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## Wilson Talent Center Students Qualify for National/International Leadership Conferences

Eight Wilson Talent Center (WTC) students placed high enough in state competitions to advance to either a national or international leadership conference. Six students will head to Atlanta, Georgia, June 24-28, to compete in the SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference, and two students earned an invitation to attend the HOSA Future Health Professionals International Leadership Conference, June 26-29, in Houston, Texas.

SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. A nonprofit national education association, SkillsUSA serves middle school, high school and college/postsecondary students preparing for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations. SkillsUSA serves more than 331,000 students and instructors annually.

HOSA is a global, student-led organization that empowers students to become leaders in the global health community through education, collaboration and experience. HOSA actively promotes career opportunities in the health industry and to enhance the delivery of quality healthcare to all people. With over 260,000 members through 54 chartered HOSA Associations, HOSA is 100% focused on healthcare.

The Wilson Talent Center students who advanced to the National/International Competitions include:

- Brendan Trimmer (Holt), Criminal Justice program, Job Skills Open Demonstration, SkillsUSA
  National Leadership Conference
- Zachary Fletcher (Stockbridge), Construction Trades program, Plumbing, SkillsUSA National Leadership Conference
- Olivia Quiroga (Holt), Elijah Straley (Holt), Jayden Rockwell (Dansville) and Katie Carr (Waverly), Criminal Justice program, Crime Scene Investigation Team, SkillsUSA National Leadership Conference



- Kaylin Snook (Waverly), Sports Medicine & Rehabilitation program, Sports Medicine, HOSA Future Health Professionals International Leadership Conference
- Jillian Peterson (Okemos), Medical Assisting program, Medical Assisting, HOSA Future Health
  Professionals International Leadership Conference

"These students went up against the best of the best in their state competitions to advance on to this national or international level," notes Jeff Smith, WTC Associate Principal and SkillsUSA advisor. "They are well prepared for this next round of competition, and we are extremely proud of their dedication and commitment to their future careers," Smith also noted.

The Wilson Talent Center, operated by Ingham Intermediate School District, offers career and technical education programs for high school juniors and seniors who reside in Dansville, East Lansing, Haslett, Holt, Leslie, Mason, Okemos, Stockbridge, Waverly, Webberville and Williamston. Applications are also accepted from Lansing School District, Fowlerville Community Schools and Eaton and Clinton County schools. For more information, visit <u>Wilson Talent Center</u> (www.inghamisd.org/wtc).

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