

## SkillsUSA Day at the Capitol

On February 1, 2011, SkillsUSA Georgia held its first ever SkillsUSA Day at the Capitol. The inaugural event brought more than 115 advisors and students together at the State Capitol to advocate for SkillsUSA and Career and Technical Education. Participants were from Butler High School, Cross Creek High School, Lamar County High School, Murray County High School, Oglethorpe County High School, Taylor County High School and Washington County High School. During the day students enjoyed a variety of activities that included meeting with their legislators, viewing the session from the gallery area, serving as pages, touring the Capitol, and meeting with State Representative Amy Carter (Valdosta) and Governor Nathan Deal. The Quiz Bowl Team from Murray County High School had their picture taken with the Governor in his office and the entire delegation met with the Governor on the steps of the rotunda for a picture as well. 17 year old student, Quincy Rapp from Washington County High School seized the opportunity to speak one on one with the Governor. Quincy made an instant connection with the Governor by asking him about his experience growing up in Washington County. The Governor was quick to point out and very proud of the fact that he was part of the first graduating class of Washington County High School.

The Quiz Bowl Team from Murray County High School had a day to remember and one that they will be talking about for some time. After having their picture taken with the Governor, they went to the House viewing gallery to see their legislators in action and witness the orders of the day given to the Representatives. While there, Representative Tom Dickson and Representative John Meadows took to the floor and announced the presence of the Quiz Bowl Team to the entire House of Representatives. The team was asked to stand to be recognized and in response Representatives from across our state, took a moment to pause from their business at hand and rise to a standing ovation for the Quiz Bowl Team from Murray County High School.

Throughout the day, you could see students in red blazers stopping to shake hands with legislators. Each of these moments offered an opportunity for a student or teacher to talk about the importance of Career and Technical Education in our high schools and the success that comes from being a member of SkillsUSA. Please make plans to join us next year for SkillsUSA Day at the Capitol!