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HUTCHINGS, WESTSIDE STUDENT NAMED STATE COLLEGE AND CAREER ACADEMY STUDENT OF THE YEAR

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(MACON, GA) – Daylen Lomeli, a third-year student at W.S. Hutchings College and Career Academy, has been named Georgia’s College and Career Academy Student of the Year. This award, presented by the office of Lieutenant Governor Geoff Duncan, is part of an effort to recognize the important role these schools and programs play in the state.

In Lomeli’s three years at Hutchings, she has moved from the English and Math pathway to the CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant) pathway, with hopes of one day becoming a doctor. The president of the school’s HOSA chapter (Future Health Professionals, formerly known as Health Occupations Students of America), she has advanced to state competition in nursing assisting, CPR/First Aid and EMT categories. Additionally, she has earned 45 dual enrollment credit hours and serves as an ambassador for Hutchings, leading tours for prospective students and community members.

“From the moment she walked through our doors, we knew there was something special about Daylen,” said Healthcare Science Instructor Avery Durbin. “Not only is she extraordinarily bright, she exudes joy, confidence, and leadership. We have seen her grow and mature over the past three years, and she is one of those students who makes all the sacrifices of teaching worth it.”

Lomeli is also an active student at her home school, Westside High School. She is president of the school’s marching band, and she also participates in service projects like food drives and reading to younger students.

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