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ON BOCES students bring home medals from National SkillsUSA

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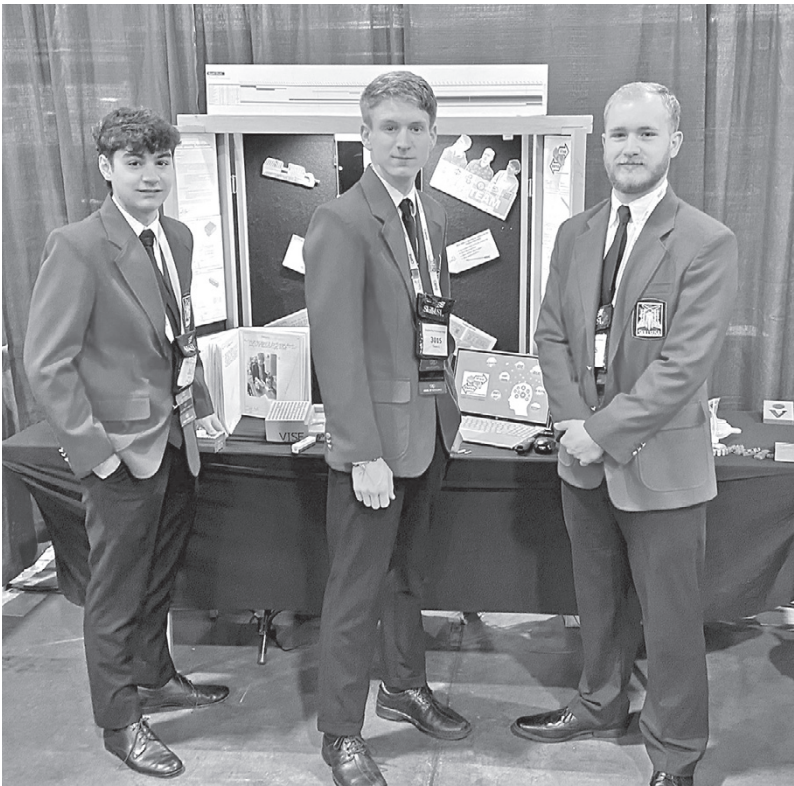
Orleans/Niagara BOCES could not be prouder of all of their students who competed at the National SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference in Atlanta. More than 6,500 outstanding career and technical education students – all contest winners – competed in 108 different trade, technical and leadership fields.

Four students from the Niagara Career and Technical Education Center brought home gold medals, and one student from the Orleans Career and Technical Education Center brought home a silver medal.

Gold medal winners include: Caleb Poeller (Christian Academy), Liam Robinson (Lewiston-Porter) and Alvaro Atolaguirre (Christian Academy) in the eng. tech/design team competition. The students are in Scott Brauer's project-based engineering program at the Niagara Career and Technical Education Center.

Gold medal winner Travis Franke (Starpoint) was in the industrial motor controls competition. He is a student of Bob Fritton and Logan Spain in the electricity/electronics program at the Niagara Career and Technical Education Center.

Silver medal winner Zachary



Clockwise: Alvaro Atolaguirre (Christian Academy of Western New York), Caleb Poeller (Christian Academy of Western New York) and Liam Robinson (Lewiston-Porter CSD). • Teacher Bill Leggett with Zachary Luick and the silver medal. • From left: teacher Logan Spain, Travis Franke (Starpoint) and teacher Bob Fritton.

Luick (Lockport) was in the electronics technology competition. Zach is a student of Bill Leggett's electricity/electronics program at the Orleans Career and Technical

Education Center. The students competed against the state champions from all over the country, and three U.S. territories.



Youngstown Lions present scholarships to grads



Pictured, from left: (sitting) Sara Reese, Julia Thomas and Lucas Heffler; and (standing) scholarship committee members and Lions Beverly Van Deusen and John Rolfe. (Submitted photo)

Youngstown Lions Club President Terry Cummings announced the awarding of three \$1,500 scholarships to three Lewiston-Porter High School seniors:

•Sara Reese is a member of the Spanish Club and is involved with four honor societies: science, Spanish, art and the National Honor Society. She is a Niagara Heritage of Hope and Service Volunteer, and an assistant teacher at Lewiston Dance. Sara will be attending SUNY Brockport, majoring in social studies and adolescent education. She is the daughter of Steven and Zyta Reese of Lewiston.

•Julia Thomas has been involved with the Lew-Port Lancer Council,

the Science Olympiad and the National Honor Society. Julia has played volleyball from modified through varsity. In the community, she is involved with Big Brother/Big Sister and Relay For Life of Greater Niagara. She is a junior counselor in the Lewiston-Porter Summer Learning Camp. Julia will be attending Clarkson University in Potsdam, majoring in mathematics. She is the daughter of Robert and Candace Thomas of Lewiston.

•Lucas Heffler is the varsity swimming captain, and also a diver. He participates in track and field at Lewiston-Porter. Lucas is a member of the Traditions Club, the National Honor Society and, since 2019, he

has been a firefighter in training at the Youngstown Volunteer Fire Co. Lucas will be attending Syracuse University, majoring in chemical engineering. He is the son of Kevin and Kimberly Heffler of Youngstown.

The scholarship fund was created to honor the memory of Neil Roridan, former mayor of Youngstown and a Youngstown Lion.

A press release stated, "The motto of the Lions Club is 'We Serve,' and these young adults, through their school activities and community volunteering, made them a perfect choice for the Youngstown Lions Club Scholarship fund."

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