

SAISD STUDENTS WIN CONTEST AWARDS

SAISD students who are enrolled in Career and Technology classes housed in the WTTTC recently won a number of awards in district, regional and state contests. Their accomplishments are a great testimony to the quality of the SAISD students, teachers, and programs. Listed below are some details regarding these achievements.



✓ Event: Network Design Team, BPA State Contest

Team members Dwight Byrd and Corey Farmer placed 2nd at state Business Professionals of America contest and qualified to compete in National BPA contest representing Texas and Central High School in Anaheim, California on April 23, 2005. In this contest, students are given a networking scenario and are asked to develop a design that will provide maximum scalability and functionality to satisfy the customer's networking requirements. Students take such factors as cost, availability, bandwidth requirements and security into the design consideration. Students must prepare a written and oral presentation before a panel of

networking judges, who challenge various aspects of the team's network design. Byrd plans on attending A&M majoring in Elec. Engineering and Farmer will be attending ASU majoring in CIS w/minor in MIS.

✓ Event: VICA Cosmetology Competition

High School Cosmetology students from Central, Lakeview, and Grape Creek won awards in the district VICA competition and qualified for the state contest. These students won awards in areas such as Mannequin projects, Men's Haircutting, and Nail Care. The students qualifying for the state contest were Angela De la Pena, Krista Dube, Heather Hicks, Terryn Kelly, Collin Baggett, Emerald Garcia, Robyn McCormick, and Andi Stookberry. At the state contest, Angela De la Pena, Heather Hicks, Terryn Kelly, and Emerald Garcia won 1st place awards in the Mannequin contest. These students are all to be commended for their hard work and achievements.



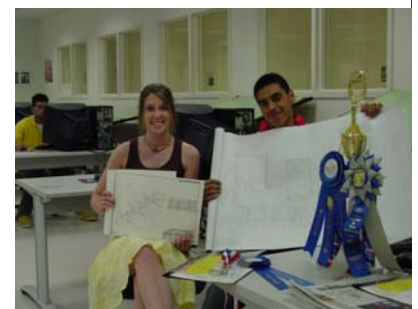
✓ Event: District HOSA Contest

Seven SAISD Health Occupations students competed in the district Health Occupation Society of America (HOSA) contest. These students included Naomi Fewell (1st, Concepts of health Care), Jessica Lopez and Ashley Fuentes (5th, Healthcare Display Poster), Geni Wojtek (4th, Medical Terminology), Lindsey Zuniga (4th, Dental Spelling), Lindsey Levine (1st, Outstanding Chapter Scrapbook), and Amber Schnitzer (2nd, Career health Posters). Levine and Schnitzer qualified for the State HOSA contest.



✓ Event: State Skills/USA Drafting Contest

Students from the SAISD Drafting program brought home a number of awards at the state drafting competition. Arturo Reyna won 1st place in the architectural drafting category, and also earned the "Best of Show" award in that division. Christina Self placed 2nd overall in the Mechanical Drafting skills competition. In addition, eight students received 1st place awards for projects that were taken to the state contest, those students being Nathan Moeller, James Luman, Amber Marshall, Jordan Watkins, Lucas Velez, Noemi Moreno, Brandon Sanders, Christina Self, and Amanda Hirst. The Drafting program teaches student the skills required to develop engineering drawings using both traditional board drafting and Computer-Aided Drafting (CAD) methods.



NEW MEMBERS AND OFFICERS SELECTED FOR WTTC ADVISORY BOARD

Nine new members were added to the WTTC Advisory Board during the March board meeting. These new members were Robert Aguilar of the San Angelo Standard Times, Jennifer Baker of Sitel, Harold Dominquez of The City of San Angelo, Kendall Hirschfeld of Hirschfeld Steel, Matt Lewis of COSADC, Steve Reames of ASU, Benay Sheffield of Zentner's Daughter & San Angelo Restaurant Association, Dana Sparks of Rivercrest Hospital, and Mike Woods of Jim Bass Ford. In addition, Jamie Rainey and Charles Kirking were selected to be the board's chairperson and Vice-Chair. The Advisory Board plays an important role in helping to guide and advise the WTTC consortium administrators by representing the major business and industry sectors of the Concho Valley region.

"RAPID RESPONSE" COMPUTER TRAINING FOR JIM BASS FORD



On March 8-9-10, Jim Bass Ford used a WTTC classroom to train selected sales employees on a specialized software application. The interesting aspect of this training activity was that Jim Bass did not contact the WTTC administrative office until just before the training was to begin. Due to a network problem at the Jim Bass facility, they had to quickly find another location for this specialized training. WTTC staffers responded to the urgent request and within an hour's time had a room set up, laptop computers installed, and were connected to the software web site via the WTTC's wireless network. This was a great example of the how the center's facility areas and technology infrastructure can be rapidly deployed to meet the training needs of regional industry.

FACULTY AND STAFF SPOTLIGHT

This month's spotlight person: Debbie Halfmann is the Workforce Training Assistant in Howard College's Workforce Training division. Debbie works with the Howard College staff and regional community to help plan and schedule Continuing Education classes to meet the needs of regional businesses. She has been with Howard College since 2001.

Did you know? Debbie has three children ages 20, 17, and 15.

Hobbies and interests: Stock shows, 4-H activities, ranching, and working with the San Angelo Rodeo Association.

Thoughts on the WTTC: The training center is one of the best community development projects implemented in San Angelo. The benefit to this area is that instead of a vacant industrial building we now have a vibrant workforce training center that leverages the resources of multiple educational institutions, the City of San Angelo, and the regional business/industry community.



UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS IN THE WTTC

- April 12: Texas Managed Health Care training
- April 14: Ener-Tel product software training
- April 23: Association of Surgical Technology workshop
- May 1-2: Nursing Education Consultants NCLEX PN review (Howard College)
- May 4: Howard College Job Fair (RRR room 106, contact Mary Tinsley@ 481-8322 ext. 244 FMI)
- May 13-August 5: Multiple teacher training classes (Region XV Service center)
- May 11-12: Lincoln Electric Welding Distributor training
- July 22-23: Taylor Publishing yearbook training
- August 3-4-5: Concho Valley Council of Governments computer training

Questions on any of the above items? Contact the WTTC Director at (325) 481-8311, or email Bill.Cullins@angelo.edu