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Middle Bucks Institute of Technology Students Earn Silver Medals at SkillsUSA National Competitions

Jamison, PA – Students from various technical schools throughout the United States, including Middle Bucks Institute of Technology (MBIT), competed in the 2023 SkillsUSA National Competitions held in Atlanta, Georgia. MBIT had three gold medal winners from the state competition that advanced to the nationals to represent Pennsylvania. Culinary Arts & Science (CUA) student Alexander Lopez from Central Bucks East participated in the Restaurant Service competition. Multimedia Technology (MMT) students Christian Pearson from Central Bucks East and Samantha Rosinski from Central Bucks South participated as a team in the Digital Cinema Production competition and placed 2nd at the national level. Congratulations to Christian Pearson and Samantha Rosinski for winning silver medals! Christian was unable to attend the National Competition therefore fellow Multimedia Technology student Emma Hancock filled in for him.

Christian Pearson shared “It was such a fun experience making this film. I need to thank everyone involved. Their talent, dedication, and professionalism shined through. The prompt given to us was to make an uplifting film. We told a story about compromise using inspiration from my own personal filmmaking experience. I will continue to use these experiences while obtaining my degree in Film and Media Studies at Temple University.” Samantha Rosinski continued “This experience is something to add to our resume. We are both working towards a career in film production, so national recognition certainly helps.”

The Multimedia Technology program at MBIT has won regional, state, and national competitions. For the first time ever, student teams produced the competition film prior to going to nationals allowing them to use additional students in their crew. In true Hollywood filmmaking style. The film prompt stipulated that the movies had to be produced as a *feel-good* genre in the style of Francis Ford Coppola, the director of *Tucker*. Moreover, students were not permitted any assistance from an instructor. Films were made 100% by students. This is the second consecutive year that MBIT Multimedia students took second place at nationals and the fifth year that MMT students placed in the top five at nationals.

The winning film entitled **Concur** can be viewed at this link.

<https://vimeo.com/839306734/809f10fc3e?share=copy>

“It’s exciting to see dedicated, student filmmakers like Samantha and Christian earn recognition for their excellence in creativity and applied technical skills. It’s the ultimate testament to the success of a program and the caliber of students who attend MBIT.”. Multimedia Instructor, James Davey

"Realizing there are many other men and women across the country who love restaurant service as much as I do has been a relief. Meeting people of my skill level and competing in SkillsUSA has been such a journey for me and very motivating. The only way from here is up, and that's where I'm going." Culinary Arts & Science student Alexander Lopez

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SkillsUSA is the national organization for students in trade, industrial, and technical education. It sponsors the SkillsUSA Championships annually to recognize the achievements of career and technical students, and to encourage them to strive for excellence and pride in their chosen occupations. The contests are planned by technical committees comprised of representatives of labor and management and are designed to test the skills needed for successful entry-level performance in given occupational fields. In addition to competitions focusing on technical skills, students have the opportunity to demonstrate their leadership abilities. Leadership development contests include areas concentrating on public speaking, job interview, business procedure, and professionalism.

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