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**CWI Earns Four Top-10 Finishes at SkillsUSA National Conference**

*Jessica Crowley Wins Bronze Medal in Automotive Refinishing*



**Nampa, Idaho** – Six College of Western Idaho (CWI) students traveled to Kansas City, Mo., June 23-27, to compete in the 48th annual SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference. The event brought together the nation's best in Professional Technical Education to test their ability against fellow gold medal winners of state-level competitions across the nation.

The CWI team returned home with plenty to talk about, as all six students finished in the top-20 nationally for their respective competition. Jessica Crowley led the way for CWI with a third-place finish in Automotive Refinishing Technology. She was joined in top-10 honors by fifth-place finishers Joe O'Dell (Power Equipment Technology) and Paul Hodges (Internetworking) and 10th-place finisher Benjamin Dahlman (Precision Machining Technology).

Rounding out CWI's outstanding week of competition was a 12th-place finish by Josh Farnsworth (Diesel Technology) and a 17th-place finish by Phillip Kildow (Extemporaneous Speaking).

## **RESULTS**

### ***Automotive Refinishing Technology***

Jessica Crowley – Third Place

### ***Internetworking***

Paul Hodges – Fifth Place

### ***Power Equipment Technology***

Joe O'Dell – Fifth Place

### ***Precision Machining Technology***

Benjamin Dahlman – 10th Place

### ***Diesel Technology***

Josh Farnsworth – 12th Place

### ***Extemporaneous Speaking***

Phillip Kildow – 17th Place

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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](http://www.cwidaho.cc) or call (208) 562-3000.

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