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Wilson Talent Center Students Advance to SkillsUSA State Leadership Conference

Twenty-four Wilson Talent Center (WTC) students placed high enough in regional competition to advance to the SkillsUSA State Leadership Conference which will be held April 12-14, 2024, in Grand Rapids. Regional competitions were held over the past two weeks in various locations. Ten additional students who did not have regional conferences will advance directly to the Grand Rapids competitions.

SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. A nonprofit national education association, SkillsUSA, serves middle-school, high-school and college/postsecondary students preparing for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations. SkillsUSA serves more than 331,000 students and instructors annually.

The Wilson Talent Center students who advanced to the State Leadership Conference by competing in regionals include:

- Joshua Pillar (Fowlerville), Precision Machining Technology, First Place, Overall Precision Machining
- Blake James (Fowlerville), Precision Machining Technology, Fifth Place, Precision Machining - Mill
- Conner Kozlowski (Homeschooled), Precision Machining Technology, Second Place, Overall Precision Machining
- Austin Garcia (East Lansing), Criminal Justice, Third Place, Job Skills Demo A
- Teagan Remacle (Mason), Criminal Justice, Fourth Place, Job Skills Demo A
- Krystian Johnson (Waverly), Criminal Justice, Fifth Place, Job Skills Demo A
- Brendan Trimmer (Holt), Criminal Justice, First Place, Job Skills Demo Open
- Cruz Medina (Stockbridge), Criminal Justice, Second Place, Job Skills Demo Open
- Teagan Taylor (Mason), Criminal Justice, Third Place, Job Skills Demo Open
- Nevaeh Furseth (Okemos), Criminal Justice, Fourth Place, Job Skills Demo Open



- Elijah Straley (Holt), Olivia Quiroga (Holt), Jayden Rockwell (Dansville) and Katie Carr (Waverly), Criminal Justice, First Place, Crime Scene Investigation Team
- Cameron Dennis (Lansing Christian), New Media, Second Place, Photography
- Mark Stewart (Haslett), Welding Technology, First Place, OAC/PAC
- Violet Hacker (Dansville), Welding Technology, Third Place, GTAW
- Alex Baker (Dansville), Welding Technology, Third Place, OAC/PAC
- Maxim Rancour (Williamston), Welding Technology, Fifth Place, GTAW
- Malachi Powers (Dansville), Welding Technology, Fourth Place, SMAW
- Dakota Avila (Fowlerville), Construction Trades, First Place, Carpentry
- Landon Lucas (Mason), Construction Trades, Second Place, Carpentry
- Zachary Fletcher (Stockbridge), Construction Trades, Second Place, Plumbing
- Devin Burke (Holt), Construction Trades, Fourth Place, Plumbing

“We are extremely proud of these students for their performances at SkillsUSA regional competition,” notes Jeff Smith, WTC Associate Principal and SkillsUSA advisor. “Their instructors have prepared the students well, and they have demonstrated knowledgeable skills that will be beneficial to them in their future endeavors,” Smith also noted.

The Wilson Talent Center, operated by Ingham Intermediate School District, offers career and technical education programs for high school juniors and seniors who reside in Dansville, East Lansing, Haslett, Holt, Leslie, Mason, Okemos, Stockbridge, Waverly, Webberville and Williamston. Applications are also accepted from Lansing School District, Fowlerville Community Schools and Eaton and Clinton County schools. For more information, visit [Wilson Talent Center](http://www.inghamisd.org/wtc) (www.inghamisd.org/wtc).

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