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Mike Degner  
Senior Design Student at Waubonsie Valley High School  
Wins Calculated Industries / SkillsUSA National Design Contest  
and a \$1000 Scholarship for College.

Mike Degner entered his design in the Calculated Industries / SkillsUSA “Invented in the USA” scholarship competition and was awarded the Gold Medal for his Laser Surveying Digi Camera. Mike designed and produced the product drawings and a 3-D model during his Independent Study course in Mr. Steve Skorup’s CADD lab. Mike used the lab’s CADD software and new 3-D printer to design and construct his Gold medal product. The 3-D printer was purchased with a district Perkin’s grant and made available for student use in the CADD lab. Mike and other CADD students were presented with the design brief and information after SkillsUSA advisors were notified about the contest last fall. Mike is very involved in his Applied Technology courses having taken the Drafting and Automotive sequences as he prepares himself for a career in engineering in the automotive design field.

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**Welcome** to the newly revised Illinois SkillsUSA web site. We hope that all of you who are involved with Illinois SkillsUSA will find the site to be a convenient means of keeping up-to-date with what is happening in Illinois SkillsUSA. By “bookmarking” the site or making it one of your “favorites” you’ll always be just a couple clicks away from finding facts you’ll need to know. *If you just happened to discover this site by accident, stay awhile. See what we’re all about.*

**Student Members:**

If you happen to be a **Student Member** of SkillsUSA, we hope you’ll share this site with your friends to let them know about the great organization in which you are involved. Maybe you know someone who would like to become one of the 285,000 SkillsUSA members who join annually from across the nation. Take a look at the “Conference Pictures”. You might see someone you know. Do you have a parent or other relative who can contribute something to help us as an “industry partner”? You can read about industry partners below and share that information with them.

**Advisors:**

As an **Advisor** you might want to share the site with instructors and administrators both inside and outside your own facility. I’ll bet you are proud of what you do for your school’s students in SkillsUSA. This web site is an excellent way to illustrate your involvement and maybe even get some more people involved to help you. Perhaps you can even use it as a recruiting tool to help increase your membership.

**Industry Partners:**

Illinois SkillsUSA is very fortunate to have hundreds of **Industry Partners**. These are some outstanding people and companies that donate their own employees, their time, equipment, supplies, expertise, and/or money to see that our events and contests are of the highest caliber. Over the years these Industry Partners have made some pretty amazing contributions to help

many thousands of Illinois high school and college students become the best they can be as they journey toward their careers. *If you would like to help out, we would certainly like to hear from you. Check out the "Contact Us" page of this web site. Let our state director, Mr. Donald Bauc, know what you have in mind.*

## Way to go Mr. Bauc!

SkillsUSA's highest recognition is the National Honorary Life Membership award. It is awarded for outstanding service that advances the purposes and goals of our national SkillsUSA organization. **Congratulations** to Donald Bauc who was one of this year's recipients. Don has spent the past 34 years seeing that Illinois SkillsUSA remains one of the top organizations of its kind in the nation. Each year he helps thousands of students across Illinois become "Champions at Work".

## Our Members do Fantastic at the National SkillsUSA Conference!

Congratulations to all of our medal winners. Click on "National Winners" on our front page to find out who they are. See pictures of them receiving their medals by clicking "Conference Pictures" > "National" on the front page. The Illinois delegation at the national conference held in Kansas City, Missouri, this past June, consisted of over 200 people. Many of them are also in the National pictures.