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MVCTC Students Place in National Competition

Clayton, Ohio -- Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC) had 15 students compete in the 49th annual National SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference. The SkillsUSA Championships, held in Kansas City, Mo., took place June 24-28, 2013, as part of the SkillsUSA 49th annual National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC), a showcase of career and technical education students. During the week, more than 5,600 outstanding career and technical education students—all state contest winners competed hands-on in 94 different trade, technical, and leadership fields.

MVCTC students earning medals at the national conference included:

- **Zac Allen**, Aviation student from Northwestern, 2nd Place Aviation Maintenance Technician
- **Chris Singer**, HVAC student from Dixie, 2nd place Sheet Metal Contest
- **Molly Green**, Photography student from Miami East, 3rd Place Photography Contest
- **Opening & Closing Junior Team – 4th Place**
 - **Allie Ashworth**, Dental Assistant student from Arcanum
 - **Sydney Bussard**, Dental Assistant student from Tri-County North
 - **Tiajza Dechant**, Dental Assistant student from West Carrollton
 - **Jenna Duff**, Dental Assistant student from Milton Union
 - **Kelsey Ehlers**, Dental Assistant student from Wayne
 - **Kourtney Engle**, Dental Assistant student from Tri-County North
 - **Taylor Parker**, Dental Assistant student from Arcanum
 - **Kennedy Tarrance**, Dental Assistant student from Vandalia
- **Web Design Team – 13th Place**
 - **Jarred Lynch**, Digital Design student from Carlisle
 - **Martize Williamson**, Digital Design student from Trotwood
- **Trevyn French**, an Adult Education Aviation Maintenance Technician student took 9th place in the College/Post-Secondary Aviation Maintenance Technician Contest.

During the national competition, students worked against the clock and each other, proving their expertise in occupations like electronics, computer-aided

drafting, precision machining, medical assisting, and culinary arts. All contests are run with the help of industry, trade associations, and labor organizations, and test competencies are set by industry. In addition, leadership contestants demonstrated their skills, which included extemporaneous speaking and conducting meetings by parliamentary procedure.

Top student winners received gold, silver, and bronze medallions. Many also received prizes such as tools of their trade and/or scholarships to further their careers and education. The SkillsUSA Championships is for high school and college-level students who are members of SkillsUSA.

SkillsUSA is a national partnership of students, teachers and industry, working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. SkillsUSA chapters help students who are preparing for careers in technical, skilled and service occupations excel. SkillsUSA has more than 300,000 students and instructors as members.

The MVCTC students were accompanied by instructors Troy Baker (Photography), Karen Beam (Cosmetology), and Mike Routzohn (HVAC). Kelly Kramer (Carpentry Instructor), served as an Ohio State Advisor on the trip as well.

For more information about MVCTC, please visit www.mvctc.com.

For over 40-years, MVCTC has been providing career technical education for 27 partner school districts encompassing five counties in Southwest Ohio. MVCTC is dedicated to providing in-demand workforce training for youth, adults, and organizations in the Miami Valley.

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Photo 1: MVCTC SkillsUSA Dental Assistant Opening and Closing Ceremony Team took 4th Place at the National Level at the 2013 SkillsUSA National Conference in June. Pictured left to right - Tiajza Dechant (West Carrollton), Allison Ashworth (Arcanum), Kelsey Ehlers (Wayne), Sydney Bussard (Tri-County North), Jenna Duff (Milton-Union), Kennedy Tarrance (Vandalia Butler), Taylor Parker (Arcanum), Kourtney Engle (Tri-County North).