SkillsUSA student winners head to state competition

Olympians aren’t the only ones to win medals in “skillful” competitions. Recently, 24 Sullivan College of Technology and Design students and SkillsUSA members competed in a total of ten Leadership and eight Technical Skills regional contests. And the winners are:

**Phil Abell**
Gold medalist
- Architectural CADD

**LaiEasha Allen**
Gold medalist
- Customer Service
- Debate
- Silver medalist
- Job Interview
- Bronze medalist
- Interior Design

**Elizabeth Fell**
Gold medalist
- Architectural Board Drafting
- Bronze medalist
- Job Interview

**J.T. O’Gara**
Gold medalist
- Computer Maintenance

**Travis Greenwell**
Silver medalist
- Computer Maintenance

**Kari Hammitt**
Gold medalist
- Trading Pin Design
- Job Interview
- Web Design
- Computer Programming
- Silver medalist
- Advertising Design

**Yohance Henry**
Gold medalist
- Extemporaneous Speaking
- Robotics Team Event

**Isaac Kennedy**
Gold medalist
- Robotics Team Event

**Darcy Maddox**
Gold medalist
- Skills Spelling
- Extemporaneous Writing
- Interior Design

**Clayton Marshall**
Gold medalist
- Debate
- Silver medalist
- Related Technical Math
- Interior Design

**Andrew Robbins**
Gold medalist
- Electronics Technology

**Laura Thompson**
Gold medalist
- Banner
- Talent/Variety
- Advertising Design
- 3D Visualization
- Silver medalist
- Skills Spelling
- Trading Pin Design

**Robert Thompson**
Gold medalist
- Related Technical Math
- Mechanical CADD

**Brandi Watson**
Bronze medalist
- Skills Spelling

SkillsUSA, a national nonprofit organization, serves teachers and students who are preparing for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations. Gold (and in some cases, silver) winners can compete in one leadership and one technical event at the state conference. State winners are eligible for the nationals in Kansas City in June. The next Techniques will feature more news about SCTD’s SkillsUSA students.

“Aside from all of the hard work and preparation that goes into the competitions for SkillsUSA, there is a deep satisfaction that comes from having those efforts recognized by ‘winning the gold.’ It says to me that I’ve prepared well and have accurately and creatively applied the knowledge I’m getting from the excellent instructors at SCTD.”

Darcy Maddox

Below, SCTD Executive Director David Winkler, left and Steve Phillippi, State Director of Kentucky SkillsUSA with Yohance Henry.

**Left to right, Elizabeth Fell, Kari Hammitt and LaiEasha Allen wait for the Job Interview competition to begin.**

**Students design Gaslight Festival logo – again**

Three Graphic Design students, John Balchunas, Jack Bettencort, and Rodd Kinzer, designed the 2009 Jeffersontown Gaslight Festival logo. But this was not the first collaboration for the event; the College designed the logo last year, too. To top off a great professional experience, they all participated in the Gaslight Festival Parade.

**Two students win national design drafting awards**

The American Design Drafting Association (ADDA), is the premier organization for Design, Drafting, Graphic Arts and Techni-

ical Illustration. The organization holds an annual drafting contest and this year two talented SCTD students are among the national winners. Roger Loeffelman is the first place, Board of Governors winner. Daniel McNay won the President’s Award and finished third. Both competed in the Division AC-ARES Residential Architecture and will receive their awards at a ceremony at the organization’s Technical Training Conference held in Louisville on April 16th. Congratulations!