

Wolf Pack Post

MON VALLEY CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER NEWS
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Building the Future, One Weld at a Time: Mon Valley CTC's Welding Renovation



Bentworth junior Kayla O'Dell welding the walls to the frames of the new welding booths.



Bentworth juniors Alexis Barnhart (left) and Kayla O'Dell (right) are seen here running the drill press in Mr. DeStefano's PM Welding class.



Beth Center Senior Johnathan Esmond hard at work welding together the frames of the new welding booths for his classmates.

Exciting Developments in Mon Valley CTC's Welding Program! We're thrilled to share that our welding program is undergoing a remarkable transformation, thanks to the dedicated efforts of Mr. DeStefano. In addition to his role as a skilled welding instructor, Mr. DeStefano is taking on the role of a pro project manager, leading the charge in renovating our welding facilities. The highlight of this upgrade is the installation of 37 brand-new welding booths, meticulously fabricated by our talented students. But that's not all - our electrical students are hard at work wiring the lighting, while HVAC students are making significant contributions by removing old plumbing. This collaborative effort is not only enhancing the learning environment but also fostering real-world skills in various trades. The future looks exceptionally bright for Mon Valley CTC's welding program, and we can't wait to see the incredible projects our students will undertake in these state-of-the-art facilities!



Wolfpack Hosts SkillsUSA District 9 Competitions

Mid December - Mon Valley Career and Technology Center proudly hosted the SkillsUSA District 9 competitions, bringing together students from various career and technology centers in the region. The event showcased the exceptional skills and talents of students enrolled in trade, industrial, technical, and health occupations educational institutions.

SkillsUSA: Building Skills for Success

SkillsUSA is a national student organization that plays a vital role in the development of employability and leadership skills. It complements the occupational skills learned by students in technical education classrooms and work-based learning sites. The organization serves as a common bond for students, aiming to foster a deep respect for the dignity of work, assist in establishing realistic vocational goals, and promote high standards in ethics, workmanship, scholarship, and safety.

District 9 Participants

District 9 comprises several distinguished career and technology centers, including Central Westmoreland CTC, Connellsville Career & Technical Center, Fayette County Career & Technical Institute, Greater Johnstown Career & Tech Center, Greater Johnstown Comprehensive HS, Greene County Career & Technology Center, Mon Valley CTC, Pittsburgh School District, River Valley HS, Somerset County Technology Center, Trinity HS, and Western Area Career & Technology Center.

Mon Valley CTC is honored to have hosted this dynamic event, providing students with a platform to showcase their skills and a valuable opportunity for networking and growth. Congratulations to all participants for their dedication to excellence in career and technical education!



Grateful to have Mon Valley CTC alumni lending their expertise as judges for SkillsUSA District 9 competitions. Their commitment to their trades and ongoing support inspires the next generation!



Eryn Noble, a Sophomore from Ringgold in Culinary Arts is pictured here competing in the "Restaurant Service" competition.



Mercedes Manning (left) a Bentworth Senior, and Lena Pierce (right) a Beth Center Senior - did an excellent job greeting all of our guests!



Owen Durka, a Senior at Charleroi High School in Computer Engineering is pictured here competing in "Technical Computer Applications."



Luke Yanke, a Bentworth Senior in Automotive Technology is pictured here competing in "Automotive Maintenance Light Repair"



Cosmetology was buzzing with competitions such as Cosmetology Under 500, Cosmetology, Nail Care, and Esthetics!



Multimedia hosted competitions for Advertising and Design & Photography!



HVAC Competition



Welding Competition



Electrical Competitions consisted of Industrial Motor Control and Residential Wiring. Students pictured here are competing in Residential Wiring.



CONGRATULATIONS

to our SkillsUSA Competition Winners!

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SkillsUSA®

A.M. Gold Medal Winners!

Soryn Martin

1st Place - Cosmo Under 500
Bentworth High School

Tyler Sutherland

1st Place - Action Skills
California High School

Gwen Hinerman

1st Place - Extemporaneous Speaking
Belle Vernon High School

Eryn Noble

1st Place - Restaurant Service
Ringgold High School

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P.M. Medal Winners!



GOLD MEDAL WINNERS

Addison Wonak (California) - Advertising and Design
Kaelyn Makrush (California) - Basic Health Care
Sarah Danek (California) - Baking and Pastry
William Stewart (Ringgold) - Electrical Wiring
Bryce Watson (Beth Center) - Industrial Motor Control
Morgan Ziglear (California) - Job Interview
Madison Prince (Ringgold) - Job Skill Demo A
Emily Danko (California) - Photography
Makayla Danko (Beth Center) - Prepared Speech
Marina Childs (Bentworth) - CTE Demonstration
Lela Poland (Ringgold) + Abby Falcon (Beth Center) - EMT

SILVER MEDAL WINNERS

Luke Yanke (Bentworth) - Automotive Maintenance Light Repair
Mike Muehlbauer (Beth Center) - Auto Service Technology
Samuel Elardo (Charleroi) - Customer Service
Dustin Johnston (Beth Center) - HVAC-R
Cody Gruber (Ringgold) + Rich Thomas (Charleroi) - Job Skill Demo
Alexa Jolly (Ringgold) - Med Term
Devylin Lenhart + Ayla Dopler (Ringgold) - Nail Care
Ivianimar Velazquez Marquez (Monessen) - Nurse Assisting
Owen Durka (Charleroi) - Technical Computer Applications

BRONZE MEDAL WINNERS

Tristan Schade (Charleroi) - Culinary Arts
Russell Hale (Charleroi) - Masonry
Marissa Klose (Ringgold) - Medical Math