

2016 SKILLSUSA NATIONALS

# Tech school students heading to national competition

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A team of Bucks County Technical High School students is using its talents to not only compete in the annual SkillsUSA competition, but also to help others.

Madeline Bobst, Sage Hall and Gianna Manela teamed up to create a hot sauce called Tech Sauce using the perfect blend of tomatoes, distilled vinegar, peppers, garlic, water and other ingredients. The teammates also worked collaboratively with two student artists to create the labeling for the hot sauce and students from the school's carpentry department to create the packaging for it, said Gianna, a junior.

"It has been challenging at times," she said. "It teaches you how to value other people, what they do and what their job is in terms of a bigger picture. It gives you good experience with teamwork and team building."

They have been selling the Tech Sauce for the last several months. Thus far, they have raised more than \$1,000 for a scholarship to benefit culinary and carpentry students at the comprehensive technical high school that serves the Bensalem, Bristol, Bristol Township, Morrisville, Neshaminy and Pennsbury school districts.

The teammates used the sauce and their efforts to help others as the focal point of their presentation in the Career Pathways Showcase-Natural Resources/Agricultural Food contest during the recent state SkillsUSA competition in Hershey. They earned a gold medal for their efforts.

And now the three Tech Sauce teammates are among 13 Bucks County Technical High School students who earned gold medals and will head to Louisville, Kentucky, in June to compete in the national SkillsUSA competition.

The Tech Sauce teammates are in the process of packaging a barbecue sauce they will use during the national competition and sell to raise money for A Woman's Place and the Bucks County Homeless Shelter, Gianna said. Plus, they already are taking advance orders for the hot sauce that they plan to produce again next school year. "It is phenomenal," Gianna said. "I love what we do."

Students from other area tech schools also brought home the gold from the state competition.

As a result, The Eastern



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Bucks County Technical High School students (from left) Madeline Bobst, Gianna Manela and Sage Hall teamed up to compete in and win the state SkillsUSA competition recently in the Career Pathways Showcase-Natural Resources/Agricultural Food division. They did so by creating a hot sauce called Tech Sauce.

## Gold Medal winners

### BUCKS COUNTY TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

**Automated Manufacturing Technology:** Zachary Rusnack, Jose Marte and Matthew Ziegler

**Career Pathways Showcase – Natural Resources/Agricultural Food:** Madeline Bobst, Sage Hall and Gianna Manela

**Marine Service Technology:** Maxwell Hodges  
**Occupational Health & Safety Single Section:** Justin Klein, Francis Clark, Jake McDonald

**Occupational Health & Safety Multi Section:** Kenneth Sperling, Vincent Viola, Israel Berracola

**EASTERN CENTER FOR ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY**

**Chapter Display:** Shane McDonnell, Nicole Peck, and Justin Smith

**MIDDLE BUCKS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY**

**Career Pathways Showcase Team — Human Services:** Rachel Friel, Ashlyn Kahlenberg and Ashley Lafferty

Sources: Area technical schools

Center for Arts and Technology in Upper Moreland and Middle Bucks Institute of Technology in Warwick each will send three students to the national competition, according to school SkillsUSA advisers.

The SkillsUSA competition is designed to encourage students to develop their skills to better prepare for joining the workforce, organizers said. It involves dozens of different types of contests in various trades. Students begin preparing

for their respective contests months before they begin competing.

The contestants first have to win their district contest before heading to states to compete for the chance at nationals.

"It is a good chance to practice what you are interested in," Bucks County Technical High School junior Maxwell Hodges said. Maxwell competed in the Marine Service Technology division for the first time this year and punched

## Donation to CHOP



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Robin Valentino, director of retail cause marketing with The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, accepts a check from Glenn Dickey, Jr., owner and president of Marshall Services. The company, a family-owned and operated home services business located in Skippack, donated \$6,500 to The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), the second year in a row Marshall's has donated a portion of its revenues to CHOP. "My family has a steadfast bond with our community and especially with CHOP," said owner Glenn Dickey, Jr. "Our daughter was deathly ill as an infant and through the extreme efforts and dedicated perseverance of the medical staff, ENTs and emergency personnel, she recovered and is a happy and healthy young girl today."

## CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

### GOVERNMENT

**Bensalem council:** 7:00 p.m., 2400 Byberry Road, 215-633-3600. [www.bensalempa.gov](http://www.bensalempa.gov)

**Wrightstown supervisors:** 5 p.m., 2203 Second Street Pike, 215-598-3313. [www.wrightstownpa.org/meetings/](http://www.wrightstownpa.org/meetings/)

### EDUCATION

**Bucks County Technical High School Joint School Board Committee:** 7:30 p.m., board meeting room, 610 Wistar Road, Bristol Township, 215-949-1700. [www.bcths.com/about.cfm?subpage=455337](http://www.bcths.com/about.cfm?subpage=455337)

**Centennial school board:** 7 p.m., district offices, 433 Centennial Road, Warminster, 215-441-6000. [www.centenniald.org/Page/339](http://www.centenniald.org/Page/339)

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## Customers Bank makes donation



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Customers Bank, with branches throughout the region including Doylestown, recently had a check presentation ceremony acknowledging the bank's \$25,000 donation to Family Service Association of Bucks County, an outreach organization serving more than 24,000 Bucks County residents each year. The donation has been earmarked to support programs including the Bucks County Emergency Homeless Shelter. With approximately one-third of the shelters' residents children, the donation will help to fund building a playground and expand the facilities' parking area for families and service providers. Pictured (from left): Janet Hartman, Customers Bank's Doylestown branch team member; Ben Ciliberto, Family Service board of directors member; Dominick Paciolla, Customers Bank branch manager; Michael J. Mattie, Family Service's board of directors president; Randolph Hanks, Customers Bank regional market executive/senior vice president; Ernie Nocito, Family Service director of development.

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