

SUNY DELHI HOSTS SkillsUSA-VICA CHAMPIONSHIP FOR CENTRAL NEW YORK

DELHI, NY ... Over 800 high school students from BOCES centers across Central New York will attend the third annual SkillsUSA-VICA competition on Tuesday, February 11, on the SUNY Delhi campus. SkillsUSA-VICA is a national organization that connects top-notch high school and college students with employers of technical, skilled and service occupations.

“We’re hosting over 40 contests for high school students from across Central New York and we’re looking forward to a full day of competition where our faculty and students will be part of the action,” said Mike Miller, associate professor of technology and co-coordinator of the event. “We’re pleased that Skills-VICA has chosen SUNY Delhi as its host. We’re a good fit for this event, given the broad scope of our academic programs. We offer a great deal of expertise in the areas SkillsUSA-VICA is looking for.”

Skills-VICA participants will compete using skills that parallel many of the programs offered at SUNY Delhi, such as nursing and healthcare skills, food preparation and culinary arts, technical computer and business applications, and architecture, as well as carpentry, plumbing, welding and other applied technologies.

Members of the Delhi faculty and staff will judge contests, adhering to the championship rules and regulations defined by more than 500 business, industry and labor experts across the country. Delhi faculty will use these criteria to decide which contestants are the best in each skill area. Delhi students will also be on hand to help judge.

SkillsUSA-VICA prepares America's high performance workers by providing quality education experiences for students in leadership, teamwork, citizenship and character development. The SkillsUSA-VICA Championships are a showcase for the best career and technical students in the nation. Contests begin locally and continue throughout the state and national levels. The philosophy of the SkillsUSA-VICA Championships is to

reward students for excellence, to involve industry in evaluating student performance, and to keep training relevant to employers' needs.

For more information, contact Professor Miller at (607) 746-4057 or log on to SUNY Delhi's SkillsUSA-VICA site at <http://techdivision.delhi.edu/EVENTS/vicacomp.htm>.