

FADE Member Coaches 2016 SkillsUSA Gold Medal Winner in Dental Assisting



(June 2016) Congratulations to Traviss Technical College Dental Assisting student, Jennifer Helms. Ms. Helms took the top prize in dental assisting and won a gold medal during the national SkillsUSA Championships in Louisville, KY June 20-24, 2016. The event featured more than 6,000 career and technical education students competing in a variety of fields.

Helms is pictured with her instructor and FADE member Susan Rexroat. Susan is the Dental Assisting Program Director at Traviss Tech.

The SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC) is a showcase of career and technical education students. The SkillsUSA Championships are competitive events showcasing the best career and technical education students in the nation. Contests begin locally and continue through the state and national levels.

This multi-million-dollar event occupies a space equivalent to 16 football fields and involves approximately 6,000 contestants in 100 separate events. Nearly 1,500 judges and contest organizers from labor and management make the national event possible.

The philosophy of the Championships is to reward students for excellence, to involve industry in directly evaluating student performance and to keep training relevant to employers' needs.

The Florida Allied Dental Educators congratulates Jennifer Helms, Susan Rexroat, and Traviss Technical College for this achievement.