

MVTHS students compete in state HOSA event

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DECATUR — Eight Mt. Vernon Township High School Area Vocational Center students placed in the recent 32nd Annual Health Illinois Health Occupation Students of America competition in Decatur. The competition was part of HOSA's state leadership conference.

Students from around Illinois competed in various health care events including health science, health professions, emergency preparedness, leadership and teamwork events.

In each event, the top 10 competitors were recognized with the first-, second- and third-places qualifying for the National HOSA Conference in Orlando, Fla.

AVC students, all from MVTHS, placing at the conference, which had a theme of "Believing in Yourself and Inspiring Others To Do the Same," include:

- Kristin Tompkins, first place, medical lab assistant,

national qualifier;

- Kylie Kaskie, Kaitlyn McLearnin, Trisha McPheeters, Kristin Tompkins and Casey Winger, second-place, parliamentary procedure team, national qualifiers;

- Morgan Bozarth/Leah Sherman, fourth place, emergency medical technician, national qualifiers (competing as alternates);

- Kaitlyn McLearnin, extemporaneous speech, fifth place;

- Morgan Bozarth, eighth place, medical terminology;

- and Jessica Morgan, physical therapy aide, ninth place, national qualifier (competing as alternate).

Other students competing in Decatur from the Area



Morgan Bozarth



Kylie Kaskie



Kaitlyn McLearnin



Trisha McPheeters



Jessica Morgan

Vocational Center include MVTHS' Emmalee Jones and Keatyn Kujawa, Webster Township High School's Phillip O'Dell and Woodlawn High School's Arianna Poorman and Michelle Boswell.

In addition to the competition, Morgan and Sherman represented MVTHS AVC



Leah Sherman



Kristin Tompkins



Casey Winger

HOSA as voting delegates and O'Dell was a member of the courtesy corps and carried the chapter flag during the opening ceremony.

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