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Cuesta Students Earn 11 Medals at State SkillsUSA Competition, SLOHS Earns 6



Cuesta College reprised its performance at the SkillsUSA State Competition in Fresno, earning nine gold medals, two bronze medals, and securing a spot in the national competition next month.

The nine gold medal winners will have a chance to compete in their respective events at the national competition in Kansas City on June 24 with approximately 5,000 state winners from across the country.

Cuesta College's gold medal winners at the state competition include **Matthew Schwaiger**- Automotive Refinishing, **Eric Leach**- Automotive Service Technology, **Mark Millar**- Carpentry, **Jeremy Edmonds**- Mechatronics, **Nate Wells**- Welding, **Tyler Behlen**- TEAMWORKS, **Chris Thomas**- TEAMWORKS, **Sean Gattetty**- TEAMWORKS, and **Derrick Stevens**- TEAMWORKS.

The bronze medal winners include **Phillip Quinn** in the Welding (TIG) category and **Robert Crosby** in the computer maintenance category.

Students from San Luis Obispo High School also faired well, earning 6 medals. Gold medal winners were **Nick Benedetto**- Welding Combo, **Mitch Madrid**- Mig Welding, and **Cyrus Dalal**- Automotive Service Technology. Other winners include **Gordon Freirich** earning a silver in Automotive Service Technology, **Jesse Castaneda** earning a silver in CAD, and **Tony Jennings** earning a bronze in Shield Metal Arc Welding.

Last year, a team of Cuesta College students placed first in the nation, earning a gold in the Teamworks-Construction Category while another earned a bronze in the Auto Service Tech Category.

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