

On May 23, 2010, students from the Northern Neck Technical Center descended upon Hampton, Virginia to compete in the Skills USA Virginia State Leadership Conference competitions. Among the students was Aubrey "Sam" Stokes of Northumberland High School, who competed in the Automotive Servicing contest. Sam was selected to represent District 11 at the event since he won at the district level. Students attending competed against other student winners representing districts from all over the Commonwealth of Virginia in an array of task areas including carpentry, cosmetology, welding, masonry, and others. Sam placed 7th overall at the contest. Among the tasks required of the participants were dismounting and mounting a tire, checking fluid levels, a complete exhaust system inspection, disassembling and reassembling drum brakes, and a tool identification test. Winners from the state competition will compete in Kansas City, Missouri this summer at the Skills USA National Leadership Conference.