

# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

## JAMES HOVAKER

James Hovaker is a level 2 student in the Print Media Technology Program at CAT North. Over the summer, James became the National Gold Medalist in Graphic Communications at the SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference in Atlanta, GA. James competed against 14 students from schools throughout the US to earn the top honor. James completed one semester of the Graphic Design level 1 class and one semester of the Print Media Technology level 1 class during his junior year; he attributes his experience in both of those classes towards his success in the SkillsUSA competitions.

He originally decided to attend CAT North because he wanted to have a different high school experience than the traditional classes at his home high school, Old Mill. James says the best things about CAT North are the small class sizes, interpersonal relationships with teachers, and the technical knowledge he has gained to pursue a career. Before he attended CAT North, James did not know what he wanted to do after high school. Now, James plans to attend a 4-year college and major in Graphic Communications.

Our team is confident that James has a very bright future ahead of him! Look out for him this year as he continues to shine in future SkillsUSA competitions and in life.

Congratulations, James! We're so proud of you!

