

MT. VERNON Sentinel

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Area students qualify for SkillsUSA

Qualifying students will represent Mt. Vernon in Springfield

SENTINEL STAFF REPORT

MT. VERNON — 30 students from the Mt. Vernon Area Vocational Center's SkillsUSA chapter participated in a competition on Saturday at Southwestern Illinois College in Granite City. The students qualified for the Illinois SkillsUSA examination. Competing in a total of 11 competitions, 15 students qualified in six of the events. The qualifying students will represent Mt. Vernon AVC at the SkillsUSA State competition from April 23 to 25 in Springfield.



Randy Jones



Daniel Chambliss

Senior Randy Jones took first place in Architectural Drafting (CAD) at the competition. Daniel Chambliss also placed in CAD, taking third, while Jarell James and Jeremy Anderson both took fifth place at the event. All four of the seniors

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will be representing Mt. Vernon in Springfield.

The only Mt. Vernon student headed to state in Commercial Sewing is freshman Jessica Hoppers, who took ninth place in Granite City.

Not only representing the AVC chapter, but showing MVTHS's progress in the new culinary arts program is senior Steven



Jarell James



Steven Rollinson

Rollinson, who placed 4th in Culinary Arts.

The fourth division of qualifying students was First Aid/CPR, in which juniors Morgan Bozarth and Leah Sherman placed 4th and 6th, respectively.

This year's theme at the state conference is "SkillsUSA: Champions at Work, Leadership in Transition." Students will have the opportunity to qualify for the national-level competition held during the summer.

SkillsUSA is a member of



Jeremy Anderson



Morgan Bozarth

WorldSkills, The International Vocational Training Organization headquartered in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Students may compete in attempt to make the national team in trades such as auto body repair, auto service, cabinetmaking, car painting, CNC Milling, CNC Turning, cooking, hairdressing, IT/PC networking, mechanics, mobile robotics, plumbing, printing, refrigeration and welding.

The world competition will be held Sept. 1 to 7 in Calgary Canada.



Jessica Hoppers



Leah Sherman