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Augusta Technical College Announces 2021 SkillsUSA Georgia Postsecondary Winners

Augusta, GA– Augusta Technical College is proud to announce the college's student winners of the 2021 SkillsUSA State Conference and Championships. Twenty Augusta Tech students competed in the competition, and 18 students took home medals, for a 90% success rate. Additionally, Augusta Tech was recognized as a Level I Chapter Excellence Program, and Digital Media Production Technology Student Christopher McIntosh was elected to State Office. He and his fellow elected officers will receive their office assignments after State Training. The Augusta Technical College 2021 SkillsUSA State Winners are listed below.

Name	Contest	Medal
Xavier Pena	Pin Design	Gold
Aaron Mungin	T-Shirt Design	Gold
Angelica Bermudez	Advertising Design	Gold
Meghan Steen	Digital Cinema Production	Gold
Koltin Tison	Digital Cinema Production	Gold
Justin Mcclellan	Graphic Communications	Gold
Heather Walls	Graphic Imaging Sublimation	Gold
Hannah Barnette	Screen Printing	Gold
Chole Edewor	Cybersecurity	Gold
David Makekau	Cybersecurity	Gold
Chelsea Logue	Advertising Design	Silver
Ryan Ham	Television Production	Silver
Christopher Mcintosh	Television Production	Silver
Shaquella Spears	Barbering	Silver
Jasmine Mezquite	Advertising Design	Bronze
Merciful Fuller	Commercial Baking	Bronze
Toni Parris	Restaurant Services	Bronze
Jasmine Manning	Job Demonstration A	Bronze

The programs represented include Cybersecurity, Barbering, Culinary Arts, and Design and Media Production Technology.

"First, I want to extend my congratulations to the entire Augusta Tech SkillsUSA Team. They truly represent the best of the best. I would also like to say thank you to all of our advisors. We couldn't have done it without Principal Advisor Sherrie Rowe and Support Advisors Dederick Scott, Partica Muse, and Anna Stewart. Because of them, our students are instilled with pride and a belief in themselves. This helps them realize excellence in their SkillsUSA competitions," stated college president Dr. Jermaine Whirl. "We're very proud of our students and their success last night. To have 20 compete and 18 take home a medal is an outstanding accomplishment!"

The Gold Medalists will go on to compete at the Nationals, which will be held virtually in June 2021.

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About Augusta Technical College

Augusta Technical College, a unit of the Technical College System of Georgia, is a public postsecondary institution that provides academic and technical education, customized business and industry training, continuing education, student support, economic development, and adult education services to its service area (Burke, Columbia, Lincoln, McDuffie, and Richmond Counties) at a competitive financial value. Associate of Science Degrees, Associate of Applied Science Degrees, diplomas, and technical certificates of credit are provided through traditional and distance delivery methods. For more information, visit <u>augustatech.edu</u>.

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About SkillsUSA

SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. We help each student excel.

SkillsUSA's mission is to empower its members to become world-class workers, leaders and responsible American citizens. We improve the quality of our nation's future skilled workforce through the development of SkillsUSA Framework skills that include personal, workplace and technical skills grounded in academics. Our vision is to produce the most highly skilled workforce in the world, providing every member the opportunity for career success.

A nonprofit national education association, SkillsUSA serves middle-school, high-school and college/postsecondary students preparing for careers in trade, technical and skilled service (including health) occupations.