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**ALABAMA STUDENTS HONORED – EARN NATIONAL
SKILLSUSA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AWARDS**

Governor Kay Ivey
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Montgomery, Ala. – Alabama high school and college students won some of the nation's top awards at the 2021 SkillsUSA Championships, held virtually this summer.

Jackie Zeigler
District I

The SkillsUSA Championships is the largest skill competition in the world. Students from across the nation participated and showcased their talents in over 100 competition areas including robotics, automotive technology, drafting, criminal justice, and aviation.

Tracie West
District II



This year, more than 1,100 gold, silver, and bronze medals were earned. Students were also awarded professional tools, prizes, and college scholarships from national corporate sponsors.

Stephanie Bell
District III

These *Alabama students* earned national SkillsUSA medals this year:

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- *Bethany Pharr*, a student at **Limestone Career Technology Center** earned the High School Bronze Medal in Cosmetology
- *Marvin Josey and William Smigel* of **Calhoun Community College** earned the College Gold Medal in Additive Manufacturing
- *Candace Browning, Callie Flaugh, and Leah Tarvin* of **Wallace State College Hanceville** earned the College Silver Medal in Crime Scene Investigation
- *Sara Eskew and Zach Hudson* of **Wallace State College Hanceville** earned the College Gold Medal in Mobile Robotic Technology
- *Natalie Cain, Tyler Marr, and Raymond Pace* of **Earnest Pruett Center of Technology** earned the High School Silver Medal in Automated Manufacturing
- *Will Jones* of **Earnest Pruett Center of Technology** earned the High School Bronze Medal in CNC Turning Specialist
- *Luke West* of **Earnest Pruett Center of Technology** earned the High School Gold Medal in CNC Milling Specialist
- *James Kennamer* of **Northeast Alabama Community College** earned the College Bronze Medal in Medical Math
- *Lindsey Guffey* of **Northeast Alabama Community College** earned the College Silver Medal in Health Occupations Professional Portfolio
- *Jonathan Gidley and Emarie Price* of **Vestavia Hills High School** earned the High School Silver Medal in Additive Manufacturing

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District V

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District VI

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About SkillsUSA

The SkillsUSA Championships is held annually for students in middle school, high school, or postsecondary programs as part of the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference.

SkillsUSA is a nonprofit partnership of education and industry founded in 1965 to strengthen our nation's skilled workforce.

Driven by employer and business needs, SkillsUSA helps students develop necessary workplace skills along with technical skills grounded in academics.

This SkillsUSA Framework empowers every student to succeed at work and in life, while helping to close the skills gap, in which millions of positions go unfilled.

SkillsUSA has served nearly 13.8 million members since 1965. For more information visit <https://alskillsusa.org/>.

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