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PSC hosts SkillsUSA Region 1 competition and Worlds of Possibilities Career Expo

PENSACOLA, Fla. – More than 300 high school and college students from Pensacola to Tallahassee are expected to compete in the SkillsUSA Region 1 Competition, hosted by Pensacola State College, Feb. 28 – March 1.

The competition events are held in conjunction with the seventh annual Worlds of Possibilities Career Expo at the PSC Lou Ross Center, Building 3, on the Pensacola campus.

SkillsUSA competitions are based on leadership, service and technical fields ranging from cybersecurity to health occupations to HVACR.

About 2,500 fourth through eighth grade students – as well as high school students – from Escambia and Santa Rosa counties are slated to visit the Worlds of Possibilities Career Expo. Local businesses and vendors provide hands-on activities for students to experience various careers.

Two new career worlds this year focus on aviation and hospitality. Courtesy of Ferguson Airport, the World of Aviation features an R-44 helicopter and pilots on site to talk with students about careers and opportunities in aviation. Highpointe Hotel Corporation presents the World of Hospitality featuring table etiquette activities.

In other Expo activities, Jaeger Corporation features an Amatrol Electrical Trainer, 3 D Printer and Bio Medical Technology. The World of Construction shows off the energy-efficient tiny house built by PSC students.

Sure to attract attention from students and adult visitors is the U.S. Navy display that includes a large array of military equipment such as a SideWinder missile, aircraft fuel cell cut-away, flight instruments, aircraft carrier catch wire 4-foot section, aircraft tail hook, F-14 jet engine turbine blade, jet engine combustion chamber canister, jet engine igniter and much more.

The public is invited to tour the Worlds of Possibilities Expo from 1 -2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28.

“The SkillsUSA competitions and Worlds of Opportunities Expo are effective ways to engage students and prompt them to consider a variety of career choices. These activities often open doors to future careers for these young people,” said Jennifer Ponson, PSC coordinator of student and program outreach.

“We at Pensacola State are committed to supporting the local workforce and we are looking forward to hosting the SkillsUSA State Conference in 2018, 2019 and 2020.”

Platinum sponsor for the event is Gulf Power Company. Gold sponsors are Florida West, Northwest Florida Manufacturers Council, Aerotek, and Navy Federal Credit Union.

Silver sponsors are Central Gulf Industrial Alliance, EREC / Power South Energy Cooperative, Home Builders Association of West Florida, Pensacola Energy, East Hill Building and Design, Ferguson Airport, Highpointe Hotel Corporation, and Technical Training Aids.

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Students explore career opportunities at past SkillsUSA competitions and Worlds of Opportunities events hosted by Pensacola State College.