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First Place at State for SkillsUSA Welding Fabrication Team

Kimberly, Wis. – June 25, 2018 – Three members of the SkillsUSA team from [Kimberly High School](http://www.kimberly.k12.wi.us)

brought home 1st place at the recent State competition. Dylan Berben, Jakob Doering and Gabby Weyer earned a 1st place gold medal as a welding fabrication team for the fire pit they created, which qualified them to compete at Nationals.

[SkillsUSA](http://www.skillsusa.org) team members participate in skills-based competitions ranging from machining to residential wiring. Participation in SkillsUSA helps students discover and grow their interest in technical career fields.

The Kimberly High School SkillsUSA team competed in welding fabrication, welding sculpture, machining, individual welding and architectural design contests.



Jakob Doering, Gabby Weyer and Dylan Berben earned 1st place at the SkillsUSA State competition in welding fabrication.

SkillsUSA provides students with opportunities to reach their potential in technical and hands-on competitions while preparing for life after high school. “I was very impressed with the work ethic and determination of this year’s fabrication team,” said Luke Smith, technology education teacher and the team’s advisor.

“The team put in countless hours during school, after school and on the weekends planning, designing and building their project,” said Smith. “Everything about their project was impressive, from the 3D modeling

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The award winning firepit the KHS welding fabrication team created.

design work and weld quality to the overall craftsmanship.” Through their involvement with SkillsUSA, all team members gained valuable leadership and teamwork skills they can take with them into their future careers.

SkillsUSA empowers its members to become world-class workers, leaders and responsible American citizens. SkillsUSA improves the

quality of our nation’s future skilled workforce through the development of framework skills that include personal, workplace and technical skills grounded in academics. Nationally, SkillsUSA serves more than 335,000 students and 19,500 instructors. As a nationwide partnership of students, instructors and industry working together, SkillsUSA works to ensure that America has a skilled workforce.

About the Kimberly Area School District

The Kimberly Area School District is a progressive public school district committed to providing the best possible education available to students. Its responsibility is to help lead the way in developing well-rounded students and future citizens. The District wants every student to be given the opportunity to reach their potential through academics, the arts and co-curricular activities. It encompasses approximately 17 square miles and serves over 5,100 students in one 4K center, four elementary schools (5K-4), two intermediate schools (5-6), one middle school (7-8) and one high school (9-12). To learn more about the Kimberly Area School District, call (920)788-7900 or visit www.kimberly.k12.wi.us.