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## **2 A.W. Beattie students win state championships, 3 will compete at nationals**

A pair of A.W. Beattie students recently earned state championships at the Pennsylvania Association of Family Career and Community Leaders of America competition in Seven Springs.

The FCCLA competition was attended by students in A.W. Beattie's Culinary Arts, Pastry Arts and Early Childhood Education programs.

Northgate junior Josh Eddy won the state championship for Food Art, a competition he felt that he could win. Eddy, a second-year Culinary Arts student at A.W. Beattie, made a sculpture of apple birds, radish mushrooms and strawberry roses. He incorporated them into a decorative display of a palm tree.

"I feel good about this, because I practiced pretty hard, especially over the last month," Eddy said. "There was a good amount of people competing, so to try hard and come out on top feels great."

North Allegheny sophomore Jacob Mann earned a state championship in Knife Skills, which showcases each competitor's knowledge of knife skills and cuts, knife cut identification and a knife skills demonstration.

"It means a lot to me, and I was just hoping to get a silver medal if it was possible," Mann said. "Next year I'll try out for the Culinary team competition."

Pine-Richland senior Victoria Compennolle, North Allegheny junior Ryane Taylor and Hampton Township junior Alyssa Toscano earned second place in states and will compete in June at nationals in Anaheim, California.

Compennolle competed in the Early Childhood Education category. She won a state championship with Samantha Shideler in 2018 for her Chapter Service Project Display,

Taylor and Toscano earned A.W. Beattie its second consecutive FCCLA title in Chapter Service Project Display.

"I'm really excited for us after we worked really hard together on our service project," Taylor said. "Then, we had to give a 10-minute speech and presentation for judges."

Taylor and Toscano worked for several months to organize an Open Mic Night that raised \$632 for the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

They presented the results in a speech to a panel of judges.

"Our run-throughs were so rough, and we rewrote our speech three times at Seven Springs," Toscano said. "The last edits we made were 30 minutes before we had to speak. The more we spoke the more we realized everything was going perfectly, so something in the universe aligned perfectly for us in those 10 minutes."

Students also earned medals at the FCCLA competition.

Gold medalists earned at least a 90 percent score in their competition. Silver medalists scored at least 80 percent. All other competitors earned a bronze medal.

The following students participated in the state competition:

Place	Student	School	Competition	Medal
1st	Josh Eddy	Northgate	Food Art	Gold
1st	Jacob Mann	North Allegheny	Knife Skills	Gold
2nd	Victoria Compernelle	Pine-Richland	Early Childhood Education	Gold
2nd	Alyssa Toscano	Hampton Township	Chapter Service Project	Gold
2nd	Ryane Taylor	North Allegheny	Chapter Service Project	Gold
2nd	Annalee Demitras	Pine-Richland	Cake Decorating	Gold
3rd	Shelby Yurek	Shaler	Baking	Gold
3rd	Aimee Meininghaus	North Hills	Food and Beverage	Silver
3rd	Emily Morrison	Shaler	Life Event Planning	Gold
3rd	Lexi Kaltreider	Shaler	Life Event Planning	Gold
	Merritt Montgomery	Shaler	Focus on Children	Silver
	Chesarey Howard	North Hills	Menu Planning	Silver
	Alissa Manjack	North Hills	Menu Planning	Silver
	Grace Grill	Deer Lakes	Food Innovation	Silver
	Bowen Douglas	North Hills	Food Innovation	Silver
	Alea Gottron	Northgate	Culinary	Silver
	Cassie Kagle	Shaler	Culinary	Silver
	Joseph Moneck	Shaler	Culinary	Silver
	Stephen Tabon	Hampton	Culinary	Silver
	Damion Hartle	North Allegheny	Culinary	Silver
	Morgan Darrah	North Allegheny	Culinary	Silver
	Josh Kelly	Pine-Richland	Job Interview	Silver
	Max Austin	Fox Chapel	Food and Beverage	Silver
	Jordan Lang	North Hills	Career Investigation	Bronze
	Ashley Capozzoli	Shaler	Job Interview	Bronze
	Chelsey Sheets	Shaler	Entrepreneurship	Bronze
	Zachary Early	Pine-Richland	Baking	N/A
	Chase Petre	North Allegheny	*Voting Delegate	N/A
	Krista Leffakis	North Hills	*Voting Delegate	N/A

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