

2023 National Leadership and Skills Conference Results!

SkillsUSA South Carolina had one of our most successful years, setting state records, at the 2023 National Leadership and Skills Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. Our state officers, various student chapter leaders, and their advisors arrived in Atlanta on June 16, 2023, to participate in the preconference training events. This included Leverage (State Officer Training), Elevate (Chapter Officer Training), and Engage (Advisor Training), which ran through June 19, 2023. Our state officers were provided tools to become leaders for our state and facilitate student training throughout the year. Our chapter student leaders gained similar training meant to help lead their local chapters throughout the year. Our amazing advisors gained the tools to provide their student members with the resources and opportunities for growth.

On June 19, 2023, the rest of our state delegation arrived, totaling 226 South Carolinians, ready to represent our state with pride (SC state record). Throughout the week, our 131 students competed in 80 competitions (both SC state records) ranging across nearly all 16 career clusters. Also, during the week, students and advisors had the opportunity to attend the SkillsUSA University, Academy for Success, and Advisor Summit to gain valuable professional development from industry and teaching experts. Nearly 200 vendors lined the 4.3 million square feet of floor space for our members to explore career options with industry personnel and participate in great games and earn prizes. On Friday, June 23, 2023, our state had a record 30 participants in the Community Service Project, building bicycles for underprivileged children.

On Wednesday, June 21, 2023, the Models of Excellence (MOE) chapters (Top 24 Chapters in the country out of over 4,000 chapters) were recognized for their work. The Center for Advanced Technical Studies represented South Carolina after being named an MOE chapter within the SkillsUSA Chapter Excellence Program for the fourth consecutive year. Student representatives Quinn Anhar and Ryan Hill, along with the chapter's Lead Advisor, Sherry Clapp, received recognition and Gold MOE Medals at a special dinner.

On the night of Friday, June 23, 2023, the awards ceremony occurred, and South Carolina did not disappoint, racking up Top 10 finishes in 28 contests and Top 5 finishes in 18 contests (bother SC records). We also set a record medal count for our state with 20 total students receiving medals across 12 contests, which include 2 National Champions! (List below.)



National Champions (1st Place)

- CNC 3-Axis Milling Programmer (Post-Secondary) Jacob Anglin (York Technical College)
- Employment Application Process Houston Lee (Center for Advanced Technical Studies)

National Runner-Up (2nd Place)

- CNC 2-Axis Turning Programmer Ryan Liner (Pickens County Career & Technology Center)
- CNC 5-Axis Milling Programmer Xavian Gilbert (Pickens County Career & Technology Center)
- CNC 5-Axis Milling Programmer (Post-Secondary) Cody Russell (York Technical College)
- Commercial Roofing Brandon Lopez (Golden Strip Career Center)
- Internetworking Peter Muller (Center for Advanced Technical Studies)
- Outstanding Chapter James Bothe, Kathryn Brophy, Jedediah Smith (Center for Advanced Technical Studies)
- TeamWorks Hank Cooper, Trevor Hallman, Kameron Knight, Kaleb Lawrie (Gilbert High School)
- TeamWorks (Post-Secondary) Cameron Drake, Angel Mendoza, Ethan Reynolds, William Rodriguez (Midlands Technical College)

National Second Runner-Up (3rd Place)

- Action Skills (Post-Secondary) Keymani Wilson (Heyward Career Center)
- Technical Drafting Ryan Riddle (Center for Advanced Technical Studies)

Top 5 (Excluding those already listed in Top 3 above)

- Action Skills (High School) 5th Place
- Cyber Security 4th Place
- Firefighting 4th Place
- Mobile Electronics Installation 4th Place
- Restaurant Service 5th Place
- Welding Fabrication (High School) 5th Place



Top 10 (Excluding those already listed in Top 5 and Top 3 above)

- Audio-Radio Production 8th Place
- Carpentry (Post-Secondary) 7th Place
- CNC 3-Axis Milling Programmer (High School) 8th Place
- Commercial sUAS Drone 7th Place
- Cosmetology 10th Place
- Digital Cinema Production 8th Place
- Facilithon 10th Place
- Graphic Imaging Sublimation 10th Place
- Marine Service Technology 9th Place
- Mobile Robotics Technology 8th Place





















