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Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning and Refrigeration (HVACR) Ferris and MOISD Career Center Represented at SkillsUSA National Competition

BIG RAPIDS - On June 24, 2011 Ferris State University and Mecosta Osceola Career Center will be well represented at the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference in Kansas City, Mo.

During the recent SkillsUSA State competitions held in Lansing April 16, 2011, Ferris received Medals in the Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration contest at a secondary and post secondary level.

The post secondary level students representing the Ferris State University HVACR program had three winners in the HVACR category; Gold – Jacob Stratz (Big Rapids, Mi.), Silver – Matt Salvati (Morley, Mi.), and Bronze– Andrew Maat (Big Rapids, Mi.).

Two secondary level students representing the Mecosta Osceola Career Center HVACR program receiving medals in the HVACR category were; Gold- Joey Schneidt (Big Rapids, Mi.) and Silver- Ken Burch. (Paris, Mi.).

“The SkillsUSA contest results continue to prove that Ferris State University is one of the best schools in the nation for training our future workforce; special thanks goes to Joe Compton, assistant professor of Ferris HVACR; and Bob Persons, HVACR instructor at Ferris and the MOISD Career Center,” comments, HVACR coordinator Doug Zentz, “Given the perfect blend of classroom education and hands on training, students gain a real world education with job opportunities upon graduation that lead to a lifetime career.” adding, “The SkillsUSA HVACR

competition allows student's the opportunity at a high school and college level to stand out and be recognized against other high end technicians from across the state".

SkillsUSA is a national nonprofit organization partnering teachers, students and industry in skilled trade areas. The National Leadership and Skills Conference is made up of skills competitions among all of the Gold medal winners from each U.S. state. Gold Medalists at the National Conference also have the opportunity to compete for a chance at WorldSkills, which is every other year.