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## PCTI Claims Record 27 Medals at SkillsUSA State Competition

**Wayne, NJ – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** – Fifty-seven students of Passaic County Technical Institute (PCTI) demonstrated ultimate skill when they went head to head with vocational students throughout New Jersey for the SkillsUSA State Competition on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. The event celebrated absolute dedication and the perfection of one's craft. PCTI's students worked hard and it showed when they brought home a total of twenty-seven medals from the competition, eleven of which were first place awards!

The following students took home the gold and many will be competing in the SkillsUSA National competition in Louisville, Kentucky during the week of June 20<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>: Faisal Allan (Telecommunications Cabling), Shalen Casini (Early Childhood Education), Laura Feliz (State Banner Design), Hamlet Jaquez (Mobile Robotics Technology), Kurshad Juhal (CPS - Information Technology), Kevin Lopez (CPS – Information Technology), Michelle Lorduy (State Banner Design), Georgina Marrero (Food Service), John Mott (Ornamental Iron Design), Raymond Perez (CPS – Information Technology), and Kevin Purcell (Mobile Robotics Technology).

Other medal recipients include: Kayleen Acosta (Advertising Design, silver), Lorraine Aranda (Nail Care, bronze), Moin Bunglawala (Web Design, silver), Chris Cortez (Pin Design, silver), Tiamera Ellen (T-shirt Design, bronze), Joy Giuffre (Career Pathways Showcase: Arts and Communications, silver), Anabel Martinez (Early Childhood Education, silver), Carolina Martinez (Career Pathways Showcase: Arts and Communications, silver), Alexa Mazzocoli (Nail Care, bronze), Akash Rana (Technical Computer Application, bronze), Yash Rana (Web Design, silver), Jose Serra (Technology Display, silver), Frank Tanderella (Cabinetmaking, silver), Emma Tang (Architectural Design, bronze), Melody Vazquez (Technology Display, silver), and Tatyana Williams (career Pathways Showcase: Arts and Communications, silver).

Congratulations to all of PCTI's SkillsUSA medal recipients! Good luck at Nationals!



PCTI SkillsUSA first place winners Raymond Perez (Passaic), Kevin Lopez (Passaic), Kevin Purcell (North Haledon), Georgina Marrero (Paterson), Hamlet Jaquez (Haledon), Shalen Casini (Totowa), Faisal Allan (Paterson), John Mott (Paterson), Michelle Lorduy (Wayne), and Laura Feliz (Paterson) show off their gold medals.