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**CWI STUDENTS EARN TWO TOP-10 FINISHES AT NATIONAL SKILLSUSA CONFERENCE**

MEDIA ADVISORY – Five College of Western Idaho (CWI) students traveled to Kansas City, Mo. this past week (June 24-28) to compete in the 2013 SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference. CWI enjoyed another successful performance at nationals with a pair of students earning top-10 finishes in their respective competition.

Over 5,900 outstanding career and technical education students joined in the excitement of hands-on competition in 98 different trade, technical, and leadership fields.

Machine Tool Technology student, Andrew Valley, took home top honors for CWI with a fifth-place overall finish in CNC Turning. Kathryn Jacobson would garner CWI's other top-10 placing with a seventh-place finish in Computer Maintenance Technology.

Also competing at SkillsUSA nationals from CWI was Greg Tate (Architectural Drafting), Travis Kildow (Diesel Technology), and Michael Tamas (Extemporaneous Speaking).

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The College of Western Idaho is a public, open-access, and comprehensive community college committed to providing affordable access to quality teaching and learning opportunities to the residents of its service area in western Idaho. 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 about the college, visit [www.cwidaho.cc](http://www.cwidaho.cc) or call (208) 562-3000.

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