a part of our very strong SkillsUSA chapter to compete at the collegiate level.”

Competitions and winners included:

Automotive Service Technology

1. Elijah Wyatt

Lowndes County Career And Technical Center | Columbus, MS

2. Nathan Jones

Forest-Scott County Vo-Tech | Forest, MS

3. Dallas Bozeman

Phil/Neshoba County Vo-Tech Center | Philadelphia, MS

Carpentry

- 1. Jacarrio Anderson**

Noxubee County Vo Tech | Macon, MS

- 2. Blake Gosa**

Monroe County Vocational Center | Aberdeen, MS

- 3. Larry Murphy**

Northeast Lauderdale High School | Meridian, MS

Electrical Construction Wiring

- 1. Joseph Shelley**

Forest-Scott County Vo-Tech | Forest, MS

Extemporaneous Speaking

- 1. Hayden Denley**

Monroe County Vocational Center | Aberdeen, MS

- 2. John Hanna**

Monroe County Vocational Center | Aberdeen, MS

- 3. Hannah Oswalt**

West Point Career & Technology Center | West Point, MS

Job Interview

- 1. Landon Griffin**

Starkville High School | Starkville, MS

- 2. Tanner Shinlever**

Itawamba Career And Technical Center | Fulton, MS

3. Ethan Powell

Forest-Scott County Vo-Tech | Forest, MS

Job Skill Demonstration A

1. Braylon Bennett

Amory High School | Amory, MS

2. Bradley Brewer

Lowndes County Career And Technical Center | Columbus, MS

3. Madison Murphy

Choctaw County Career & Technology Center | Ackerman, MS

Job Skill Demonstration Open

1. Keith Byars

Amory High School | Amory, MS

2. Ny'Ariel Patie

Winston-Louisville Career & Technology Ctr | Louisville, MS

3. Jonathon Jennings

Lowndes County Career And Technical Center | Columbus, MS

Masonry

1. Blakelin Stribling

Winston-Louisville Career & Technology Ctr | Louisville, MS

2. Treyon Sledge

Noxubee County Vo Tech | Macon, MS

3. Wesley Vowell

Choctaw County Career & Technology Center | Ackerman, MS

Opening and Closing Ceremonies

1. Team B

Kyndall Byrd, Callie Dickerson, Kenzie Harrell, Taylor Hamilton, Kaleigh Larson, Ariel Haynes, Mia Kent

Winston-Louisville Career & Technology Ctr | Louisville, MS

2. Team D

Journee Banks, Royce Mosley, Aloria Degroot, Elmar Gladney, Brianna Eiland, Sarah Johnson, Cameron Lee

Choctaw County Career & Technology Center | Ackerman, MS

3. Team F

Rolivia Ware, Mackenzie Mays, Bailee Lovelace, Kylan Sherrod, Kayla Snell, Clayton Dulaney II

Starkville High School | Starkville, MS

Prepared Speech

1. Jamaya Bryant

Kosciusko Vo-Tech | Kosciusko, MS

2. Brayla Rupert

Noxubee County Vo Tech | Macon, MS

Quiz Bowl

1. Team K

Jirtavious Spencer, Alexis Upchurch, Johnny Ford, Jasmine Call

Starkville High School | Starkville, MS

2. Team H

Machen Carlie, Anna Custard, Joshua Hogan, Kayla Houston, McKenzie Johnson

Lowndes County Career And Technical Center | Columbus, MS

3. Team B

Josh Gibson, Ryan Lang, Pharaoh Tanksley, Dylan Campbell, Katlynn Cessna

Kosciusko Vo-Tech | Kosciusko, MS

Related Technical Math

1. Dowe McGowan

Amory High School | Amory, MS

2. Samuel Nance

Winston-Louisville Career & Technology Ctr | Louisville, MS

3. Za'Baius Miller

Choctaw County Career & Technology Center | Ackerman, MS

Team Works

1. Team A

Brad Acosta, Jorge Avina, Jordan Coon, Charles Pugh

Tupelo Career Technical Center | Tupelo, MS

2. Team E

Camden Cooper, Jacob Hostetler, Tyler Shelton, Timothy Davis

Southeast High School | Meridian, MS

3. Team D

Bryan Hopkins, Macey Irby, Lindy Williams, Nevyn Pierce

Northeast Lauderdale High School | Meridian, MS

Welding

1. William Enger

Lowndes County Career And Technical Center | Columbus, MS

2. Sawyer Montgomery

Itawamba Career And Technical Center | Fulton, MS

3. Lucas Bryan

Phil/Neshoba County Vo-Tech Center | Philadelphia, MS

Welding Fabrication

1. Team D

Alex Bostick, Colton Evans, Tucker Holbrook

Lowndes County Career And Technical Center | Columbus, MS

2. Team B

Corben Blake, Tyler Sledge, Alex McDonald

Amory High School | Amory, MS

3. Team K

Camdon Crim, Heath Rhodes, Dylan Sumrall

Forest-Scott County Vo-Tech | Forest, MS

###