

RMCC students win Silver Medal at the National SkillsUSA Competition



During the week of June 19 through the 24th, Connar Cowan and Shane Sibbett, RMCC Radio and TV students, competed in the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC) held in Kansas City, Missouri. They were awarded the silver medal in the Video Product Development category. Prior to the national competition each student had to participate at the state level. The state gold medal winners could then compete in Kansas City. RMCC had two teams win medals at state, Julie Nix and Michaela Rodgers in the secondary school division and Connar Cowan and Shane Sibbett in post secondary. Julie and Michaela brought home a bronze medal and Connar and Shane the gold.

The category in which Connar and Shane participated was Video Product Development. They were given a topic, in this case “It’s all in the water”, after which they had to produce a 5 minute movie in two days. They had to develop a script, shoot the video, create audio with both narration and music, edit the movie together, and produce a DVD with the movie on it. Their finished product was in the form of a rap. The judges were truly impressed by their talent and ability to write and record a music video in such a short time.

SkillsUSA is an organization, which promotes Career and Technical Education much like the FFA and FCCLA promote agriculture and domestic skills respectively. SkillsUSA is involved in 94 different career and technical categories with divisions for both secondary and post secondary. Some of these categories include auto mechanics, masonry, aviation mechanics, nursing, cosmetology, carpentry, machine tool technology, computers, as well as radio and television. Of these 94 areas RMCC Career Center offers 5 to our students in both secondary and post secondary divisions. These are Aviation Maintenance, Machine Tool Technology, Med Pro Ed, Data Bases, and Radio and Television. The goal of career and technical education is to prepare students for employment. Many jobs do not require a college degree, but do require advanced training in a particular skill. This training is provided through the classes offered at the RMCC Career Center. High school students who enroll in Career Center classes get both college and high school credit for the courses; all of this at no cost to the student. Additional information is available through your high school counselor.