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CAPTION: Oakridge High School Student Jordan Zeedyk accepts his third place medal at SkillsUSA Michigan Region 5 competition.

Oakridge/Tech Center student wins scholarship, moves on to state

BIG RAPIDS: On Friday, February 6, 2009, Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration (HVAC/R) students at the Muskegon Area Career Tech Center (MACTC) traveled to Ferris State University for the SkillsUSA Michigan Region 5 competition. Jordan Zeedyk from Oakridge High School finished third in Friday's events and was awarded a \$2,000 scholarship from the Baron Institute. He now qualifies to go to the SkillsUSA State Competition to be held in Lansing, Michigan in April.

Zeedyk and Brent Flaska from Mona Shores High School were the only two local students who participated in the HVAC/R competition. They were evaluated in the following areas: Part Identification, Refrigerant Recovery, Compressor Evaluation, System Pump Down and Component Change, Trouble Shooting, Swedging and Flaring, Gas Pressure Check, and CFM (Cubic Feet per Minute) Measurement.

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).

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