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### Local students win awards at regional cosmetology competition

MUSKEGON: On Friday, February 6, 2009, cosmetology students from the Muskegon Area Career Tech Center (MACTC) demonstrated their abilities in the SkillsUSA Michigan Region 5 competition held at Booker Institute of Cosmetology in Muskegon. Students competed in several skill areas including: cosmetology, cosmetology mannequin, esthetics, and nail care.

Ashley Tejchma (Reeths-Puffer) took third over all in the area of cosmetology. In the area of cosmetology mannequin, Harmoni' Buckner (Reeths-Puffer) took third place, Brittany Romager (Holton) took fourth place, and Brandi McGhan (Oakridge) took sixth place.

The esthetics portion had the greatest number of MACTC students represented with second place going to Tonya Goven (Mona Shores) along with model Alyssa Mayo (Whitehall). Jillian Mainwaring (Whitehall) and model Chelsea Sterling (Montague) placed third. Fifth place, in esthetics, went to Alicia Rogers (Oakridge) and model Emily Gaultney (Montague) and sixth place was awarded to Dakota Pierce-Hayes (Whitehall) with model Kaylee Houghton (Fruitport).

Finally, in the area of nail care, Rachele Castonia (Whitehall) with model Kimberly Smith (Whitehall) placed third, Morgan Nelson (Reeths-Puffer) with model Sherra Puisis (Mona Shores) finished in fourth place, and Alaina Bosch (Fruitport) with model Kaylee Taylor (Fruitport) placed fifth.

SkillsUSA is a national nonprofit organization serving teachers and high school and college students who are preparing for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations. The goal of this organization is to ensure America has a skilled work force for years to come. SkillsUSA is one of several extra-curricular Career Tech Student Organizations (CTSOs) offered by the Muskegon Area Career Tech Center. Currently 196 students participate in CTSOs. The MACTC can be found at the corner of Harvey Street and Stebbins Road next to the wind turbine. The MACTC opened to Muskegon area high school juniors and seniors in January 2005 and is operated by Muskegon Area Intermediate School District (MAISD).

#### PHOTO CAPTIONS:

**cos\_manni.jpg** MACTC cosmetology students put the finishing touches on their mannequins during the Cosmetology Manniquin portion of Friday's competition.

**nail\_group.jpg** MACTC cosmetology students competing in Nail Care work diligently in the final minutes of Friday's competition.

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