

## Lebanon County Career and Technology Center

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# SkillsUSA State Leadership Conference



## 2025 PA SkillsUSA State Results

### Gold Medalists



Wesley Harnish



Jeralys Sanchez & Alanis Baez

### Bronze Medalists



Pictured (L to R):  
Graham Keller  
Devan Duffield  
Kevin Foster



Wesley Harnish will advance to the 2025 SkillsUSA National Championships.

**The CTC congratulates all of the competitors and wishes them well at Nationals!**

# SkillsUSA State Leadership Conference

STUDENT	CONTEST	HS	PROGRAM
<b>1st place gold medalists are:</b>			
Alanis Baez Vazquez	Cake Decorating	LH	Pastry Arts
Wesley Harnish	Action Skills	CL	Pastry Arts
Jeralys Sanchez Tolentino	Cake Decorating	CL	Pastry Arts
<b>3rd place bronze medalists are:</b>			
Devan Duffield	Automated Manufacturing	NL	Precision Machining
Kevin Foster	Automated Manufacturing	PA	Precision Machining
Graham Keller	Automated Manufacturing	NL	Precision Machining

## 2025 PA SkillsUSA State Competitors





## CTC Competed at the Lebanon County Builders Show

Students from the Lebanon County Career and Technology Center recently participated in a hands-on competition at the Lebanon County Builders Show, where three teams competed to build mockups judged by industry professionals. Each team consisted of a mason, a carpenter, a plumber, and an electrician. They had around 10 hours to complete their projects. The goal of the event was to determine which team would move on to represent our school in a district competition at SkillsUSA next year, with potential advancement to state and national levels.

The competition was particularly impressive because all participants were juniors who had only been training in their respective trades for a few months. Instructors expressed pride in their students, highlighting not only their technical skills but also their willingness to support each other despite the competitive setting. Students who weren't selected for the final teams still contributed by assisting with preparation work in the classroom. This collaborative effort helped reinforce both trade skills and teamwork.

Beyond refining their hands-on abilities, students gained experience by working across different disciplines, which mirrors real-world job site collaboration. Initially, some were hesitant due to their lack of experience, but instructors encouraged them to step out of their comfort zones. In the end, the event served as both a learning opportunity and a confidence boost for the participants.



# Good Job!



## LCCTC FFA Attended the State Legislative Leadership Conference

Landscape and Horticulture students from the LCCTC FFA attended the State Legislative Leadership Conference in Harrisburg on March 23-25, 2025. Students learned parliamentary procedures, delegate issues, and how to advocate their opinion. Students were also able to have fun at the FFA Party at the end of the day. They were also able to meet with Senator Gebhard to discuss current agricultural issues within PA.



# Thank you!

Pictured (L to R):  
Taryn Hogeland, Instructor  
Aniyah Garcia (CL)  
Senator Chris Gebhard  
Ethan O'Roark (EL)  
Jaydrien Matias (NL)





## FFA Speech Competition

The LCCTC FFA member Aniyah Garcia from the Landscape and Horticulture program placed 4th in the Regional FFA Speech Competition. She started at the county level, then moved up to area, and then placed 4th in regional. She completed an eight-minute speech on electric versus gas powered vehicles. She needed to be in the top three to move on to states. Congratulations!

WELL DONE!



Aniyah Garcia, CL

## Pastry Arts Program Attended an American Culinary Federation Meeting



Pastry Arts students attended the April ACF Harrisburg Chapter Meeting. The meeting was held at The Chocolatetier at Hersheypark and the education program was making marshmallow from scratch. After the demo, there was a tour of the Chocolatetier, The Sweeterie, and Milton's Ice Cream Parlor. This was a great opportunity to network, learn new culinary techniques, and participate in this professional industry organization. As an ACF Accredited secondary program, our students receive free membership into the ACF.

Pictured (L to R):  
Jeralys Sanchez Tolentino (CL)  
Noah Bucks (EL)  
Chef Brian Peffley, Instructor  
Wesley Harnish (CL)

Sweet

# Precision Machining Technology

## Celebrating Excellence: Kevin Foster's Outstanding Achievement at the National Machining League Championship

We are thrilled to announce a remarkable accomplishment by one of our own—**Kevin Foster of Palmyra**—who has demonstrated exceptional skill and dedication in the field of precision machining.

### A Journey of Skill and Determination

Kevin, a student in the Precision Machining Program at the Lebanon County Career and Technology Center (LCCTC), embarked on a challenging journey by participating in the inaugural **National Machining League** competition, hosted by **Project MFG**. This competition, sponsored by the **U.S. Department of Defense**, aims to elevate the next generation of highly skilled trade professionals by changing mindsets, fostering community support, and highlighting the prestige of manufacturing careers.

The competition began in October 2024, with 45 schools from across the United States entering students into the first round. Each school was permitted to submit up to three students, with only one advancing to the national stage. Kevin was selected to represent LCCTC, showcasing his exceptional talent and commitment.

### Rising to the National Stage

In January 2025, Kevin and LCCTC received the exciting news that he was among the top 16 students nationwide invited to compete in the National Championship. The final competition took place over three days at **Southwestern Illinois College (SWIC)** in Belleville, Illinois.

The event schedule was rigorous:

- **Day 1:** Eight hours dedicated to programming.
- **Day 2:** Eight hours focused on machining.
- **Day 3:** Industry tours, providing competitors with insights into leading manufacturing facilities.



During the industry tours, Kevin had the opportunity to visit **Seyer Industries**, a premier aerospace company, as well as **Chelar Tool & Die** and **General Machine**. These experiences offered invaluable exposure to cutting-edge manufacturing processes and potential career pathways.

### Achieving National Recognition

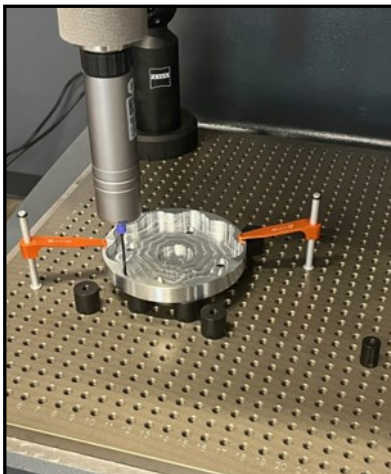
Kevin's hard work and perseverance culminated in an outstanding **2nd place finish** at the National Championship, earning him a \$5,000 prize. This achievement not only highlights Kevin's individual excellence but also underscores the quality of education and training provided by LCCTC's Precision Machining Program.

### Looking Ahead

Kevin Foster's success serves as an inspiration to his peers and a testament to the bright future of skilled trades in our community. His journey reflects the importance of dedication, skill development, and the support of educational institutions in achieving excellence.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Kevin and express our gratitude to the educators and mentors who have supported him throughout this journey. His accomplishment brings pride to Palmyra, LCCTC, and the broader community, exemplifying the potential and promise of our students in the skilled trades.

submitted by Eric Tanger, Instructor



# Students-of-the-Quarter

## 3rd MP

Student	Program	HS	Student	Program	HS
Anella Adorno	Law Enforcement	CL	Aiden Mays	Law Enforcement	CL
Donald Anderson	Culinary Arts	PA	Amber McGhee	Law Enforcement	PA
Alanis Baez Vazquez	Pastry Arts	LH	Marissa McKenzie	Media Communications	PA
Gavin Bardsley	Diesel Truck	PA	Suman Mongar	Media Communications	AC
Jewel Bartal	Culinary Arts	LH	Darielis Morales	Health Careers	CL
Bethany Berry	Law Enforcement	CL	Alivia Moyer	Law Enforcement	EL
Katie Bochenek	Law Enforcement	EL	Kushal Niroula	Medical Assistant	NL
Leilianie Colon Fuentes	Law Enforcement	LH	Isabelle Ott	Law Enforcement	PA
Kyanna Cruz	Health Careers	EL	Jorelis Perez	Culinary Arts	LH
Stefanya Davis	Law Enforcement	CL	Max Rank	Law Enforcement	NL
Xiomara Diaz Nieves	Culinary Arts	NL	Cecilia Ricar	Health Careers	CL
Devon Doll	Law Enforcement	AC	Ava Rikkenbach	Medical Assistant	AC
Israel Falana	Sports Therapy	CL	Giovanni Rios	Law Enforcement	CL
Hailey Fisher	Culinary Arts	NL	Blaytin Risser	Law Enforcement	PA
Sadrailyz Garcia	Medical Assistant	LH	Carlos Rohena	Pastry Arts	LH
Destinee Gonzalez	Culinary Arts	LH	Nayeli Rolon	Law Enforcement	EL
Kaylee Haring	Law Enforcement	EL	Zasha Ruiz	Medical Assistant	LH
Wesley Harnish	Pastry Arts	CL	Jeralys Sanchez	Pastry Arts	CL
Jacob Heinaman	Law Enforcement	AC	Andrea Sanchez-Fabian	Medical Assistant	CL
Luke Hentz	Law Enforcement	NL	Abigail Santos	Culinary Arts	LH
Emma Hill	Law Enforcement	NL	Victoria Sauter	Law Enforcement	EL
Julyanah Hoffman	Sports Therapy	CL	Riley Sigle	Law Enforcement	CL
Mason Hoffman	Culinary Arts	CL	Kara Smith	Health Careers	AC
David Houck	Law Enforcement	NL	Liyeili Taveras Espinal	Law Enforcement	LH
Kyleigh Hoyer	Medical Assistant	CL	Mohrabel Tawadrous	Law Enforcement	CL
Delanna Keller	Sports Therapy	PA	Parker Weaver	Law Enforcement	CL
Johbrianna Long	Law Enforcement	NL	Viktoria Williams	Law Enforcement	CL
Kylei Longenecker	Culinary Arts	PA	John Yordy	Law Enforcement	AC
Casey Mahony	Culinary Arts	EL	Aubree Zahar	Law Enforcement	CL
Abigail Manwiller	Medical Assistant	AC	Gavin Zimmerman	Law Enforcement	PA
Lidsaura Matos De la Torre	Law Enforcement	NL			



## Excellence in Education

Please join us in congratulating the following students that will receive the honor as top 5% of the graduating class at CTC. They will be recognized at the Excellence in Education Ceremony sponsored by the Lebanon Valley Chamber of Commerce. This event will be held at Cedar Crest High School stadium. This is an incredible accomplishment for these students with all the hard work they have put into this school year. We are so proud of all of them!

Student	Program	HS	Student	Program	HS
Alanis Baez Vazquez	Pastry Arts	LH	Tayra Melendez	Commercial Art	CL
Stephanie Barcenaz	Dental Assistant	LH	Javier Montalvo	Auto Body Tech.	LH
Noah Bucks	Pastry Arts	EL	Cecilia Ricar Andujar	Health Careers	CL
Adler Eshleman	Auto Body Tech.	EL	Carlos Rohena	Pastry Arts	LH
Wesley Harnish	Pastry Arts	CL	Jeralys Sanchez Tolentino	Pastry Arts	CL
Mason Hoffman	Culinary Arts	CL	Gaige Shuman	Dental Assistant	PA
Harrison Kramer	Sports Therapy	EL	Genevieve Webster	Auto Body Tech.	EL
Courtney Maurer	Pastry Arts	CL	Jack Zeigenfuse	Commercial Art	EL



# Congratulations



## Rotary Students-of-the-Month

### April 2025



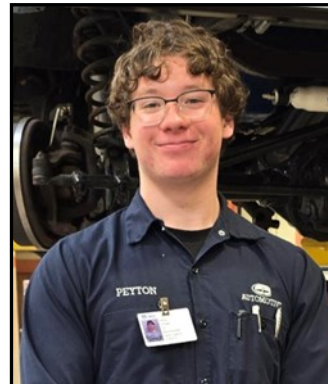
**Valerie Leedy, CL,  
Dental Assistant**

Valerie Leedy is the daughter of Hillary and Jason Leedy, Lebanon, PA. Valerie is a senior at Cedar Crest High School and is enrolled in the Dental Assistant program at the Lebanon County Career and Technology Center.

Valerie is a student ambassador at the CTC.

She really enjoys giving tours to the visitors that come to our school, both school-wide and within her program. Valerie is a member of the marching band and symphonic band at Cedar Crest High School. She plays the tuba, but has played the flute in the past. Outside of school, she works part-time at Giant.

After graduation, Valerie plans to attend HACC to continue her education. Her career goal is to become a Dental-Ortho Technician.



**Peyton Strickler, EL,  
Automotive Tech.**

Peyton Strickler is the son of Justin and Melissa Strickler, Lebanon PA. Peyton is a senior at ELCO High School and is enrolled in the Automotive Technology program at Lebanon County Career and Technology Center.

Peyton was a member of his high school's football team, ski club, and business

marketing team. Outside of school, he is active in his church's youth group and works part-time at Hostetter Accounting Firm.

After graduation, Peyton plans to continue his education in the automotive field. His dream career goal is to own an exotic car rental business, where people can rent luxury cars and enjoy the thrill of driving their dream vehicles. He wants to create an experience that is more than just renting a car; where everything, from the cars to the service, gives people that special feel.

