

## **AHS Takes SkillsUSA**

### **Local News**

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Aberdeen High School's Erika Nelson, Jenna Prater and Nicole Tanselli participated in the SkillsUSA Officer Training held in Randle, WA this past week. Erika Nelson, who is a sophomore at AHS, was elected as Washington State's SkillsUSA President. It is believed that Erika is the youngest person ever to be elected to this office. This is also the second year in a row that a student from Aberdeen High School has held that position. Also being elected to a core position was AHS junior Jenna Prater. Jenna was elected to the position of Washington State SkillsUSA Secretary. This is the third highest position among all Washington State Officers. Aberdeen Junior Nicole Tanselli was elected as The Olympic Region Vice-President

All three will work together as their duties involve state convention planning, training, as well as representing our area on key issues. Also attending and serving as officer trainers were SkillsUSA National Vice-President and former State President, Aberdeen Senior Karmen Ayres and AHS Alum and Past SkillsUSA National President Katie Grimnes. Nicole Tanselli and Jenna Prater also earned their Statesman award. This is an award based off of SkillsUSA knowledge and application. In June, all five ladies attended the SkillsUSA National Convention held in Kansas City where Erika and Nicole served as voting delegates with Karmen's successful bid to be a national officer, while Jenna competed in Audio Production and placed eighth in the nation. SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry representatives; working together to ensure America has a skilled work force. It helps each student excel. SkillsUSA is a national nonprofit organization serving teachers and high school and college students who are preparing for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations, including health occupations. It was formerly known as VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America).