



## News Release

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### **CUESTA COLLEGE EARNS GOLD AND BRONZE AT NATIONAL SKILLSUSA CHAMPIONSHIP**



Four members of the Cuesta College SkillsUSA team earned first place at the National SkillsUSA Championships, becoming the first in the school's history to earn gold at the top level.

James Schwind, Jordan Jacobsma, Mark Millar and Guy Miller reprised their victory at the California state competition in the Construction (Teamworks) category with a win at the national competition held in Kansas City last week. Each member of the team was awarded a certificate and approximately \$1,500 worth of tools.

In addition to their victory, teammate Eric Leach also placed at the national championships, earning a bronze medal for Cuesta College in the Automotive Service Technology category. Leach was awarded a snap-on tool kit and laptop computer.

Approximately 5,000 students competed at the national contest in 87 different contests measuring technical skills and leadership abilities in an area spanning 16 football fields. California had 20 competitors medal at the event, earning 9 gold medals, 6 silver medals and 5 bronze medals. The event was supported by \$25 million worth of donations from industry and trade organizations.

SkillsUSA is a nationwide organization, serving more than 264,000 high school students, college students and professional members enrolled in training programs in technical, skilled and service occupations under the motto "Champions at Work." The program prepares students for careers in public-oriented and technically skillful job fields with in-classroom instruction, hands-on demonstrations and competitions.

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