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2021 Western Tech graduate places 1st and 3rd in two national medical terminology competitions

Towson, MD – Oluwadunni (Dunni) Ojumu, a 2021 graduate of Western School of Technology, placed first in the HOSA Future Health Professionals international medical terminology competition and placed third in medical terminology at the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference.

Both events took place virtually in late June.

“This is unheard of!” said MiVida Parham, technical programs supervisor for Baltimore County Public Schools career and technical education. “Students go their entire high school careers hoping to just qualify for nationals. Dunni has placed first, third, and fifth nationally since the 10th grade.” Ojumu placed fifth in medical mathematics two years ago at SkillsUSA.

Bethany Birago, Academy of Health Professions teacher at Western Tech, concurred. “Placing nationally, especially placing as high as Dunni has, is almost impossible,” she said. “You are competing against the best of the best.”

Ojumu, who graduated from Western Tech in May and participated in the school’s Academy of Health Professions, will attend Harvard University in the fall. She plans to study neuroscience.

During high school, in addition to being active in SkillsUSA and HOSA, Ojumu co-founded a community service club (The Virago Project), ran indoor track, and participated in speech and debate. In May, she reached the national octofinals in the original oratory category of the National Catholic Forensic League competition.

(Editor's note: A photo of Ojumu accompanies this release.)

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