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### **West Bend East and West Students Compete at SkillsUSA National Event**

West Bend — Nine West Bend East and West students traveled to Atlanta, Georgia recently to compete in the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference. Places earned for the for the West Bend students include:

Extemporaneous Speaking: Noah Mintie; 3rd

Television (Video) Production: Delanie Heinen, Greyson DeGroot; 7th

Video News Production: Lacey Justman, Olivia Walker, Jose Rodriguez, Traynor Gieryn; 11th

Digital Cinema Production: Amy Daniels, Lauryn Seidel; \*Place is unknown since the judges did not submit the scores on time. The scores will be available in 3-4 weeks.

In addition, earlier this year, the West Bend East and West SkillsUSA Chapter was one of only four in the state of Wisconsin to earn the Gold Level of the Chapter Excellence Program.

SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers, and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. A nonprofit national education association, SkillsUSA serves middle school, high school, and college/postsecondary students preparing for careers in trade, technical, and skilled service occupations. Participation in SkillsUSA helps students to develop personal, workplace, and technical skills that are grounded in academics.

"I am so proud of the preparation our students put into their competitions," said Mike Bentsdahl, advisor of the club and a West Bend East Career and Technical Education teacher. "One example is Noah Mintie, who finished third in extemporaneous speaking. He had to give a 3-5 minute speech on an assigned topic with just five minutes to prepare. His preparation beforehand in how to organize his thoughts helped him so much."

The West Bend Joint School District #1 is proud to serve nearly 5,800 students and their families from the city of West Bend, villages of Jackson and Newburg, and townships of Barton, Polk, Trenton, Jackson, West Bend, and Addison. We strive to ensure that every student is given

the opportunity to reach their potential through academics, the arts, and co-curricular activities. Within our community-based 4K program, Head Start program, five elementary schools (K-4), one intermediate school (5-6), one middle school (7-8), and two high schools (9-12), families can expect a caring, inclusive learning environment that supports the development of the whole child. Visit [www.west-bend.k12.wi.us](http://www.west-bend.k12.wi.us) for more information.

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Photo: Noah Mintie, right, is shown on the screen of the State Farm Arena after receiving his third-place medal.