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BUCKEYE CAREER CENTER STUDENTS RECEIVE GOLD AND SILVER MEDALS AT NATIONAL COMPETITION

New Philadelphia, OH (July 11, 2019) – Three Buckeye Career Center students have earned the highest marks possible at a recent career-technical national competition. Adrian Dotson (Garaway/Teaching Professions), Angel White (Indian Valley/Teaching Professions), and Logan Kazelman (Dover/Teaching Professions) competed June 30-July 4, 2019 at the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California. The team of Dotson and White received gold for their self-harm awareness presentation in the Illustrated Talk division, while Kazelman won silver in the Advocacy division for his teen vaping presentation.

White and Dotson's project, "Speak Out", featured a short, hypothetical skit that detailed the story of a young girl in an abusive relationship. The two spoke about self-harm, told personal stories, and spoke about presenting to area teenagers. The two acknowledge that the topic is hard for many to talk about. "Our goal is to help as many people as we can," said Dotson. "We have had people thank us because it has encouraged them to get help," said White.

Kazelman's project focused on preventing local teens from vaping. Kazelman gave informative presentations to his classmates and collected statistics. He found that vaping is a growing practice amongst teenagers. "Vaping is becoming popular and only about half of the students polled believed vaping is dangerous," said Kazelman. "That means the other half of them believe it isn't dangerous and that's alarming," he said.

Teaching Professions instructor Melissa Long is overjoyed with the results. "These three teens took on topics that they knew impacted today's youth, and they wanted to make a difference," said Long. "They worked so hard to advocate for their causes. Vaping and self-harm are topics that many teens struggle with on a daily basis. These students wanted teens to know that they are not alone and that there are people and resources to help them overcome."

The three students will be seniors this coming school year at Buckeye Career Center. For more information on the Teaching Professions program visit www.BuckeyeCareerCenter.org. Openings are still available for the 2019-2020 school year.

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