

Greater Lowell Tech a SkillsUSA Golden Level chapter 5th straight year



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Members of Greater Lowell Tech’s SkillsUSA Chapter Executive Council include, from left, Patrick Sexton, junior, Lowell, reporter); Steven Langone (senior, Dracut, ambassador); Emily Tillson (junior, Dracut, historian); Nakyla Rodriguez (senior, Dracut, ambassador); Thu Do (junior, Lowell, treasurer); Samantha Barnes (junior, Dracut, chapter vice president); Karen Vinal (junior, Tyngsboro, president); Trina Tran (sophomore, Lowell, secretary); Abbey Gingras (sophomore, Dracut, parliamentarian); Gregory Hebert (senior, Dracut, state parliamentarian).

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TYNGSBORO — Greater Lowell Technical High School’s SkillsUSA chapter has received a Gold Level Chapter of Distinction for the fifth consecutive year.

The state-level award recognizes the efforts of Greater Lowell Tech’s SkillsUSA chapter to integrate the SkillsUSA framework into its activities, including the promotion and development of workplace skills, technical skills grounded in academics, and personal skills.

As a top-performing chapter, Greater Lowell Tech is eligible for recognition as a National Model of Excellence, an award reserved for the top-performing chapters in the country. “The students in our SkillsUSA chapter have worked incredibly hard year after year, and it’s a pleasure to see them recognized for their efforts in this way,”

interim Superintendent Jill Davis said. “This program supports students as they work to cultivate their skills to become well-rounded, confident, skilled employees, and we’re proud of what they have accomplished through their efforts.”

Greater Lowell Tech has presented its SkillsUSA Chapter’s program at the National Conference for the past three years as a National Model of Excellence. “This award is tangible evidence of our hard work and determination,” said Karen Vinal of Tyngsboro, a junior in the Computer Aided Drafting program and chapter president. “I am extremely proud of our officer team for achieving this honor.”

This year’s Gold Level Chapter of Distinction award recognizes Greater Lowell Tech’s SkillsUSA chapter for integrating essential skills including communication, teamwork, self-motivation, adaptability and service orientation into its yearly activities, including the SkillsUSA Community Outreach Challenge, schoolwide in-house competitions and Freshman Achievement Program.

Each school year, the student-officer team of each SkillsUSA chapter is tasked with creating a calendar of activities that emphasize elements of the SkillsUSA framework and provide opportunities for student growth.