

Fontana Unified Students Display Technological Prowess during SkillsUSA Competition

FONTANA, CA – Probing computer servers and terminals to find corrupted files and compromised passwords, Summit High School's Information and Computer Technology (ICT) students won 11 medals at the SkillsUSA Region 6 Conference in February.

The ICT students were among 18 Summit competitors who earned medals in seven events and will advance to the SkillsUSA California State Leadership and Skill Conference, to be held April 25-28 at the Ontario Convention Center.

"We have an amazing group of students who are motivated to learn and well-prepared to compete," Summit math teacher and SkillsUSA adviser Bruce Tuttle said. "What is even more impressive is that our team is comprised almost exclusively of freshmen."

Summit freshmen Ryan Lopez, Harsh Patel and Giovanni Egoavil earned gold, silver and bronze medals, respectively, in information tech services.

"We were tested on how well we can show how to operate and program their computers, and resolve technical issues," Patel said. "I like working with computer hardware and my teachers help me out a lot."

The Summit Cyber Security team won two silver and two bronze medals at the regional contest and will send the entire 10-student team to the state finals.

"This really means a lot to me going forward," Summit freshman and silver medalist Jonathan Batch said. "I feel like I can really improve my skills by taking the AP computer science course in applications and principles. This is very exciting."

Tuttle credits the Cyber Security team's success to their participation in CyberPatriot, an after-school education program and competition created by the Air Force Association that seeks to inspire K-12 students to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields.

Summit freshmen Nikki Immormino and Yvonne Lu won silver and bronze, respectively,

about Fontana Unified's overall success at the SkillsUSA Region 6 Conference.
