



*SkillsUSA Area IV  
Regional  
Conference 2025*

*More than 700  
visitors, including 400  
student  
competitors, gathered at  
the Southern Westchester  
BOCES Center for Career  
Services campus, which  
hosted SkillsUSA's Area  
IV Regional Competition  
the first time Feb. 1, 2025.*

*The annual competition  
featured SkillsUSA  
members from across the  
Hudson Valley to  
showcase their talents in  
various career and  
technical education  
fields. There were  
competitors from 12  
different schools and  
districts who competed in  
38 different competitions.*

*"Hosting the SkillsUSA  
competition here at the Center  
for Career Services was  
incredible. Our staff was  
extremely dedicated and  
ensured this event was a  
success," said SWBOCES  
Center for Career Services  
Principal Jaclyn De Lao, who  
is an Area IV Administrator  
Trustee for SkillsUSA and  
served as emcee of the awards  
presentation. "You could feel  
the excitement around campus  
once students started to arrive  
for the competition. It was so  
impressive to see the amazing  
things our young people are  
capable of from the CTE  
learning experience. It always  
reminds me of the importance  
of education and the CTE  
experience for students."*

*Jaclyn De Lao  
Principal of Center for  
Career Services  
Southern Westchester  
BOCES Plains*



*Students raved about the competition as well.*

*"Truthfully, this was like nothing I had experienced before," said Patricia Abad, a senior from White Plains who competed in Cake Decorating. "I felt like there was a lot of pressure but it was also really fun. I realized after seeing how the competition worked that our hard work had really paid off. We came really far while getting ready for this event."*

*"During the studying process to get ready for the competition, I realized that I was capable of so much more than I thought," said Rachael Espinoza, a senior from White Plains who participated in the Animal Careers competition. "I had a really positive experience here."*

*At the conclusion of the competitions, students, staff members and judges attended an awards ceremony at Highlands Middle School in White Plains.*

Competition	1st	2nd	3rd
Action Skills Basic	Adam Beitzl, Ulster BOCES	Nicholas Dobosh, Ulster BOCES	
Advertising Design	Noah Browne, Dutchess	Francesca Calabro, OU BOCES	Onome Egbivwie, SW BOCES
Animal Careers	Courtney Wolfe, OU BOCES	Kaylin Bores, SW BOCES	Gabriella Capone, SW BOCES
Automated Manufacturing Technology	Ashor Raal/James DeWitt/Jacob Frost, Ulster BOCES	Evan Zheng/Miguel Caba/Aymora Williams, Ulster BOCES	
Automotive Service Technology	Nahdi Naheem, SW BOCES	Gabe Mello, Rockland BOCES	Fabian Dragani, SW BOCES
Automotive Vehicle Maintenance Basic	Owen Palma-Nova, Rockland BOCES	Luke Ambrogio, SW BOCES	Kaiden Porter, Rockland BOCES
Cake Decorating	Serenity Moore, Sullivan	Gabriella Wildrick, OU BOCES	Grace Kleber, Rockland BOCES
Carpentry	Shadi Issa, Saunders BOCES	Benjamin Doyle, OU BOCES	Lucas Traina, OU BOCES
CNC 3-Axis Milling Programmer	Ian Vickery, Ulster BOCES	Ethan Greger, Ulster BOCES	Jacob Sauers, Ulster BOCES
Collision Repair Technology	Jose Pacheco Jimenez, Rockland BOCES	Elias Sitinas, Rockland BOCES	Hudson Rowan, Ulster BOCES
Cosmetology Junior	Charlotte Innamorato, OU BOCES	Michelle Frackiewicz, Warwick Valley HS	Lily Hennessy-Coyle, Warwick Valley HS
Cosmetology Quiz Bowl	OU BOCES - Lyons/Caruso/Duran/Knight/Muentes	Katherine Fitzgerald/Hayley Sutfin/Kendra Bell/Alexandra Landa/Ruth Kurland, Ulster BOCES	Saunders HS - Shahid/Nunez/McGovern/Rodriguez/Chwedoruk
Cosmetology Senior	Melina Mosby, Ulster BOCES	Jasmin Sanchez, Dutchess BOCES	Annalysse Garcia, Ulster BOCES
Crime Scene Investigation	OU BOCES - Honrado/Muniz/Pinzon	Warwick Valley HS - Hansen/Glass/Sealy	Rockland BOCES - Fetchik/Calvo/Frawley
Criminal Justice	Brianna Young, Warwick Valley HS	Nathaniel Stone, SW BOCES	Daniela Santo, OU BOCES
Culinary Arts	Caitlyn Rafferty, Ulster BOCES	Andres Angulo, SW BOCES	Sarah George, SW BOCES
Culinary Arts Quiz Bowl	Melcher Vasquez/Jaing/Orellana Ordonez, Dutchess BOCES	Cesar Mendez Newell/Aiden Valentin/Carly Brustein, Ulster BOCES	Castillo/Goulbourne/Dierssen, SW BOCES
Digital Cinema Production	Pierre/Gordon, SW BOCES	Banks/Fetherston, PNW BOCES	Olivier/Egbivwie, SW BOCES
Electrical Construction Wiring	Dylan O'Flynn, Rockland BOCES	Armondo Cilento, SW BOCES	Anthony DeLeon, OU BOCES
Esthetics	Lea Quinn, OU BOCES	Heather Weschler, OU BOCES	Belen Ocampo Quiroz, Madeline Violaris, Ulster BOCES
Extemporaneous Speaking	William Burns, Sullivan BOCES	Mark Atalla, Saunders HS	
First Aid/CPR	Louisa Salvador, SW BOCES	Danna Zapata, SW BOCES	Luis Rivera Morales, PNW BOCES
Food Prep Basic	Tiyonah Willis, Rockland BOCES		
Information Technology Services	Madison Shaw, Ulster BOCES	Tabech Sweeney, Ulster BOCES	Alan Djatschenko, Saunders HS
Internetworking	Gabriel Julca, Ulster BOCES	Thomas Rutledge, Ulster BOCES	Ashton Arias, PNW BOCES
Job Demonstration - year 1	Derrick Maxwell, Dutchess BOCES	Paula Arce Erazo, Rockland BOCES	Aubrey Budde, SW BOCES
Job Demonstration - year 2	Brian Lynch, Rockland BOCES	Carl Danielson, SW BOCES	Payton Kothe, Ulster BOCES
Job Interview	Alen Ibric, Ulster BOCES	Kyle Walsh, Ulster BOCES	Elizabeth Torres, SW BOCES
Nail Care	Zura / Rivera, OU BOCES	Walsh / Joseph, SW BOCES	Chinchilla / Garcia, Rockland BOCES
Nurse Assisting	Ashley Godoy , PNW BOCES	Cassidy Liedy, Ulster BOCES	Elizabeth Thomas, PNW BOCES
Precision Heavy Equipment Operations	Jared Kratz, Sullivan BOCES	Patrick Legare, OU BOCES	Jack Krum, Sullivan BOCES
Prepared Speech	Isabella Santana, Ulster BOCES	Patricia Lopez, Rockland BOCES	Wendylove Mireku, Ulster BOCES
Quiz Bowl	Quinn Yowell/Ethan Bates/Patrick Sheehan/Dylan McPhail/Carter Okrent, Ulster BOCES	Cruz-Luna/Diaz/Flores/Kwaw/Soto/Velaquez/Williams, Saunders HS	Henry Jones/Kwaku Boahen/Jonathan Torres/Jacob Holt/Phoebe Baker, Ulster BOCES
Related Technical Math	Abraham Suarez, SW BOCES	Kal'el Reyes, Sullivan BOCES	Alessandro Vaccaro, SW BOCES
T-Shirt Design NYS Competition	Rylee Owen, Ulster BOCES		Alxis Hernandez, Rockland
Television (Video) Production	Winfrey/Boller, Warwick Valley HS	Astorino/Caric, Warwick Valley HS	Nagel/Demke, Warwick Valley HS
Welding	Christopher Blough, Mount Academy	Donovan Baird, Mount Academy	John Lennon, Rockland BOCES



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