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Six College of Western Idaho Students Capture SkillsUSA Gold

Joe O'Dell is One of Six CWI Students that Qualified for National Competition



Nampa, Idaho – College of Western Idaho (CWI) will be sending six students to test their ability against the nation's best in Professional Technical Education after earning gold at the 2012 Idaho SkillsUSA State Leadership and Skills Conference, April 12-13. CWI took home 13 medals in all – including the six gold honors – from 12 different competitions held at various locations around the Treasure Valley.

CWI students Jessica Crowley (Automotive Refinishing Technology), Benjamin Dahlman (Precision Machining Technology), Josh Farnsworth (Diesel Technology), Paul Hodges (Internetworking), Phillip Kildow (Extemporaneous Speaking), and Joe O'Dell (Power Equipment Technology) each secured tickets to nationals with first-place finishes in their respective event. Six national qualifiers marks the most for CWI in the College's young history, having sent four students in 2011.

The success didn't stop at gold for CWI however; as the school also had students earn three silver and two bronze medals to conclude the competition. Nathan Heintz (Related Technical Math), Robert Kringel (CNC Milling), and Angela Leavell (Commercial Baking) all took home silver medals. Heintz (Electronics Technology) and Braden Cripps (Automotive Refinishing Technology) captured bronze.

CWI's six gold medal winners will now begin preparation for a trip to the 2012 SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference in Kansas City, Kan., June 23-27.

RESULTS

Automotive Refinishing Technology

Jessica Crowley – Gold

Braden Cripps – Bronze

Precision Machining Technology

Benjamin Dahlman – Gold

Diesel Technology

Josh Farnsworth – Gold

Electronics Technology

Nathan Heintz – Bronze

Related Technical Math

Nathan Heintz – Silver

Internetworking

Paul Hodges – Gold

Extemporaneous Speaking

Phillip Kildow – Gold

CNC Milling

Robert Kringel – Silver

Commercial Baking

Angela Leavell – Silver

Welding

Brian Morton – Bronze

Power Equipment Technology

Joe O'Dell – Gold

Diesel Technology

Austin Spitzer - Silver

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About the College of Western Idaho:

The College of Western Idaho is a comprehensive community college fostering student development academically, as well as occupationally. CWI has seven campus locations throughout Southwest Idaho providing higher education and 21st Century technical skills acquisition. The college is dedicated to improving the community's economic well-being by responding with highly-educated and productive graduates. The foundation for the area's only community college was created by a supermajority of voters in Ada and Canyon counties on May 22, 2007. For more information, visit www.cwidaho.cc or call (208) 562-3000.

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