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56 High School Students Qualify for SkillsUSA State Finals

Career Technical Education (CTE) Students in the Robotics, Cybersecurity, Engineering and Architecture, Welding and Video Production Secure Top Spots

Chico, CA – SkillsUSA competitions accelerate innovation and promote industry excellence as students navigate local, state and national competitions. Chico High and Pleasant Valley High Schools will follow the journey of 56 students as they battle rigorous technical and competition standards for the top high school industry recognition.

30 Chico High School students from the Engineering & Architecture Career Technical Education (CTE) Pathways have advanced to the SkillsUSA State Finals. In six of the eight competition categories, Chico High School took first place! Bantering in friendly competition, the Robotics and Cybersecurity Pathway had 13 students qualify for State Finals!

Pleasant Valley High School swept the competition with three Introductory Welding students and eight Video Production students claiming the bronze, silver and gold awards! Four students from the Digital Cinema Category also advanced to State Competitions.

“Our Career Technical Education Program has been growing by leaps and bounds! We are thrilled students have the opportunity to graduate high school with real-world skills and industry certifications,” shared Superintendent Kelly Staley. “Our Career Technical Education Instructors are passionate about their field and help foster thriving programs and strong community partnerships.”

February is National CTE month! Learn about the 21 individual CTE Pathways Chico Unified School District offers. Chico High School, Pleasant Valley High School and Oak Bridge Academy students can view the entire course selection at www.chicousd.org and search “CTE.”

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About Chico Unified School District's Career and Technical Education Programs:

Chico Unified School District offers nine industry sectors with 21 individual pathways: <http://www.chicousd.org/documents/2021-2022-CTE-curriculum-catalog.pdf>

- **Pleasant Valley:** Architecture, Engineering, Welding and Fabrication, Food Service and Hospitality, Child Development, Education, Patient Care, Sports Medicine, Graphic Arts, Commercial Arts, Video Production, Public Safety
- **Chico High:** Ag Welding, Agriscience, Ornamental Horticulture, Floriculture, Digital Arts, Engineering, Architecture, Patient Care, Information Support and Services, Software and Systems Development

About SkillsUSA:

SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. They are a nonprofit national education association, SkillsUSA serves middle-school, high-school and college/postsecondary students preparing for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations. Learn more: <https://www.skillsusa.org>