



# Workforce Development Update



## Skills Challenge Attracts Future Workforce, Construction Community Support & Media Attention

The Associated General Contractors of Georgia (AGC Georgia) joined forces with several contractors to host construction students from Georgia high schools for four regional Workforce Development Alliance Skills Challenges. The competitions were held throughout November in Griffin, Gainesville, Augusta and Moultrie.

The competitors participated in the following skill categories (depending on location): blueprint reading, cabinet making, carpentry, electrical, masonry, plumbing, TeamWorks and welding.

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In addition, students with a flair for broadcast news served as onsite news reporters and/or producers covering the latest headlines from the competition.

“This was a fantastic showcase for Georgia high school students to demonstrate what they have learned in their school’s construction program,” said Mike Dunham, CEO of AGC Georgia. “Beyond inspiring the competitors with the Skills Challenges, AGC Georgia strives to educate and engage students to understand the opportunities within construction and encourage them to consider our industry as a career path.”

The four Skill Challenge events were held across the state:

- Central Georgia & Southern Crescent Region on Nov. 1 in Griffin at the Kiwanis Fairgrounds
- Northeast Georgia on Nov. 8 in Gainesville at the Chicopee Woods Agricultural Center
- East Georgia on Nov. 15 in Augusta at the Augusta Fairgrounds
- South and Southwest Georgia Region on Nov. 29 in Moultrie at the Sunbelt AG Expo

ACE Electric, RW Allen Construction, Bowen & Watson, Carroll Daniel Construction, GoldMech Mechanical Contractors, JCI Contractors, Sheridan Construction, Swofford Construction, and Tulsa Welding School partnered with AGC Georgia to coordinate these regional competitions. In addition, hundreds of industry professionals volunteered their time to judge the Challenges and hosted hands-on exhibits to help students become more familiar with specific trades.

“These competitions continue to grow in size and impact year over year,” said Dunham. “This year we hosted numerous VIPs, politicians and media to show them the impact we are having on our students. We need to continue encouraging these kids to take our industry forward.”

Those in attendance included State Senators, State and Local Board of Education members, Chambers of Commerce, City Councilmen and more came to support this statewide effort.

These events help prepare the students who will go on to compete in their regional SkillsUSA event in early 2019. Winners of the regional events will participate in the statewide SkillsUSA competitions in late March at the Georgia International Convention Center.

**SKILLS  
CHALLENGE**

**2018 TOTALS**

**65**

**COMPETING SCHOOLS**

**607**

**STUDENT COMPETITORS**

**1,100**

**STUDENT OBSERVERS**

**\$128,451**

**TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

**165**

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# SKILLS CHALLENGE

**November 15, 2018**

Augusta Exchange Club Fairgrounds  
Augusta, GA

## Host Partners

RW Allen Construction  
Gold Mech, Inc.  
Ace Electric, Inc.

## Construction Cup

Jefferson County High School

## Welding Cup

Lincoln County High School

This region's Skills Challenge hosted student competitions in seven categories. Students from the following high school construction programs earned medals for their work.

## Welding Beginner

1st - Lincoln County High School  
2nd - Evans High School  
3rd - Washington County High School

## Welding Advance

1st - Lincoln County High School  
2nd - Hephzibah High School  
3rd - Evans High School

## Welding Fabrication

1st - Lincoln County High School  
2nd - Evans High School  
3rd - Hephzibah High School

## Carpentry

1st - Lincoln County High School  
2nd - Statesboro High School  
3rd - East Laurens High School

## Electrical

1st - Evans High School  
2nd - Statesboro High School  
3rd - Jefferson High School

## Plumbing

1st - Statesboro High School  
2nd - Lincoln County High School  
3rd - East Laurens High School

## Masonry

1st - Washington County High School  
2nd - West Laurens High School  
3rd - Washington County High School

# EAST GEORGIA Workforce Development Alliance Skills Challenge

View Additional Photos Online at: <http://bit.ly/2018EastGA>



**11**

COMPETING SCHOOLS

**80**

STUDENT COMPETITORS

**400**

STUDENT OBSERVERS

# CENTRAL GEORGIA & SOUTHERN CRESCENT Workforce Development Alliance Skills Challenge

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# SKILLS CHALLENGE

**November 1, 2018**

Kiwanis Fairgrounds in Griffin, GA

### Host Partners

Sheridan Construction  
Swofford Construction, Inc.

### Overall Winner

Mary Persons High School

This region's Skills Challenge hosted student competitions in six categories. Students from the following high school construction programs earned medals for their work.



### Blueprint Reading

- 1st - Lee County High School
- 2nd - Mary Persons High School
- 3rd - Harris County High School

### Masonry

- 1st - Mary Persons High School
- 2nd - Crisp County High School
- 3rd - Upson Lee High School

### Plumbing

- 1st - Crisp County High School
- 2nd - Mary Persons High School
- 3rd - Griffin High School

### Carpentry

- 1st - Mary Persons High School
- 2nd - Peach County High School
- 3rd - Mary Persons High School

### Welding

- 1st - Harris County High School
- 2nd - Putnam County High School
- 3rd - Putnam County High School

### Electrical

- 1st - Griffin High School
- 2nd - Lee County High School
- 3rd - Mary Persons High School



**14**

COMPETING SCHOOLS

**102**

STUDENT COMPETITORS

**300**

STUDENT OBSERVERS

# SKILLS CHALLENGE

**November 8, 2018**

Chicopee Woods Agricultural Center  
Gainesville, GA

## Host Partners

Bowen & Watson, Inc.  
Carroll Daniel Construction

## Overall Winner

Johnson High School

This region's Skills Challenge hosted student competitions in nine categories. Students from the following high school construction programs earned medals for their work.

## Carpentry

- 1st - Maxwell High School
- 2nd - Lanier College and Career Academy
- 3rd - Gilmer County High School

## Masonry

- 1st - Lanier College and Career Academy
- 2nd - Polk County High School
- 3rd - Johnson High School

## Blueprint Reading

- 1st - Gilmer County High School
- 2nd - Johnson High School
- 3rd - Johnson High School

## Electrical

- 1st - Roswell High School
- 2nd - Chestatee High School
- 3rd - Gilmer County High School

## Plumbing

- 1st - Statesboro High School
- 2nd - Lincoln County High School
- 3rd - East Laurens High School

## Cabinetry

- 1st Place: Lumpkin County High School
- 2nd Place: Polk County High School
- 3rd Place: Johnson High School

## Audio Visual

- 1st Place: Roswell High School
- 2nd Place: Roswell High School
- 3rd Place: Johnson High School

## Welding

- 1st Place: Floyd County High School
- 2nd Place: Madison High School
- 3rd Place: Polk County High School

## Team Build

- 1st Place: Adairsville High School
- 2nd Place: Polk County High School
- 3rd Place: Roswell High School

# NORTHEAST GEORGIA Workforce Development Alliance Skills Challenge

View Additional Photos Online at: <http://bit.ly/2018NEGA>



**18**  
COMPETING SCHOOLS

**175**  
STUDENT COMPETITORS

**200**  
STUDENT OBSERVERS

# SOUTH & SOUTHWEST GEORGIA Workforce Development Alliance Skills Challenge

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**November 29, 2018**

Sunbelt AG Expo in Moultrie, GA

### Host Partners

JCI Contractors  
Tulsa Welding School Jacksonville

### Overall Winner:

Camden County High School

This region's Skills Challenge hosted student competitions in six categories. Students from the following high school construction programs earned medals for their work.

### Blueprint Reading

- 1st - Camden County High School
- 2nd - Harris County High School
- 3rd - Lee County High School

### Masonry

- 1st - Camden County High School
- 2nd - Tift County High School
- 3rd - Commodore Conyers College & Career Academy

### Electrical

- 1st - Lee County High School
- 2nd - Colquitt County High School
- 3rd - Colquitt County High School

### Plumbing

- 1st - Crisp County High School
- 2nd - Tift County High School
- 3rd - Peach County High School

### Carpentry

- 1st - Peach County High School
- 2nd - Lee County High School
- 3rd - Brooks County High School

### Welding

- 1st - Worth County High School
- 2nd - Colquitt County High School
- 3rd - Colquitt County High School

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COMPETING SCHOOLS

250

STUDENT COMPETITORS

200

STUDENT OBSERVERS

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Wiregrass Georgia Technical College  
WLS Construction, Inc.  
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