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Osborn Sponsors SkillsUSA Student at Championship Competition

A member of a high school student team will compete in Career Pathways Showcase at the national level with Osborn's support.

CLEVELAND – May 2013 – [Osborn](#) will sponsor a student to compete at the 49th SkillsUSA Championships in Kansas City, Mo.

Osborn is sponsoring Dallas Sowder, a junior from Richmond High School in Richmond, Ind., who will be competing on a three-person team in the Career Pathways Showcase at the SkillsUSA Championships. Sowder and his teammates, Austen Steck and Russell Zimmerman, placed first in their category at the SkillsUSA Indiana state competition in April, qualifying them to compete at the national level.

More than 5,600 outstanding career and technical education students, all state winners in their categories, will compete at the championships in Kansas City, June 25-28. The Richmond High School team planned and designed a new school bus pick up and drop off area for their high school which scored 985 out of 1,000 possible points at the Indiana SkillsUSA competition.

“This contest will judge the mastery of their training and the project's benefits to the community,” said Matthew Amos, the vocational drafting instructor at Richmond High School. “The project is impressive and took months to plan and design.”

“One challenge that the manufacturing industry in general faces is a shortage of skilled workers entering the field,” said Bruce Richardson, human resources manager at Osborn. “Programs like SkillsUSA are valuable in facing that challenge. We are proud to participate in training programs and encourage young people to compete, and excel, in these technical fields.”

Osborn participates in practical student experiences at its Richmond, Ind. manufacturing facility in cooperation with the SkillsUSA program at Richmond High School. Sponsorship of Sowder covers his registration for the championship competition and lodging during the event.

About Osborn

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About SkillsUSA

SkillsUSA helps students discover and grow their career passions. As a nationwide partnership of students, instructors and industry working together, SkillsUSA works to ensure America has a skilled workforce. It helps every student excel. The nationwide career and technical education student organization annually serves more than 320,000 high school, college and postsecondary students—and their instructors—in technical, skilled and service occupation instructional programs. Career and technical education is learning that works for America. SkillsUSA has the active support of more than 1,100 corporations, trade associations, business and labor unions at the national level. Over 10.5 million people have been annual members of SkillsUSA since its founding as the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America in 1965. SkillsUSA programs teach leadership, citizenship and character development to complement technical skill training. The organization emphasizes respect for the dignity of work, ethics, workmanship, scholarship and safety. For more information, go to <http://www.skillsusa.org>.

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Photo Caption: Richmond High School's SkillsUSA team (left to right) Russell Zimmerman (age 18), Austin Steck (age 18), Dallas Sowder (age 16).