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Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning and Refrigeration (HVACR)

SkillsUSA Heating, Ventilation, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Regional Competition welcomes students at Ferris State University's Granger Center for Construction & HVACR

Ferris State University welcomed high school students from the Mecosta-Osceola Career Center and Muskegon Area Career Technical Center for the SkillsUSA Regional Competition on Wednesday, February 24, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in The Granger Center for Construction and HVACR.

Two career centers from Mecosta, Osceola and Muskegon and parts of Oceana, Ottawa and Newaygo counties sent their best students for hands-on competition with HVACR systems. Students put skills to the test in different areas of expertise from control and component performance to service troubleshooting of electrical and mechanical systems. The top three finishers in two categories- Heating and HVACR earned medals and will move on to the statewide competition held April 16 – 18 in Lansing, MI. Students with the highest overall total score advancing to the State Competition in the category of HVACR include: 1st place- Jacob Stratz, of Big Rapids, 2nd place- Mike Peterson, of Big Rapids, and 3rd place- Nate Hamel, of Big Rapids. Winners in the Heating category include: 1st place- Chase Hamilton, of Big Rapids and 2nd place- Joey Schneidt of Big Rapids.

Current Ferris State University HVACR faculty member John (Eric) Quilitzsch assisted in judging and helped coordinate the event throughout the day, along with Career Center instructors Bob Persons and Thomas Skipper. Doug Milholin, of Johnstone Supply, a former

FSU HVACR program graduate and member of the FSU HVACR Advisory committee supported this event by judging student- performance, as well.