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[New Mexico, June 26, 2010] – Twenty-three New Mexico students received Skill Point Proficiency Certificates at 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 occupations areas. All contests are run with the help of industry, trade associations, and labor organizations. Test competencies are set by industry.

High scorers in the contests received Skill Point Certificates. The Skill Point Certificate was awarded in 90 occupational and leadership areas to students who achieved a high score defined by industry.

New Mexico Skill Point Proficiency Certificates were awarded to:

Amber Benson from Navajo Technical College (NTC) in Extemporaneous Speaking; Micheal Caputo from Central New Mexico Community College (CNM) in Residential Wiring; Tiffany Colhoff and William Deneen from CNM in Job Skill Demonstration; Edgar Coyle and David Torres from CNM in Cabinetmaking; Adrian De La Cruz, Stetson Dunn, Joe Gonzales, Juan Carlos Medina, Riley Meyers, and Shelby White from Hobbs High School in Chapter Business Procedure; Ashley Fort from CNM in Nail Care; Gary Gamertsfelder from Luna Community College in Automotive Refinishing; Ryan Holets from CNM in Aviation Maintenance; Danae Holloman from San Juan College in Cosmetology; Raina Marianto from NTC in

Food and Beverage Service; Randall McCoy from CNM in Industrial Motor Control; Jessica McWhirter from CNM in Commercial Baking; Omar Saenz from Dexter High School in Action Skills; Joshua Sena and Bryan Tenorio from CNM in 3-D Visualization and Animation.

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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