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# SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

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## **DCTC SkillsUSA Chapter Gets National Recognition**

The SkillsUSA chapter at Dorchester Career and Technical Center has been named one of 24 SkillsUSA chapters nationally recognized as a “Model of Excellence” for 2018, the only Maryland school to win this coveted designation. The school is also one of eight finalists for one of SkillsUSA’s top national awards.

One of the highest accolades awarded to chapters by SkillsUSA, the Models of Excellence program promotes the learning of personal, workplace, and technical skills outlined in the SkillsUSA Framework for student development. Achievement is measured by the effectiveness of student efforts in implementing essential workplace skills including personal responsibility, integrity, work ethic and organization in chapter activities. All 24 Model of Excellence chapters are finalists for the top national award in one of three categories.

Key to DCTC’s recognition was the chapter’s organization of an event in March involving the Dorchester County Chamber of Commerce during which Chamber members participated in panel discussions about the outlook of various local industries and shared tips regarding employability.

Career and Technology Supervisor and DCTC Principal Kermit Hines said, “The desire, determination, and performance of our students is a direct reflection of our leadership, instructional presentation, and compassionate and caring environment we provide at DCTC.”

Two student representatives from DCTC will participate in the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference in Louisville, Kentucky June 25-29, along with the school’s Lead SkillsUSA advisor Charlene Zinnel. The Conference includes Models of Excellence finalist interviews for the national award for which DCTC is nominated and recognition during the awards ceremony in front of over 12,000 students, instructors, and business partners.



DCTC SkillsUSA chapter officers (from left) Destiny Coleman, Treasurer (Criminal Justice); Brianna Todd, Historian (Teacher Academy of Maryland); Breann Warner, President (Medical Services); Khail Johnson, Vice President (Teacher Academy of Maryland). Absent: Madison Shuler, Secretary (Medical Services).