Phill Raich Earns Silver at Utah Skills USA Leadership Conference | Eastern

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Phill Raich (L) shows a diagnostic reading to Tanner Richardson (R) in USU Eastern's automotive shop.

A USU Eastern automotive graduate was named one of the top-auto students in the state after he competed in the Post-Secondary Automotive Service Technician competition in Utah Skills USA Leadership Conference recently. Phill Raich, of Price, received a silver medal at the competition. Raich recently graduated from USU Eastern where he served as student body president. About the competition, he said, "I'm honored to have had the opportunity to have represented the USU Eastern Auto Department and those have taught me the last couple years. The competition covered just about every subject you could think of and was very rigorous.

"I felt that I was well prepared for everything and had a blast putting my skills to the test. I thank those who helped me gain those skills."

Fellow classmates Baylan Nelson, of Huntington, placed fifth overall while Marshall Jensen, of Castle Dale, placed sixth. USU Eastern students entered three of its students in the competition and each finished as one of the top six automotive students in Utah.

High school students enrolled in the class also finished well in the Secondary Automotive Service Technician competition. Carbon High School's Zach Cross, East Carbon, placed fourth while Pinnacle High School's Kyson Anderson, Price, placed eighth. Todd Richardson, automotive instructor was happy with how well his students scored in the competition. "We took five of the top 14 spots and for that I am extremely grateful."

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