

## **Board Recognition**

**April 11, 2023**

### **Twenty-four LaGrone Academy cosmetology students place in the state competition**

Twenty-four LaGrone Academy students placed at the SkillsUSA state cosmetology competition. SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers, and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce.

The SkillsUSA competition promotes leadership and trade excellence in a competitive situation and allows students to demonstrate basic skills in their field. The competitions begin at the local level with contests in classrooms nationwide, followed by district, state, national, and even the WorldSkills events.

In addition to showcasing their skills in their field, students frequently make job contacts and have a chance of recognition. District, state, and national winners receive gold, silver, and bronze medallions, scholarships, tools, and other awards.

Of the 24 Denton ISD students who placed, 22 finished first. Every student who competed in the job exhibition brought a photo panel of their work or presented it via a mannequin or other medium. Each student also brought a binder that corresponded with their project. Students who competed in esthetics competed on-site with a client, providing make-up and facials.

The LaGrone Academy's 24 students who placed at the SkillsUSA state competition include the following:

Samantha Lamb: Superior Ranking 1st Place Job Exhibition

Sofia Hernandez: Superior Ranking 1st Place Job Exhibition

Steven Grimaldo: Superior Ranking 1st Place Job Exhibition

Jocelyn James: Superior Ranking 1st Place Job Exhibition

Peyton Tyler: Superior Ranking 1st Place Job Exhibition

DaShayce Byrd: Superior Ranking 1st Place Job Exhibition

Cameron Coward: Superior Ranking 1st Place Job Exhibition

Abigail Carr: Superior Ranking 1st Place Job Exhibition

Sydney D'Acquisto: Superior Ranking 1st Place Job Exhibition

Aurora Foster: Superior Ranking 1st Place Job Exhibition

Zoe Gonzalez: Superior Ranking 1st Place Job Exhibition,

Best of Show in Job Exhibition, 3rd Place in Esthetics Hands-On Competition

Sheily Fuentes Galo: 2nd Place Job Exhibition, Best of Show in Job Exhibition

Mirka Saldana: 2nd Place Job Exhibition, Best of Show in Job Exhibition

Gennesis Solorzano: Superior Ranking 1st Place Job Exhibition,  
Best of Show in Job Exhibition

Azlynn Standfield: Superior Ranking 1st Place Job Exhibition

Kendall Dickinson: 2nd Place Job Exhibition

Camila Soriano Ochoa: Superior Ranking 1st Place Job Exhibition

Emely Nunez: Superior Ranking 1st Place Job Exhibition

Marissa Sanchez: Superior Ranking 1st Place Job Exhibition

Abigail Martinez: Superior Ranking 1st Place Job Exhibition

Paola Acosta: Superior Ranking 1st Place Job Exhibition

Madilyn Sisk: Superior Ranking 1st Place Job Exhibition

Grace Askew: Superior Ranking 1st Place Job Exhibition

Lilly Seaman: Superior Ranking 1st Place Job Exhibition

Koralynn "Z" Tate: Superior Ranking 1st Place Job Exhibition

*The Principal of the LaGrone Academy is Marcus Bourland.*

### **Board Spotlight – LaGrone Academy Cosmetology**

A school program rarely enters two dozen students in a state-wide contest, and all entries either finish first or are placed in the top three. The cosmetology program at The LaGrone Academy made that history recently. What starts as a class for students who may just believe this is a hobby is now translating into a very engaging career path for many. Because of their outstanding instructors and talented students, we want to celebrate their success.