

**SKILLSUSA
2018**

**VERRADO HIGH SCHOOL
TAKES HOME 6 MEDALS
AT NATIONALS IN
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY**



**CAREER PATHWAYS
SHOWCASE
ARTS &
COMMUNICATION**



**CAREER PATHWAYS
SHOWCASE
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT
& TECHNOLOGY**



**CAREER PATHWAYS
SHOWCASE
INDUSTRIAL
ENGINEERING**

PRESS RELEASE



Local Students from Verrado High School Attend the 52nd SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference

13 students from Verrado High School in the Agua Fria High School District traveled to Louisville, Kentucky June 24, 2018 as they competed at the 52nd National Leadership and Skills Conference sponsored by SkillsUSA.

Success for
Verrado High
School and the
state of Arizona. 16
medals awarded to
Arizona and 6 come
from Verrado.

During their stay, students participated as competitors in the area of Film and TV, Engineering and Graphic Design programs. And they had fun too. Visiting Louisville Slugger, Kentucky Derby, Kentucky Kingdom Amusement Park and Schempf's Confectionery Candy Store (in Jeffersonville, Indiana).

Students participated as competitors in the SkillsUSA Championships, that were held on Wednesday, June 27th and Thursday June 28th. More than 7,500 students competed in over 100 occupational and leadership skill areas. SkillsUSA programs also help to establish industry standards for job skill training in the classroom.

Success comes from the Verrado Graphic Design program where six students received Silver Medals for their Career Pathways Showcase. One from Arts and Communication and the other for Business Management and Technology. Engineering had a fourth place for their showcase in Industrial Engineering. Also, Film and TV students placed eighth overall for Digital Cinema. Verrado had the largest amount of students attend with 13 students in five different competitions from the state of Arizona.

SkillsUSA is a national organization that serves technical, skilled and service occupation instructional programs in public high schools, career and technical centers and two- and four-year colleges. SkillsUSA annual serves more than 400,000 student members annually, organized into more than 3,900 schools and 52 states and territorial associations (including Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands).

SkillsUSA helps students discover and grow their career passions. As a nationwide partnership of students, instructors, and industry working together. SkillsUSA works to ensure America has a skilled workforce. It helps every student excel. Career and Technical Education is learning that works for America. SkillsUSA has the active support of more than 600 corporations, trade associations, business and labor unions at the national level. More than 11.9 million people have been annual members of SkillsUSA since its founding as the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America in 1965. SkillsUSA programs teach leadership, citizenship and character development to complement technical skill training. The organization emphasizes respect of the dignity of work, ethics, workmanship, scholarship and safety.

SkillsUSA is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and is cited as a successful model of employer-driven youth development training program by the U.S. Department of Labor.

SkillsUSA National Silver Medalists x2:



Top Photo: NATIONAL SILVER MEDALS: William Hymer, Robert Loera, and Hanna Hansen for Career Pathways Showcase in Arts and Communication.

Middle Photo: NATIONAL SILVER MEDALS: Christian Zendejas, Rebekah Neu and Noah Powers for Career Pathways Showcase in Business Management and Technology.

