



## LOUISIANA COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

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### **Louisiana takes home gold, silver, and bronze in SkillsUSA Championships**

Louisiana students walked away with gold, silver and bronze medals for excellence in occupational and leadership skills at the annual SkillsUSA Championships on June 26 in Kansas City, Missouri. Over 4,100 students competed in 75 contests during this national-level competition. Contestants were public high school and college students enrolled in trade, technical, and skilled service profession programs, including allied health programs.

Among the nation's top winners, Louisianans took home a total of eleven medallions of excellence. Eight of these were won by students of the Louisiana Technical College (LTC). The LTC Shreveport-Bossier Campus won the most medals for Louisiana, taking home three golds and one silver. Also honored were the LTC SOWELA Campus with two gold medals, the LTC Tallulah Campus with one silver medal, and the LTC Margaret Surles Campus with one bronze medal.

The following are names of Louisiana winners for each medal: **GOLD** – John Berry of the LTC Shreveport-Bossier Campus for Motorcycle Service Technology, Belinda Rose of the LTC Shreveport-Bossier Campus for Preschool Teaching Assistant, Michelle Kelley of the LTC Shreveport-Bossier Campus for Preschool Teaching Assistant (HS), Matt Alley of the LTC SOWELA Campus for Advertising Design, and Carlton Johnson of the LTC SOWELA Campus for Customer Service. **SILVER** – the LTC Shreveport-Bossier Campus Team for Quiz Bowl and Dana Grayson of the LTC Tallulah Campus for Practical Nursing. **BRONZE** – the LTC Margaret Surles Campus Team for Health Knowledge Bowl, Brandon Arcement of Terrebonne Vo-Tech High School for Marine Service Technology, Jamey Geimer of Caddo Career Center for Major Appliance Technology, and Rusty Rodrigue of Terrebonne Vo-Tech High School for Motorcycle Service Technology.

The Awards Ceremony, held at Kemper Arena on the evening of Friday, June 27, brought together more than 12,500 students, parents, teachers, and industry representatives. In addition to their medallions, some winning competitors also received scholarships and/or tools of their trade provided by industry sponsors.

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