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COLLEGE OF WESTERN IDAHO QUALIFIES FIVE TO SKILLSUSA NATIONALS
CWI STUDENTS EARN 17 MEDALS AT STATE CONFERENCE

MEDIA ADVISORY – Five College of Western Idaho (CWI) students are headed to the SkillsUSA national competition following gold medal finishes at the SkillsUSA State Leadership and Skills Conference last weekend (April 11-12). CWI captured 17 medals overall, thanks to seven second-place finishes and five bronze honors.

The state SkillsUSA conference welcomed over 800 high school and post-secondary students to event locations around the Treasure Valley, including CWI's Ada County Center and Micron Center for Professional Technical Education. CWI students would make the most of familiar competition sites, winning individual medals in 14 different events.

Leading the way for CWI with gold medal finishes was Greg Tate (Architectural Drafting), Andrew Valley (CNC Turning), Kathryn Jacobsen (Computer Maintenance), Travis Kildow (Diesel Technology), and Michael Tamas (Extemporaneous Speaking).

With top honors, all five students have qualified for a trip to Kansas City, Mo., June 24-28, to compete in the 49th-annual National Leadership and Skills Conference.

RESULTS

Architectural Drafting

Greg Tate - Gold

Craig Denny - Bronze

CNC Turning

Andrew Valley - Gold

Collision Repair Technology

James Fries - Bronze

Commercial Baking

Jorge Lemus - Silver

Computer Maintenance

Kathryn Jacobsen – Gold

William Bennett – Silver

Culinary Arts

Eric Yang - Bronze

Diesel Technology

Travis Kildow - Gold

Electronics Technology

Nathan Heintz – Bronze

Extemporaneous Speaking

Michael Tamas - Gold

Internetworking

Scott Wheelock – Silver

Ellis Loftin – Bronze

Motorcycle Technology

Brandon Fowler – Silver

Power Equipment Technology

Aaron Frazier – Silver

Related Technical Math

Nathan Heintz – Silver

Welding

Eric Westfall – Silver

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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 or call (208) 562-3000.

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