

SKILLS USA SUCCESS CONTINUES

Southern Auto Body, located on Houser Drive in Fredericksburg, hosted the District XI SkillsUSA contest in the events of Collision Repair and Automotive Refinishing on February 27, 2010. The contests were done as part of SkillsUSA, which is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled work force. Local students from Spotsylvania Career and Technical Center, Osbourne High School, North Stafford, and the Northern Neck Technical Center, were competing for the right to move on the state finals in Hampton on April 23 and 24.

Mr. Olaf Herrick and his staff at Southern Auto Body provided a first rate facility for the contests to take place in. Southern Auto Body provided their staff for the judging of competitions, fenders and materials towards the competitions, plus refreshments for the participants, instructors, parents, and advisors.

The Secondary Automotive Refinishing Contest saw Scott Newsome of Northern Neck Technical Center take first place, while Chris Crouch of Spotsylvania Career and Technical, and Justin Carter of Spotsylvania Career and Technical, took second and third place respectively. Scott Newsome will advance to the state contest as the District XI champion.

The Secondary Collision Repair Contest also had another winner for the Northern Neck Technical Center as Charles Coates took first place in that contest. Ryan Reid of Osbourne High School and Black Zecman of Spotsylvania Career and Technical, finished second and third respectively. Charles Coates will also advance with his classmate to the state contest as the District XI champion in Hampton.

Brian Van Landingham of Northern Neck Tech Center also finished first as the only participant in the Post-Secondary Automotive Refinishing Contest. He will also advance to Hampton.

Also participating for the Northern Neck Technical Center was Michael Lynn (Rappahannock High School), PJ Hackett (Washington and Lee High School), Karlide Harding (Lancaster High School),

District XI would like to thank Mr. Herrick, the employees of Southern Auto Body, Refinish Solutions, and USAA Insurance for their time and effort.