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Columbus Technical College Students Earn National Recognition at SkillsUSA Competition

Columbus, GA — Columbus Technical College (CTC) students showcased their talent, skill, and dedication on the national stage during the National SkillsUSA Competition, bringing home medals, awards, and industry recognition for their outstanding performances.

In addition to student success in competition events, CTC's Mobile Construction Lab was a major attraction throughout the event. Participants had the opportunity to experience live demonstrations and hands-on activities designed to introduce students to careers in the skilled trades. CTC extends a special thank you to Lowe's for its partnership and support in bringing the Mobile Construction Lab to the competition.

Among the national winners, Desiree Baez earned a Silver Medal in Barbering and received a Skill Point Certificate recognizing mastery of the competition competency areas.

The Crime Scene Investigation team of Alexis Peacock, Jerica Mannthey, and Jessica Gray earned a Bronze Medal and received the prestigious Curtiss P. Bell Award for achieving the highest competition team score in Georgia. Each student also earned a Skill Point Certificate recognizing mastery in the competition competency areas.

CTC instructor Gordon Unrein was honored with the Lowe's Blue Star Award for his and CTC's contributions to building back America's skilled trades workforce.

Additional students representing CTC at the national competition included:

- Justin Banks – Technical Computer Applications
- Tristan Sage – CNC Axis-2 Turning Programmer
- Eric Lopez – Carpentry

"We are incredibly proud of all of our students and instructors who represented CTC with excellence at the national level," said President Martha Ann Todd. "Their accomplishments reflect the hard work, dedication, and career readiness that SkillsUSA helps develop in students every day."

SkillsUSA is a national organization that empowers students to become world-class workers, leaders, and responsible American citizens through career and technical education programs.

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