



# GMCS CONNECT

EMPOWERING OUR FUTURE

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The 2023 Skills USA National Leadership & Skills Conference was held in Atlanta, Georgia last week, June 19 - 23. The annual championships are career competition events showcasing the best career and technical education students in the nation. Contests begin locally and continue through the state and national levels. Skills USA reward students for excellence and involves industry in directly evaluating student performance and keeping training relevant to employers' needs. Their mission is to empower

We are on a roll! GMCS-CCCR Summer Internship has added 42 interns on top of the 147 interns from Fall and Spring semester, totaling 189 interns for SY 2022 - 2023. This is 95% of the 2025 target of 200 interns!

The GMCS Summer Internship Program started June 12 and will conclude on July 21. Interns were hired for various GMCS departments, local businesses, and organizations and could work between four to eight hours each day for six weeks. GMCS provides a stipend of \$12 per hour, transportation, and insurance to all student interns. The GMCS Internship Program is part of the work-based learning initiatives of GMCS-CCCR Department to connect students' learning to their career goals.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Fourth of July Holiday

July 4th

### Principals Seminar

July 11th - July 14th

### Substitute Training

July 21st

### Summer Internships End

July 21st

### GMCS Board Meeting

July 24th

### Summer Meals End

July 28th

students to become world-class workers, leaders and responsible American citizens and to improve the quality of the nation's future skilled workforce through the development of personal, workplace and technical skills grounded in academics. The GMCS Career Technical Student Organization (CTSO) advisors, students, and the CCCR department are looking forward to next year's competitions as we grow our CTSO chapters in all high schools. CTSO is one of the growing initiatives of GMCS-CCCR Department. Currently, we have two Business Professionals of America (BPA) chapters and seven Skills USA chapters within our District.

## SUMMER INTERNSHIP

## GMCS College, Career and Civic Readiness Department Summer Update:

### SKILLS USA

Recently, two students, one from Gallup High School and one from Crownpoint High School, qualified and participated in Skills USA National Leadership & Skills Conference. Isaiah Tom, GPH, competed for Welding Sculpture competitive event while Mohamed Fakron, CPH, was pitted against participants from all over the country in the Extemporaneous Speaking competitive event. Both qualifiers won gold at the state level held in Albuquerque this past April.

Mohamed Fakron (L) and Isaiah Tom (R) pose at the 2023 Skills USA Leadership and Skills Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.