

Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech students attend BPA Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California

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At Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech on March 3, 2023 120 students from GNB Voc-Tech competed against the following District 1 Schools: Blue Hills RTHS, Cape Cod RTHS, New Bedford High School, Old Colony RTHS, Plymouth North High School, Plymouth South High School, Quincy High School, Silver Lake Regional High School, South Shore VTHS, Taunton HS and Upper Cape Cod RTHS.

The first step was a local competition held within the school. This second step is the written portion of the competition where competitors are tested in their trade area, professional development, and safety & health. All gold medalists, most

silver medalists and some bronze medalists will continue to the state competition on April 27 to April 29 in Marlborough, Massachusetts.



GNBVT photo.

Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School's results are following:

Overall results:

- 13 Gold Medalists
- 13 Silver Medalists
- 15 Bronze Medalists
- 1 State Officer Candidates

Gold medalists:

- Joshua Amaral – 3-D Visualization & Animation – Advisor: Michael DeGouveia – Qualifier States
- Josephine Gonsalves – 3-D Visualization & Animation – Advisor: Michael DeGouveia – Qualifier States
- Cameron Stapleton – Cabinetmaking – Advisor: Joe Arruda – Qualifier States
- Kelsey Urel – Dental Assisting – Advisor: Deb Chasse – Qualifier States
- Sofia Pereira – First Aid/CPR – Advisor: James Bernard – Qualifier States

- Jacob Reimels – Marine Service Technology – Advisor: Michael McConnell – Qualifier States
- Jenna Medeiros – Medical Assistant – Advisor: Laura Gomez – Qualifier States
- Olinda Tavares – Medical Math – Advisor: Erin Marcotte – Qualifier States
- Leah Jalowick – Medical Terminology – Advisor: Brenda Carvalho – Qualifier States
- Matthew Prezner – Power Equipment Technology – Advisor: Paul Estrella – Qualifier States
- Austin Hooda – Robotics & Automation Technology – Advisor: Anthony Cabral – Qualifier States
- Kylie Lourenco – Robotics & Automation Technology – Advisor: Anthony Cabral – Qualifier States
- Ronny Tino Tzoc – Sheet Metal – Advisor: Dennis Tetreault – Qualifier States

Silver medalists:

- Kasidy Medeiros- 3-D Visualization & Animation – Advisor: Michael DeGouveia – Qualifier States
- Elijah Morris – 3-D Visualization & Animation – Advisor: Michael DeGouveia – Qualifier States
- Jackson Simmons – Automated Manufacturing Technology – Advisor: Thomas Canastra – Qualifier States
- Jacob Duclos – Automated Manufacturing Technology – Advisor: Thomas Canastra – Qualifier States
- Cody Amaral – Automated Manufacturing Technology – Advisor: Thomas Canastra – Qualifier States
- Jesse Petitpas – Automotive Service Technology – Advisor: Matt Talbot – Qualifier States
- Kylie Gagne – Early Childhood Education – Advisors: Deb Brightman and Yasmin Flefleh-Vincent -Qualifier States
- Julian Panek – Power Equipment Technology – Advisor: Paul Estrella – Qualifier States
- Lileigh Sharples – Urban Search & Rescue – Advisor: Anthony Cabral – Qualifier States
- Destiny Bello – Urban Search & Rescue – Advisor: Anthony

Cabral – Qualifier States

- Manuel DaSilva – Web Design – Advisors: Sue Harrison & Ronald Quintin – Qualifier States
- Edwin Cardoza-Coj – Web Design – Advisors: Sue Harrison & Ronald Quintin – Qualifier States
- Asher Renovato – Welding Sculpture – Advisor: Steve Flowers – Qualifier States

Bronze medalists:

- Aidan Buck- 3-D Visualization & Animation – Advisor: Michael DeGouveia
- Austin Burton – 3-D Visualization & Animation – Advisor: Michael DeGouveia
- Kiari Dunn – Architectural Drafting – Advisor: Tracy Teixeira & Thomas Richard
- Haven Frias-Martin – Basic Health Care – Advisor: Mary Beth Vargas
- Kacy Sousa – Cabinetmaking – Advisor: Joe Arruda
- Olivia Dealmeida – Culinary Arts – Advisors: John Hoyle & Henry Bousquet
- Annalise Applebee – Dental Assisting – Advisor: Deb Chasse
- Keira-Lyn Dextraze – Early Childhood Education – Advisors: Deb Brightman and Yasmin Flefleh-Vincent
- Jacob Dupre – Electrical Construction Wiring – Advisor: Keith Kearney
- Braden Duarte – Marine Service Technology – Advisor: Michael McConnell – Qualifier States
- Natalie Cabral – Medical Assistant – Advisor: Laura Gomez
- Syriana Green Bodden – Medical Terminology – Advisor: Brenda Carvalho
- James Delucia – Power Equipment Technology – Advisor: Paul Estrella
- Cameron Francisco – Sheet Metal – Advisor: Dennis Tetreault – Qualifier States
- Eric Woods – Welding – Advisor: Brendon Pequita

State Officer Candidate:

- Jordan Melo – State Officer Candidate – Advisor: Lori Russell-Pelsue

We are extremely proud of the student's accomplishments with 33% of the students that competed going home with a medal. We are looking forward to attending the State Competition with them from April 27 – 29, 2023, with the Awards Ceremony on the 29th."-Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech.