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Crowder Tech Students Excel at National Skills Conference

Neosho, MO – Crowder College Diesel Technology student, Brad Drake (Southwest City, MO), earned a bronze medal in at the National SkillsUSA Championship in Louisville Kentucky at the end of June.

Crowder also had Advanced Manufacturing students, Emily West (Seneca, MO) and David Anderson (Joplin, MO) place 6th in the Mechatronics competition. Both students are part of the Advanced Manufacturing Technology program.

The SkillsUSA Championships is the showcase for the best career and technical students in the nation. The competition was held at the Kentucky Exposition Center. Contests begin locally in the spring and continue through the state and national levels. More than 6,000 outstanding career and technical education students, all 50 state contest winners, competed hands-on in 100 different trade, technical and leadership fields. Contests are run with the help of industry, trade associations and labor organizations, and test competencies set by industry. The championships is a multi-million-dollar event that occupies space equivalent to more than 16 football fields.

The philosophy of the Championships is to reward students for excellence, to involve industry in directly evaluating student performance and to keep training relevant to employers' needs.

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Brad Drake with his bronze award.