

# Local Students Honored at Annual SkillsUSA Workforce Development Event

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Atlanta, Ga. - The following local students were recognized at the 2025 SkillsUSA Championships, held in Atlanta, on June 25-26 with a certificate of accomplishment. More than 6,500 students competed at the national showcase of career and technical education. The SkillsUSA Championships is the largest skill competition in the world and covers 1.79 million square feet, equivalent to 31 football fields or 41 acres.

First place state winners were invited to the event to demonstrate their technical skills, workplace skills and personal skills in 114 hands-on occupational and leadership competitions including robotics, automotive technology, drafting, criminal justice, aviation maintenance and public speaking. Industry leaders from 850 businesses, corporations, trade associations and unions planned and evaluated the contestants against their standards for entry-level workers. More than 1,200 industry judges and technical committee members participated this year.

All SkillsUSA Championships competitors were honored on Friday night, June 27 at the closing SkillsUSA Awards Session at State Farm Arena. As an indicator of proficiency, Skill Point Certificates were awarded to the national contestants who met a predetermined threshold contest score for their SkillsUSA event, demonstrating workplace readiness.

Students can add this certificate to an employment portfolio.

**The following local students are Skill Point Certificate recipients:**

\* Alana Burnette, from Mt. Pocono and a student at Monroe Career and Technical Institute (Bartonsville), was awarded a Skill Point Certificate in Nurse Assisting.

\* Kacper Nicka, from Stroudsburg and a student at Monroe Career and Technical Institute (Bartonsville), was awarded a Skill Point Certificate in Technical Drafting.

"More than 6,500 students from every state in the nation participated in the 2025 SkillsUSA Championships," said SkillsUSA Executive Director Chelle Travis. "This showcase of career and technical education demonstrates SkillsUSA at its finest. Our students, instructors and industry partners work together to ensure that every student excels. This program expands learning and career opportunities for our members."

The SkillsUSA Championships event is held annually for students in middle school, high school or college/postsecondary programs as part of the SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference. The national, nonprofit partnership of students, instructors and industry is a verified talent pipeline for America's skilled workforce that is working to help solve the skills gap.

**About SkillsUSA**

SkillsUSA is the #1 workforce development organization for students, empowering them to become skilled professionals, career-ready leaders and responsible community members. SkillsUSA represents more than 442,000 career and technical education students and teachers in middle schools, high schools and college/postsecondary institutions nationwide. Those members represent 130 in-demand occupational areas, from 3-D animation to welding. A vital solution to the skills gap, SkillsUSA has served over 15 million members since its founding in 1965. Learn more at [skillsusa.org](https://skillsusa.org) and follow us on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn.



## Skills USA State Competition Winners!

Congratulations to EHS students Alana Burnette and Sofia Brisebois, both in the health professionals program at MCTI, who placed in the recent Skills USA State competition. Alana Burnette placed 1st in Nurse Assisting and will go to nationals in Georgia in June. Sofia Brisebois placed 2nd in Health Occupation Professional Portfolio. Congratulations also go out to Kacper Nicka who placed 1st in Technical Drafting and will go to nationals in June, and David Vergara who placed 2nd in Information Technology Servicing.

