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Statesboro Students Excel at SkillsUSA Competition

Seven Advance to State

Seven Statesboro High School students qualified for the state SkillsUSA competition in Atlanta on March 21-23, after their projects received first place at the SkillsUSA Region Six Competition at the Oconee Fall Line Technical College in Dublin. SHS had a total of 33 students compete at regionals.

SHS Audio Video Technology & Film Pathway Winners: **Lane Beasley, Alexis Fields, Annastin Johnson & Cade Patterson**, 1st place Broadcast News Production; **Maegan Reid**, 1st place Advertising Design.

Construction Pathway Winners: **Jamie Cribb**, 2nd place Residential Electrical Wiring; **Grant Greene**, 3rd place Extemporaneous Speaking; **Adison Marsh**, 1st place Plumbing; **Taylor Nelson, Isabella Pellegrino, Madison Stuart & Niya Willis**, 3rd place Teamworks.

Competing students are enrolled in career pathway courses within Bulloch County Schools' Career Technical & Agricultural Education (CTAE) program from the classes of Matthew White and Renee Rogers. SkillsUSA is a national student organization that empowers students with leadership opportunities to become excellent workers and responsible American citizens as they apply and develop the framework skills they have gained from their elective courses.

SHS students, Lane Beasley, Alexis Fields, Annastin Johnson and Cade Patterson, submitted a [video about texting and driving](#) to raise awareness on the issue and Georgia's Hands-Free Law, passed last July. They would like to thank police Officer Justin Gawthrop for allowing them to interview him.

“Distracted driving has been a huge problem across the United States and Georgia,” said Gawthrop. “Since the Hands-Free Law went into effect, I have seen a huge difference in the number of accidents in Statesboro.”

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