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CTI Students win at the SkillsUSA State Competition in Syracuse

SYRACUSE, NY – Two students from Dutchess BOCES Career and Technical Institute took two first place finishes in the 49th Annual SkillsUSA State Conference and Skills Championships. The first place contestants are **Wyatt Kelly** (FDR) in the Photography contest and **Deyry Acevedo** (Spackenkill) in the Job Demo (Open) contest. Top students from every part of New York State competed in their respective areas. Thirty-six students from 12 area high schools competed in areas such as culinary arts, cinema production, computer technology, crime scene investigation and other careers that represent the courses offered at CTI.

The competition was held in the New York State Fairgrounds in Syracuse, New York, April 22 through April 24. The scope of the contests included an intense practical hands-on component as well as a written knowledge test.

Both students will represent New York State in the National SkillsUSA Competition this June, to be held in Louisville, KY. CTI's SkillUSA club and competitors will have to raise extra funds to help offset the costs to send these students to Louisville.

SkillsUSA is a national organization created by teachers, for teachers, as a way to reach and develop their students. A nationwide partnership of business and industry, career training students, instructors, and school administrators, SkillsUSA is a professional society run at all levels: in the school, in the state associations, and in the national association. SkillsUSA prepares students to enter the work force by teaching leadership and professional development skills and by providing opportunities to put these skills to work. SkillsUSA has over 250,000 student members, organized into more than 13,000 local chapters. More than 13,500 teachers and school administrators serve as professional SkillsUSA members and instructors, and over 500 corporations, trade associations, and labor unions support SkillsUSA at the national level. Together, SkillsUSA members work to improve their schools, workplaces, and communities.

The Career and Technical Institute at Dutchess BOCES is committed to provide students with the latest technologies needed for their future success in both their chosen career path and/or higher education.

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