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Grey Berry Diesel Tech State Champion

WOODWARD, OKLA. --- Grey Berry, a High Plains Tech Center Diesel student, placed first and earned a gold medal in Diesel Equipment Technology at the State SkillsUSA contest April 18th at Tulsa Tech Center.

Grey competed against adults from across the state in 14 troubleshooting stations. Each station had a written test and hands-on skills assessments. The 14 stations tested were Precision Measurements, Engine Technology, Electrical Systems, General Shop Skills, Chassis, Transmission Technology, Drive Axles, Job interview Skills, Hydraulics Systems, Vehicle Inspection, Failure Analysis, Braking Systems, Operator Environment, and ASE Test. Grey won thousands of dollars' worth of tools and will represent Oklahoma and HPTC at the National SkillsUSA contest this summer in Kentucky.

“The State SkillsUSA Diesel Tech competitions are extremely challenging and take a lot of determination and focus to place at all; let alone win first,” said David Stone, HPTC Diesel instructor. “I am very proud of Grey and all the hard work he has put into his training. He has obtained the highest level of certification you can receive in the Diesel Tech program at HPTC, ASE Master Truck Certification. I have never had a student achieve this in my 19 years teaching here.”

To become Master Truck Certified you have to pass all of the Automotive Service Excellence certifications available in the program as well as the Diesel certifications available in the Oklahoma CareerTech system.

Grey has received numerous awards during his time at HPTC including the highest award given, HPTC Student of the Year. He also received the Top Technician Award in the Diesel program in 2015 and 2016, and the Student of the Month Award in 2015 and 2016.

SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. They provide educational programs, events and competitions that support career and technical education. SkillsUSA improves the quality of America's skilled workforce through a structured program of citizenship, leadership, employability, technical and professional skills training. SkillsUSA is one of three CareerTech Student Organizations at HPTC. One hundred percent of HPTC students participate in one of these student organizations.

More information about the Diesel Tech program can be found on the HPTC website at www.hptc.edu or by calling Amber Riley at 580.571.6183.

HPTC is part of a network of 29 career technology centers across the state. Since 1982 High Plains has been training individuals for success in the workplace. A wide variety of course offerings make career education possible for students from all walks of life: Career Training, Professional and Personal Interest, Online Classes and Business Solutions.

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