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Photo Captions:

Photo (group_regional.jpg)- Machine Tool students and instructors: John VanRosmalen, Adan Spencer, Al Wahr, Andy Doane, Joe Carpenter, and Chris Flejszar.

Photo (andy.jpg)- Gold Medalist in Lathe Division, Andy Doane

Photo (adan_regionals.jpg) - Fourth Place in Lathe Division, Adan Spencer

Photo (john_regionals.jpg)- First Place in Mill Division, John VanRosmalen

Photo (joe_regionals.jpg)- Silver in Mill Division, Joe Carpenter

Local students win gold medals in regional machine tool contest

MUSKEGON: On Friday, February 20, 2009, the Muskegon Area Career Tech Center (CTC) Machine Tool Technology program hosted a SkillsUSA regional competition. In the Lathe division, Andy Doane, a junior at Fruitport High School, received a gold medal for first place. Adan Spencer, a senior, also from Fruitport took, took fourth place in the same category. In the Mill division, John VanRosmalen, a junior at Montague High School, received a gold medal for first place and Joe Carpenter, a junior from Whitehall High School, received a silver medal for second place.

The students in both the lathe and mill divisions were given a drawing of a part they were to create using precise specifications. The tolerances to be met were +/- .003 of an inch. Students were awarded points if they were within those dimensions.

Doane and VanRosmalen will now compete at the Skills USA State Competition to be held in Lansing, Michigan on April 24, 25 and 26, 2009.

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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