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[New Mexico, June 26, 2010] – Seven New Mexico students have won top honors in the SkillsUSA national championship competition. The SkillsUSA Championships, held in Kansas City, Mo., took place June 22-25, 2010, as part of the SkillsUSA 46th annual National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC), a showcase of career and technical education students. During the week, more than 5,600 outstanding career and technical education students from across the nation—all state contest winners competed hands-on in 96 different trade, technical and leadership fields.

During the national competition, students worked against the clock and each other, proving their expertise in occupational areas. All contests are run with the help of industry, trade associations, and labor organizations, and test competencies are set by industry.

New Mexico students winning top honors are: Joshua Sena and Bryan Tenorio from Central New Mexico Community College (CNM), receiving Silver Medals in 3-D Visualization and Animation; Jessica McWhirter from CNM, receiving a Bronze Medal in Commercial Baking; Daniel LeVrier, Kenneth Newman, and Charles Jetty from CNM, receiving Gold, Silver and Bronze in Geospatial Technology; Randal McCoy from CNM receiving a Bronze Medal in Industrial Motor Control.

SkillsUSA is a national partnership of students, teachers and industry, working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. SkillsUSA chapters help students who are preparing for careers in technical, skilled and service occupations excel. SkillsUSA has more than 300,000 students and instructors as members.

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