



**SkillsUSA Announces  
Louisiana Medalists in Annual  
Skills USA Championships  
June 23-27**

Louisiana students were recognized for excellence in their occupational preparation and for their employability skills so highly sought by American employers on Wednesday evening, June 27 in Kansas City, Missouri, at an awards ceremony held by National SkillsUSA. The students, all members of SkillsUSA competed in SkillsUSA's Skills USA Championships, a national level competition for high school and college students who are enrolled in training programs in trade, industrial, technical, and health occupations programs.

These national SkillsUSA Championships gold, silver and bronze high school medalists and Skill Point Certificate recipients are tremendous individuals who will build the communities and economy of Louisiana.

Begun in 1967, SUSAC has grown from 54 competitors in three contests to more than 5,800 competitors in 94 contests. In all these students competing represented every state and several territories during the national Championships. More than 1,800 judges from industry determine the student's rating. Hundreds of national and state-level SkillsUSA leaders and volunteers coordinate logistics and events. SkillsUSA believes this is the single greatest day of industry volunteerism in America. The investment by American Business and labor in executive time, equipment loaned, supplies donated, tools and scholarships awarded exceed \$35 million.

The SkillsUSA Championships builds genuine business-education partnerships all across the country. SkillsUSA estimates that 10,000 local and state-level contests are held annually. Contests are designed, managed and judged by industry using industry standards to assess student mastery of technical, academic and employability skills. That's good for the workforce; it's good for the communities; and, it is consistent with the emphasis on industry certification in the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006.

Louisiana was well represented at the National SkillsUSA Contest June 23-27 2012. There were over 78 in attendance. 77 Contestants competed in 40 contests.

<b>Medalist</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Hometown</b>
Bronze	Residential Systems Installation and Maintenance	Devin Richard	Port Barre High School Advisor Wayne Fruge'
Bronze	Quiz Bowl	Team: Cote Bellard, Christopher Jackson, Charles Jesclard, Steven Ryder	Port Barre High School Advisor Wayne Fruge'

## **SkillsUSA Skill Point Certificates**

### **Louisiana SkillsUSA members earning Skill Point Certificates at the 2012 Skills USA Championships June 23-27**

SkillsUSA Louisiana members are to be congratulated for earning a Skill Point Certificate at the 2012 SkillsUSA Championships. This is a pinnacle achievement for SkillsUSA members as part of the new Work Force Ready System.

### **What are Skill Point Certificates?**

Skill Point Certificates are a tool to recognize outstanding talent beyond those who earn medals at the SkillsUSA Championships. The same industry leaders who defined the competencies for the Championships determined a “cut score” that indicates excellence for students entering technical fields. Most cut scores range between 70 and 80 percent, but they vary by technical area. Students can use these certificates to document achievement and to show potential employers as indicators of proficiency. These certificates can be placed in their employment portfolios as something they can share with potential employers. Learn more about the Work Force Ready System at: [www.workforcereadysystem.org](http://www.workforcereadysystem.org)

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Electrical Construction Wiring	Joshua Babin	Terrebonne Career and Technical High School Advisor Charlie Positerry
First Aid-CPR	Anna-Katrina Keco	Bossier Technical High School Advisor Barbara Wartman
Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration	Anthony Baham, Jr.	Morgan City SkillsUSA Advisor Michelle Woodruff
Job Skill Demonstration Open	Elizabeth Baham	Morgan City SkillsUSA Advisor Michelle Woodruff
Preschool Teaching Assistant	Keandra Rogers	Bossier Technical High School Advisor Becky Trammel

Residential Systems Installation and Maintenance	Devin Richard	Port Barre High School Advisor Wayne Fruge'
T-Shirt Design	Shatamber Wade	Caddo Career & Technology Center Advisors Debbie Bothel, Kevin Ypya
Quiz Bowl	Cote Bellard	Port Barre High School Advisor Wayne Fruge'
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