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### **Making History at HPTC – Yasmin Reyes**

Recently HPTC Construction Trades student, Yasmin Reyes, visited with the HPTC Board about her time thus far being a part of the HPTC family. Yasmin was a student in the inaugural year of the HPTC Technical Applications Program (TAP) 4 years ago. Yasmin was recently elected as the State President of SkillsUSA. Yasmin is HPTC's first ever State President and first ever SkillsUSA State Officer, along with Kellen Cansler who was elected the State Historian.

Yasmin shared with the board about the great impact her HPTC Instructors have had on her journey at HPTC. "Mrs. Goss is such a great teacher, she is a rockstar, she pushes everyone to be their best and better than what they make themselves out to be. And I appreciate her for that."

"I would like to thank Mr. Carlson because he really encouraged me to try out for a state officer position and he continually encouraged me through the process and here I am now the President, it still hasn't hit me yet. It's so crazy to me because I've always thought of myself as not significant in the world, I just thought oh I'm just another person in the world trying to make my way through and make my parents proud and now I feel like I can say that about myself."

Yasmin shared "In the beginning I was freaking out not knowing what I want to do with my life and now my brain has just exploded with what all I want to do! I was juggling between Multi-media, Welding, Construction, and Marketing, trying to choose from all these career choices I have now been presented through HPTC. I want to be a jack of all trades and have as much as I can under my belt to be a better person and a well-rounded individual, maybe one day I will have my own business or work for others and have plenty of career options to fall back on if I need to."

HPTC Assistant Superintendent, Don Gaines shared this about Yasmin, "Yasmin has been such a great student for HPTC. From the time she started in our first ever TAP class, to the HPTC night classes she has taken, to now leading Oklahoma's Skills USA student organization as the State President for High Plains is an incredible journey. We have watched this young girl grow into an incredible young woman. We couldn't be more proud of her."