

Whittier Captures 19 Medals at District Skills Conference

HAVERHILL – Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School students



Pictured (from left to right) (1st Row) Superintendent DeRosa, K. MacKinnon, B. Stevenson, L. Apkarian, M. Rapp; (2nd Row) D. Codair, A. Salvo, K. Nguyen, S. Duckworth; (3rd Row) M. Tranfaglia, C. Pellegrino, R. MacAvoy, A. Griffin, D. Follansbee; (4th Row) J. Sample, P. Buccos, B. Finn; (5th Row) M. Mailhot, W. Gould, D. Seaman

came home wearing gold, silver and bronze from the SkillsUSA District Conference in Lowell, where they won 19 medals.

“It was great,” said Senior Mark Mailhot, who won a gold medal in customer service and is headed to the state competition with Whittier’s nine other gold medalists. “We won more medals than we usually do.”

“Once again, I’m proud to say that the staff and students at Whittier Tech shined,” said School Superintendent William DeRosa.

Students who won gold medals are listed with their vocational-technical major and their event: Dalton Codair, CAD Drafting, 3-D Visualization & Animation; Kevin Nguyen, CAD Drafting, 3-D Visualization & Animation; Angela Salvo, Cosmetology, Cosmetology (under 500 hours); Mark Mailhot, Culinary Arts, Customer Service; William Gould, Electronics, Electronic Technology; Katharine MacKinnon, Cosmetology, Nail Care; Sabrina Duckworth, Early Child Care, Preschool Teaching Assistant; Brandon Stevenson, Electrical, Residential Wiring; Daniel Seaman, Electronics, Robotics & Automation Tech; Michael Rapp, Electronics, Robotics & Automation Tech.

Silver medal winners are: Rachel MacAvoy, Nursing, First Aid CPR; Marc Tranfaglia, Masonry, Masonry; Lisa Apkarian, Office Tech, Office Computer Application; Jason Sample, Machine Tech, Precision Machining Technology; Paul Buccos, Office Tech, Technical Computer Application.

Bronze medalists are: Brian Finn, Electronics, Electronic Technology; Danyelle Follansbee, Office Tech, Office Computer Application; Ashley Griffin, Graphic Arts, Web Design; Cassie Pellegrino, Graphics, Web Design.

SkillsUSA is a national organization serving high school and college students in trade and technical programs. The focus is on leadership, teamwork, citizenship and character development. Students compete in 72 occupational and leadership skill areas.

Teachers who helped students prepare for the competitions are Marketing Instructor Leanne Tremlett, Electronics/Robotics Instructor Robert Makem, Electrical Instructor Gil Moran, Office Technology Instructor Rita Nisco, Masonry Instructor John Totten, Plumbing Instructor John Herrick and Cosmetology Instructor Jennifer Teague.