

# **Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech represent New Bedford in the SkillsUSA State Leadership and Skills Conference**

SkillsUSA is an organization of students, teachers, and industry representatives working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. SkillsUSA impacts the lives of America's future workforce by reinforcing the development of personal, workplace, and technical skills, making students better prepared to be "Champions at Work: Career Ready Starts Here," the SkillsUSA theme this year.

During the weeks of April 12 to May 4, 2021, 42 students represented GNB Voc-Tech in career and technical areas at the SkillsUSA State Leadership and Skills Conference. These students were from state-wide vocational-technical schools. For those students competing in technical areas, this is the third round in the competition process. These students first competed against one another in a local competition, held within the school, then performed well at a District Competition held at the school in February. Other GNB students competed in the SkillsUSA leadership competitions after winning a local competition. All gold medalists will continue on to the National Leadership and Skills Conference held virtually this year between June 14 and June 17.

In addition to numerous medals, the SkillsUSA GNB Voc Tech Chapter also earned the Quality Chapter Award, an award issued to recognize the achievement of the school as it relates to the integration of the SkillsUSA Framework in chapter program of work activities.



*Alexia Almeida (left) for “Non-Traditional” wins Gold Medal and for “Promo Bulletin” wins Silver Medal and Amber Thomas (right) for “Promo Bulletin” wins Silver Medal. Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School’s results are following:*

**Gold Medalists:**

Max Soares – Cabinetmaking – Advisor: Joe Arruda  
Michaela Barreira – Early Childhood Education -Advisors: Deborah Brightman and Yasmin Fleh-Fleh Vincent  
Sophia DeAlmeida – Exploratory Project Demo – Advisor: Ron Quintin  
Cassy DePina – Non-Traditional Portfolio – Advisor: Patty Allen  
Alexia Almeida – Non-Traditional Portfolio – Advisor: Patty Allen

**Silver Medalists:**

Abigail Souza – Basic Health Care- Advisor: Mary Beth Vargas  
Bryn Tremblay – Community Action Project – Advisor: Stacey Martin  
Riniki Sengupta – Community Action Project – Advisor: Stacey Martin  
Dominic DosSantos – Criminal Justice -Advisor: Patty Allen  
Jacob Tavares – Precision Laser Imaging – Advisor: Robert Southerland

Aidan Sylvia – Precision Laser Imaging – Advisor: Robert Southerland

Amber Thomas – Promotional Bulletin Board – Advisor: Patty Allen

Alexia Almeida – Promotional Bulletin Board – Advisor: Patty Allen

Magdalena Palacios Lopez – Promotional Bulletin Board – Advisor: Patty Allen

**Bronze Medalists:**

Annalise Applebee – Career Choice Commentary – Advisor: Ron Quintin

Sarah Lopes – Health Occupations Professional Portfolio – Advisor: Erin Marcotte

Sara Carreiro – Job Skill Demonstration Open – Advisor: Lori Russell-Pelsue

Ava Silva – Safety Poster – Advisor: Ron Quintin

Nia Rodrigues – Safety Poster – Advisor: Ron Quintin

Angele Semedo – Sticker Design – Advisor: Ron Quintin

Kara Koska – State Officer Elect – Advisor: Lori Russell-Pelsue

Keely Clapp – National Voting Delegate – Advisor: Lori Russell-Pelsue

Cassy DePina – National Voting Delegate – Advisor: Lori Russell-Pelsue

Abigail Simmons – National Voting Delegate – Advisor: Lori Russell-Pelsue

Kelsey Urel – National Voting Delegate – Advisor: Lori Russell-Pelsue

We are extremely proud and impressed with the students who attended the SkillsUSA State Conference, during this unprecedented time. Each student displayed leadership skills which will surely bring them success in the future.