

## Jesty Karl Salvatierra

**Country:** Philippines

**Course:** Diploma of Information Technology (Networking)

**Institute:** TAFE NSW - Western Sydney Institute, Mount Druitt College



International student from the Philippines, Jesty Karl Salvatierra, studying Diploma of Information Technology (Networking) at TAFE NSW - Western Sydney Institute, Mount Druitt College, won the GOLD medal at the 2009 WorldSkills competition held in Canada in September.

Geethani Nair, head teacher Information Technology at Mount Druitt College, was full of praise and described Jesty Salvatierra, a first-semester IT student, as “hardworking and dedicated.”

“Even though the college doesn’t teach Linux in the first semester, Jesty taught himself the basics, practicing in the labs with the assistance of other students,” she said.

The WorldSkills competitors were presented with a customer case study and specific requirements. The project task was designed to test the competitors’ skills and abilities in the key areas of personal computer support and network maintenance in a real world business environment.

Paul Harapin, VMware Australia and New Zealand managing director, called the event the IT equivalent of MasterChef.

“To use the MasterChef analogy, it’s not just about serving up the food, but it’s in the plating up and the presentation of it too,” Harapin said.

VMware’s Dennis Lao, systems engineer, and Reid Purvis, VMware Systems Engineer, NSW Public Sector and Education were event judges.

“When the VMware judges looked at the final installation and the way the Web server was set up, it came down to the fine technical details and overall skill to produce the final winner,” Harapin said. “At the testing of the output, the feedback was very positive overall.”

Congratulations Jesty for this great achievement!