

2005 SkillsUSA Championship Attracts More Than 4600 Contestants

The 2005 SkillsUSA Championships, held June 22-23 in Kansas City, MO, showcased the best

FOUNDATION career and technical students in the nation. This annual, national-level competition is for public high school and postsecondary, college and technical students enrolled in trade, technical and skilled service profession instructional programs. This year, more than 4600 contestants from around the country participated in 80 hands-on skill and leadership contests ranging from precision



2005 SkillsUSA Precision Machining Technology Competition Winners

machining technology to commercial baking. Contestants started their journey to Kansas City at local and state competitions to qualify for the national level. The mission of the championships is to reward students for excellence, to involve industry in directly evaluating student performance and to keep training relevant to employers' needs. More than 1,000 industry judges evaluated the contestants and selected the winners.

The PMA Educational Foundation is proud to sponsor the award for the silver medal winner in the high school division of the 2005 Precision Machining Technology Competition. In the Precision Machining Technology competition, contestants compete in NIMS Level I & II manual machining skills and knowledge areas including

operation of manual milling machines, lathes, drill presses and surface grinders. Contestant knowledge of CNC programming skills using a PC is evaluated. Related knowledge and skill in the areas of engineering drawing interpretation, geometric dimensioning and tolerancing, technical math, machining practices, use of precision measuring/hand tools and ability to communicate verbally using proper industry terminology are also part of this competition.

Congratulations to this year's winner in this category, James J. Lagaly from Canadian Valley Technology Center in El Reno, OK. His prize was a 26-inch, eleven-drawer Kennedy Machinist Chest. For more information, contact Dave Sansone at 216/901-8800 or dsansone@pma.org.

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PMA Educational Foundation Grant Applications

The Educational Foundation accepts grant applications year-round, with the cycles coming to **FOUNDATION** a close each October 1 and March 1. The autumn deadline was misprinted in the previous Update newsletter as closing on October 31. All applica-

tions received before the appropriate deadline will be reviewed by the Educational Foundation. If you have any questions about the deadline for grant submissions, contact the foundation staff at 216/901-8800 or pmaef@pma.org.



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