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### **Ashwaubenon Students Excel At SkillsUSA State Conference**

**Ashwaubenon, WI – May 3, 2012** – A group of nineteen Ashwaubenon students from Parkview Middle School and Ashwaubenon High recently competed in the SkillsUSA State Leadership and Skills Conference in Wisconsin Dells. The students earned one 1<sup>st</sup>, two 2<sup>nd</sup> and three 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishes in the event which showcases career and technical education students from across the state.

Ashwaubenon students that brought home awards were: Logan Enke – 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Criminal Justice, Tyler Rolling – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in CO2 Car, Connor Knoll – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Technical Drafting, Derek Frasier and Jaret Jager – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in Team Problem Solving, Hunter Hermsen and Tyler Rolling – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in Robo Rescue, Robin Messer – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in Criminal Justice, and Alex Conard 4<sup>th</sup> Place in CNC Machining.

During the competition, students worked against the clock and each other, proving their expertise in occupations like photography, computer-aided design, CNC machining, vehicle maintenance, robotics, construction and engineering. All contests were run with the help of industry, trade associations, and labor organizations, and test competencies are set by industry.

“I thought it was an excellent experience for the students,” noted Tom Barnhart, Ashwaubenon’s SkillsUSA advisor. “The students utilized the skills and knowledge they learned in their Technology & Engineering Education courses to compete against students from all over the state; and they were very successful.”

SkillsUSA is a national partnership of students, teachers and industry, working together to ensure America has a skilled work force. SkillsUSA chapters help students who are preparing for careers in technical, skilled and service occupations excel. SkillsUSA has more than 300,000 students and instructors as members.

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