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Health Sciences Student Takes Third Place at Michigan HOSA State Leadership Conference

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. – Do you know what a phlebotomy is? Eli Fox does.

The junior from Traverse City Central High School placed third in the phlebotomy contest at the Michigan HOSA-Future Health Professionals State Leadership Conference that took place April 17-18 in Traverse City.

Fox was one of the three students from the Health Sciences program at Northwest Education Services (North Ed) Career Tech who competed at the state conference. Other students Tamia Brown and McKenzie Miles, both juniors from Mancelona, participated in the public health category, but fell short of earning a top spot at the event.

“Eli’s dedication and the skills he’s honed in the Health Sciences program were clearly evident at the state conference. We could not be more proud of him and all of our students for their performance,” said Elizabeth Miller, a Health Sciences instructor at Career Tech. “It’s experiences like these that highlight the practical, engaging instruction we aim to provide as we prepare students for bright futures in health care.”

In December, the Career Tech students participated in a regional competition, which spans 40 counties in Michigan’s northern Lower Peninsula. Students needed to finish the regional competition in at least 8th place to earn a spot at the state leadership conference. The HOSA competitions include a variety of evaluations, such as written exams and skills assessments, to test students’ knowledge on categories like medical terminology, nutrition, pharmacology and – of course – phlebotomies, which is the process of using a needle to draw blood from a vein, typically for laboratory testing.

The Health Sciences program was the recipient of the Michigan Department of Education’s [Excellence in Practice Award](#) this year in the Engaging Instruction category.

There are 162 students participating in this year’s Health Sciences program, which is open to high school juniors and seniors from throughout North Ed’s five-county region. All first-year students participate in a job shadow at Munson Medical Center. Some students return to Munson their senior year to conduct clinicals while other classmates may participate in co-ops with other local health care professionals.

North Ed Career Tech offers more than 20 [programs](#) to high school juniors and seniors from Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska and Leelanau counties. Students are educated in

career and technical fields, offering hands-on practical experiences, job shadowing, career exploration and early college opportunities, along with rigorous academic integration. For more information about North Ed Career Tech, [click here](#).

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Eli Fox, center, a junior from Traverse City Central High School who attends the Health Sciences program at Northwest Education Services (North Ed) Career Tech, took third place in the phlebotomy category at the Michigan HOSA-Future Health Professionals State Leadership Conference in Traverse City earlier this month. Fox is pictured with classmates, McKenzie Miles, left, and Tamia Brown, both juniors from Mancelona High School who also competed at the state conference.