



We at Smoky Hill High School were excited to host our regional SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Contest this past Saturday, Feb 25th, from 8am to noon!

I have to say that all of our volunteers and instructors from Arapahoe Community College, Pickens Technical College, Bollman Tech and Overland HS enabled us to provide well-qualified judges for our 32 student-competitors. We could not have done this without cooperation between all schools involved, and this contest demonstrated the professionalism and respect that all involved have for their students, their schools, and SkillsUSA Colorado. I am proud to count these men and women as colleagues!

We hosted auto contests for both High School and College (32 competitors). Our other two contests included Job Interview and Related Technical Math. Our entire shop was buzzing with the 32 automotive students competing concurrently at stations including precision measurement, diagnostic trouble code extraction, electronic diagnosis, technical information access and hybrid powertrain repair knowledge.

I attached a pic showing our top three winners for all four contests, and an album can be found on our Smoky Hill Automotive fb page here:

<https://www.facebook.com/SmokyHillHighSchoolAutomotiveTechnology/>

Jeff Clear, our Snap-On representative, provided Snap-On tools for top-3 prizes for auto hands-on students in high school and college (Thank you, Jeff!).

- High School hands-on contest winners: 1st - Josh Gilbert (Smoky Hill); 2nd - Jack Sinkiewicz (Bollman Tech); 3rd - Edgar Martinez (Pickens Tech).
- College hands-on contest: 1st - Philip Albrecht; 2nd - Kyle Typher; 3rd - Abraham Giles.
- Technical Math contest: 1st - Josh Gilbert (Smoky Hill); 2nd - Michael Fisher (Arapahoe Community College); 3rd - Randall Venard (Smoky Hill).
- Job Interview contest: 1st - Michael Fisher (Pickens Tech); 2nd - Owen Echols (Smoky Hill); 3rd - Colton Storm (Smoky Hill).

I appreciate all of you helping to make this work for our students, and I look forward to seeing all of you at the State SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Contest April 7-9!

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