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**Massachusetts competitor in the Precision Machining Technology competition of the 2009 SkillsUSA Championships in Kansas City, Missouri wins bronze medal (3<sup>rd</sup> place) in national competition and earns a SkillPoint™ Certificate which acknowledges his occupational proficiency, based on the competencies tested in the competition.**



Kyle Brodeur awarded a bronze medal at the 2009 national competition.



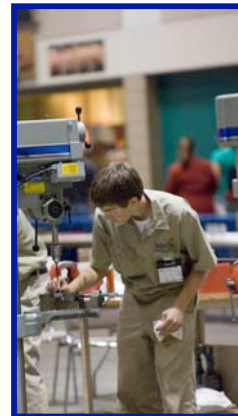
Kyle Brodeur, 18, works on his project at the 2009 SkillsUSA Championships. Each competitor worked on an identical project and was given 7 hours to complete the work.



The 45th SkillsUSA National Leadership Conference including the SkillsUSA Championships, a showcase of career and technical education students, was held in Kansas City, Mo., June 22-27, 2009. More than 14,100 people, including students, teachers and business partners, participated in the week-long event.



The SkillsUSA Championships were held June 23-25, 2009, in H. Roe, Bartle Hall and Municipal Auditorium. Contests begin locally and continue through the state and national levels. More than 5,000 outstanding career and technical education students – all state contest winners – competed hands-on in more than 91 different trade, technical and leadership fields. Contests are run with the help of industry, trade associations and labor organizations, and test competencies set by industry. The championships are a multimillion-dollar event that occupies space equivalent to more than 16 football fields. Leadership contestants demonstrate skills including extemporaneous speaking and conducting meetings by parliamentary procedure.



In Massachusetts the state competition is part of a three-day event, held April 30, May 1&2, 2009 which featured more than 1,400 contestants in 80 skill & leadership events.

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