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Century College Cosmetology Students Win Big at SkillsUSA Competition

Century College students in the [Cosmetology Program](#) won 13 medals and one honorable mention at the annual SkillsUSA competition held at the Bloomington Sheraton South in March. This was more medals per student than any other participating institution.

Eleven Century cosmetology students will advance to the national SkillsUSA conference, an event that draws more than 50,000 participants to Kansas City in June.

SkillsUSA is a program that allows students to develop their technical skills as well as their workplace skills with the goal of becoming job-ready.

Century students not only had to style hair, perform nail care and apply makeup on models during timed events at the competition, but they also had to take a written test and do oral presentations.

“It was nerve-wracking,” said Amberlee Rehbein of White Bear Lake, who won a gold medal in hair care.

“We were racing against the clock.”

“We had to look like professionals,” said Kari Monson of Newport, who won a gold medal in skin care.

“We had to make our model look like she was ready to go to work, not a nightclub.”

“I couldn’t be happier or more proud of these students for all their hard work and the way they represented Century College,” said Thom Costa, Century cosmetology instructor and SkillsUSA chapter adviser.



Photo (Above): Front row: Kim Johnson of East St. Paul, Kari Monson of Newport, Amberlee Rehbien of White Bear Lake. Middle row: Kaona Xiong of Woodbury, Keshia Boakia of Little Canada, Christine Schloesser of Maplewood, Mercedes Olson of Little Canada. Back row: Chrissy Hoen of White Bear Lake, Cindy Kong of St. Paul, Jenna Groth of Plymouth, instructor Thom Costa.



Photo (Above): Amberlee Rehbien of White Bear Lake won a gold medal for hair care.