

23 from RTC place at state SkillsUSA competition

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FAYETTEVILLE – A total of 23 students from five departments at the NorthWest Arkansas Community College Regional Technology Center received awards and scholarship money at the SkillsUSA State Competition in Hot Springs.

The five departments were Culinary, Medical Professions, Dental Assisting, Graphics and Screen Printing, and Criminal Justice. The motto for SkillsUSA is “Preparing for leadership in the world of work.”

Ten students placed in Culinary in the Prostart competition. The 10 are Michael Briggs, Kim Bertaux, Nick Simon, Van Gillispie, Barry Sawyer, Dane Pingree, Cody Hilburn, Callie Newton, Jon Wedgewood, and Amber Meeks.

Each of the 10 won various scholarships awarded by Johnson and Wales University, Sullivan University’s Louisville (KY) campus, the Arkansas Hospitality Association and the Arkansas Food Service Association.

Two students, Cambre Brooks and Rodney Bailey, placed in Medical Professions. Brooks won a gold medal and a full tuition scholarship to University of Arkansas Fort Smith. Brooks will also be going to the National Competition in Kansas City, June 26-29.

The 43rd National Leadership and Skills Conference will be held in Kansas City on June 26-29. Some events take place prior to the official beginning of the conference.

Bailey received a \$1,000 scholarship from the National Technical Honors Society because of his GPA from home school and NWACC Regional Technology Center. Out of more than 550 applicants, Bailey was one of 25 to receive the scholarship.

Three students, Taylor White, Brad Parker and Rachel Whitmer, placed in Dental Assisting skills.

Whitmer placed first and won a gold medal. Whitmer also received a scholarship for tuition based on GPA at any of the 22 colleges in Arkansas.

Parker placed second and won a silver medal.

White placed third and won a bronze medal.

Four students, Rebecca Lubbess, Tara Littrell, Brittany Carter and Joey Dirks, placed in Graphics and Screen Printing.

Carter placed first in screen printing and won a gold medal. Carter also received a scholarship for tuition at any of the 22 colleges in Arkansas. Carter will also be attending the National Competition in Kansas City, June 26-29.

Littrell placed second in screen printing and won a silver medal.

Lubbess placed third in screen printing and won a bronze medal.

Dirks placed third in offset press and received a bronze medal.

Four students, Dickson Edwards, Miguel Cruz, Ariel Dooty and Charles Neely, placed in Criminal Justice.

Edwards placed first in criminal justice and received a gold medal.

Cruz, Dooty, and Neely placed third as a team in Crime Scene Investigation and received bronze medals.

The theme for this year’s competition was “Champions at Work.”