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TECHNICAL ACADEMY STUDENTS RISE TO THE CHALLENGE DURING REGIONAL COMPETITION

WHO: Technical Academy students from Bladensburg, Crossland, Gwynn Park, and Thomas Edison (Montgomery County) high schools
Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) Career and Technical Education Technical Academy Program Staff
Business Partner Volunteer Judges

WHAT: **SkillsUSA Regional Competition**

WHEN: **Wednesday, February 4, 2009**
Competition: 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Luncheon and Awards Ceremony: 12:30-1:30 p.m.

WHERE: Thomas Edison High School of Technology
12501 Dalewood Drive • Silver Spring, Maryland

BACKGROUND:

Fourteen students in the Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) Technical Academy Programs will compete with students from Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) in their areas of expertise during the Maryland SkillsUSA Regional Competition. PGCPS students will demonstrate their best skills in the areas of cosmetology, culinary arts, food and beverage, and automotive.

Judges for the competition are volunteers from local business partners. This year's facilitators are Lead SkillsUSA Advisors Georgene Arneson, from Crossland Technical Academy, and Amy Johnson, from Thomas Edison School of Technology. A luncheon and awards ceremony to recognize students for their achievements will follow the competition.

Three students will be selected to represent Prince George's County in the 36th Annual SkillsUSA Maryland State Competition from March 20-21, at the Center of Applied Technology North (CATN) and Community College of Baltimore County Catonsville (CCBC Catonsville). Outstanding students in Crossland's internetworking and HVAC programs and winners of the regional SkillsUSA entrepreneurship contest will also go on to compete at the state level.