

# Ziranda Wins Gold at National SkillsUSA

Cosmetology student Jacqueline Ziranda won Gold in Nail Care at the National SkillsUSA Georgia Post-Secondary Competition in Atlanta June 18-24, 2023. Her hard work, dedication, and skills lead her to this incredible accomplishment. Cosmetology student Teaira Benjamin served as Jacqueline's model.

Jacqueline began Southeastern Tech's Cosmetology program in Swainsboro as a Dual Enrollment student from Metter High School.

STC Cosmetology Instructor Linda Hairr said, "Jacqueline's discipline and dedication to her education are most impressive. She is an extremely creative and talented young lady. That, combined with her kind, sweet, humble nature, has been instrumental in her success. Working with Jackie and getting to know her personally has been a joy. She's an amazing young woman and I'm eager to see where this career takes her."

Instructor Jamie Lambert stated that Jackie is like a ray of sunshine. "It is a pleasure to have her in class each day. Her positive, upbeat attitude is so refreshing and her willingness to sacrifice her time to help others speaks volumes."

Gavin Jackson represented Southeastern Technical College in Electronics Technology under the direction of instructor Chip Greene and placed in the top five.

Gavin said, "This was the biggest event I've been to, and it is such a high level of prestige. I'm honored to be among all the winners, but I would like to extend special thanks to my instructor, Mr. Greene. Without him, I would not be capable of this achievement. National SkillsUSA was an exciting experience. We need more people in the electronics field. It's

guaranteed work and not many people are training for it.”

The state of Georgia had a fifty percent increase in SkillsUSA membership this year. Georgia accounted for 55 National medals – 32 Gold, 11 Silver, and 12 Bronze.

SkillsUSA has a mission to empower its members to become world-class workers, leaders, and responsible American citizens. They work to improve the quality of our nation’s future skilled workforce through the development of SkillsUSA Framework skills that include personal, workplace, and technical skills grounded in academics. The organization’s vision is to produce the most highly skilled workforce in the world, providing every member the opportunity for career success.

Photo: STC Cosmetology student Jacqueline Ziranda awarded Gold in Nail Care at the National SkillsUSA