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## Arkansas JAG Program Makes National Impression



Maine Governor and JAG Chairman John Baldacci confers with Arkansas Governor and JAG Board member Mike Beebe during the conference banquet

board includes some of America's most influential corporate, political and educational figures, and each was treated to some of Arkansas's most exceptional sites.

Along with a visit to the Governor's Mansion, the two-day meeting included a tour of one JAG facility that makes Arkansas's programs so strong and unique – the Arkansas Schools for the Blind and the Deaf. The schools are the only ones in the country that serve blind and deaf students with JAG programs.

Along with the program at the Arkansas Schools for the Blind and Deaf, Arkansas also has another one-of-a-kind JAG project. The Department of Workforce Education's Arkansas Rehabilitation Services (ARS) Division's Arkansas Career Training Institute has started a pilot

program of its own this year that is the first in the United States to cater primarily to adults with disabilities. Department of Workforce Education Director William L. "Bill" Walker, Jr. said these programs are why Board members were so impressed with Arkansas's efforts and successes.

"This is the first time ever that the national JAG Board has met in Arkansas," said Walker. "That gave us a chance to reflect on what we've done in the state, but it also let us highlight the success of the JAG program in Arkansas. Ours is one of the leading programs in the nation. We were able to promote JAG to state leaders and executives from national corporations, and also strengthen our relationships within the business community and the agency."

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**A**rkansas's Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) program is winning praise from educational, business and civic leaders from across the nation.

JAG National Board members were in Little Rock for their annual meeting April 14-15. The JAG

## 2,000 Students Take Part in State SkillsUSA Championships as Governor Looks On

**T**he Arkansas SkillsUSA Championships was once again filled with hard work, fierce competition and fun, but this year's event was made extra special thanks to a visit from the state's top official.

Gov. Mike Beebe became the first acting Arkansas governor to attend SkillsUSA since Bill Clinton's first term in office. Beebe gave a passionate and inspiring message



**Governor Beebe speaks to SkillsUSA advisors and teachers at the April 15 luncheon.**



to advisors, visited with students and toured the conference competition floor at the heart of the event, highlighting three days of activity.

"We were honored to have Governor Beebe attend SkillsUSA," said Rod Duckworth, Arkansas Department of Workforce Education

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# Director's Update

**William L. "Bill" Walker, Jr.**  
**Director**

**Arkansas Department of Workforce Education**

**Wow!** There hasn't been much opportunity to rest since the end of the legislative session. The past month has been an extraordinary time for the Department of Workforce Education. Considering all of the hard work that everyone within our agency has put toward federal stimulus funding, the Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) National Board meeting, the numerous state conferences for our career and technical student organizations (CTSOs) and the myriad other obligations we have, it's a great time to be a part of the Department of Workforce Education.

It was an unparalleled honor to host the annual JAG National Board meeting in April. With Governor Beebe and the other prominent public and private officials on the JAG Board, we were able to highlight our agency and Arkansas's JAG program, which has become one of the most successful in the nation. The success of Arkansas's JAG program wouldn't be possible without the tireless work of JAG Program Manager Marylene Tate and the rest of the JAG staff along with the JAG specialists who operate the program in schools across Arkansas.

Governor Beebe further demonstrated his commitment to Career and Technical Education last month as he became the first sitting governor since Bill Clinton to visit the Arkansas SkillsUSA State Championships. To say his presence at the event and his address during the advisors' luncheon was a real treat would be an understatement. Gov.

Beebe has long said that he considers workforce education and career training to be just as important to the people of Arkansas and to the state's future economic development as pre-K-12 education and postsecondary education. And again, the governor backed his ideas with his actions by attending one of Arkansas's largest CTSO conferences and expressing his support in word and deed.

The Department of Workforce Education is pleased to be the lead agency on Governor Beebe's Arkansas Works initiative. Arkansas Works Arkansas's expanded College and Career Planning System will prepare students early for the next level of education and/or training for a successful career through two components: (1) an Internet-based college and career planning tool and (2) professional career development coaching from a college and career coach who holds certification as a career development facilitator (CDF). The initiative is aimed at meeting the challenge of training and educating an adaptable workforce able to compete for high tech jobs.

According to Gov. Beebe, Arkansas risks being relegated to the fringes of corporate desirability if an intelligent, highly trained workforce that can compete globally for knowledge-based jobs is not immediately cultivated.

Those involved with the four-year project estimate it could generate \$8.9 million in additional income for the state. This is an extremely exciting plan that will help more economi-

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## Career and Technical Educators Discuss Leadership in Hot Springs

**C**areer and Technical Education (CTE) professionals from six states came to Arkansas to discuss the state of the field and ways to lead it into the future.

The Association of Career and Technical Education's Region IV 2009 Professional Development Conference was held April 16-18 at the Hot Springs Convention Center, with more than 140 members discussing the main theme of the conference: Highly Effective Association Leadership.

The Association of Career and Technical Education (ACTE) is the largest national education organization dedicated to the advancement of education that prepares youth and adults for successful careers. The ACTE's Region IV is made up of Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas.

Arkansas Department of Workforce Education (DWE) Office of Skilled and Technical Sciences Transportation Education Supervisor and state ACTE President Ray Winiiecki said the main focus of the conference was to promote leadership in Career and Technical Education.

"As ACTE members, we must constantly hone our leadership skills and be about the business of locating future leaders for CTE," Winiiecki said. "We live in exciting times. With the changes taking place in our economy, education, and especially in Washington [D.C.], I believe that CTE is poised to be a major player in moving our country forward."

According to Arkansas ACTE Executive Director Debbie Anselmi, the speakers, workshops and breakout sessions at the conference were critical

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Taking a break during the conference are (l-r) Ray Henson, DWE Career Guidance, Exploration & Preparation Program Manager; Darin Lackey, ACTE Region IV Vice President from Oklahoma; Paul Vitale, conference speaker; and Ray Winiiecki, Arkansas ACTE President and DWE Transportation Education Supervisor in the Office of Skilled and Technical Sciences.



# What You Should Know

## Supported Housing

Jeanette Davies, Program Manager

## The Arkansas Universal Design Project: Housing for the Ages

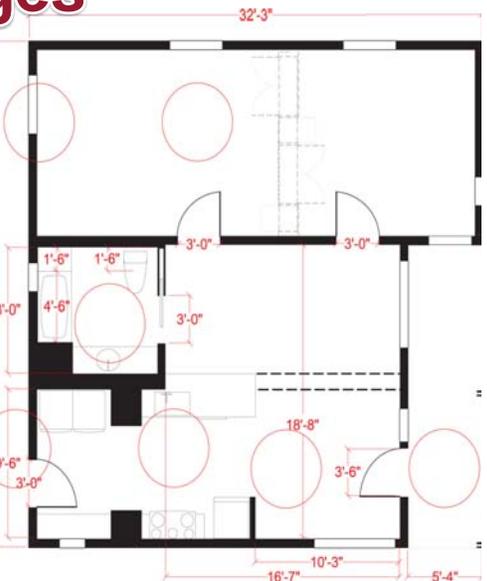
**T**he Governor's Task Force on Supported Housing (GTFSH), which is staffed by the Supported Housing Office, has collaborated with the Arkansas Development Finance Authority (ADFA) and the University of Arkansas School of Architecture for several years to develop and implement universal housing design standards to comply with a U.S. Supreme Court decision. The goal of this initiative is to increase the supply of single family and multi-family mixed-income, universal design housing. These homes are designed to accommodate people of any age, size, weight, gender, ability or disability. Universal design housing is also known as adaptable, accessible, barrier-free or life span housing.

ADFA, the state housing finance agency, partners with public and private agencies to foster the development of single and multi-family affordable housing throughout the state. In fact, ADFA has been involved with the GTFSH since its inception and is a strong advocate for persons with disabilities and the elderly. Last year, ADFA's Board adopted select universal design

standards for their single and multi-family developments, but delayed implementation to devote sufficient time to provide workshops for their developers and contractors on the universal design requirements. This means the thousands of units (new construction and rehabilitation) produced each year will include universal design features that expand housing options, particularly with mixed-income developments.

So, what does universal design housing look like? At first glance, universal design homes look similar to most homes, but on closer inspection, one may notice subtle design features that are user-friendly. Universal design housing does not look institutional, as a typical home may include, but is not limited to, the following design elements:

- ▶▶ **Level approach** with 5' sidewalks, low-door thresholds, and lighted and covered entry, with a place to set packages while opening the door
- ▶▶ **Wide hallways** and 3' interior and exterior doors
- ▶▶ **Lever handle hardware** for all doors and faucets
- ▶▶ **Accessible or adaptable bathrooms** with a 5' turn radius



- ▶▶ **Front-mounted controls** on appliances, loop cabinet hardware and variable height counters and work spaces
- ▶▶ **Environmental controls with rocker switches**

More importantly, residents can enjoy the same home today, tomorrow and in the future.

**A wealth of additional information about the Arkansas Universal Design Project is available at <http://www.studioaid.org> or from Jeanette Davies, at (501) 701-6378.**

# Student Finds Success

## Thanks to Workforce Alliance for Growth in the Economy Program

**M**y name is **Samantha Dougan-Morris**, and I am a 29-year-old wife and mother of two boys. I graduated May 8 from Southeast Arkansas College (SEARK) in Pine Bluff with an associate of applied science degree in accounting and a technical certificate in business management.



**Samantha Dougan-Morris**

I began my journey at SEARK with the **Adult Education/Workforce Alliance for Growth in the Economy (WAGE™)** Program in August 2006. Before WAGE, I had been a stay-at-home mom and unemployed for almost four years. When I started to look for a job, I had a problem because I had been at home and I had no skills. I will always give credit to the SEARK WAGE program and to the people in the program for giving me the skills I needed.

When I first enrolled in the SEARK WAGE Program, it had been almost 10 years since I had been in a classroom. The help and assistance that I received made a world of difference. I have received many honors and opportunities that I would have never dreamed of receiving.

While in SEARK WAGE, I was able to go to the

Capitol and meet the governor. Because of the SEARK WAGE program, I have been on the dean's list, competed and placed at state conferences, and was asked to represent SEARK at the Governor's Mansion on May 2.

I see a bright future not only for myself, but for my family as well. To everyone who has played a part in the SEARK WAGE Program, all I can say is, "thank you." Without WAGE, I do not know if I would have made it this far. I hope that I have made you proud and

that you find me worthy of the gift that you have given me - an education.

Workforce Alliance for Growth in the Economy (WAGE™) is a program of the Arkansas Department of Workforce Education's, Adult Education Division.

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**WAGE™**

Workforce Alliance for Growth in the Economy™

## Workforce Education Board Approves New Adult Ed Funding Formula and briefed on Stimulus Act Funding



**DWE Director Walker and SBWECO Chairman Jack Justus discuss aspects of the new Adult Education funding formula.**

**T**he State Board of Workforce Education and Career Opportunities (SBWECO) unanimously approved a new funding formula for adult education and a new agency-wide employee manual during its regular meeting on April 16 at the Department of Workforce Education's Arkansas Rehabilitation Services Division's Corporate Hill location in Little Rock.

**James H. Smith**, Department of Workforce Education (DWE) Deputy Director for Adult Education, recommended that the board approve the new state funding formula for the operation of local adult education programs.

"The funding formula for local programs has been re-

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## ARS District II Employees Keep Mission Simple

**C**hristie Barttelt, District II Manager of the Department of Workforce Education's Arkansas Rehabilitation Service (ARS) Division, says ARS clients in that area of the state have several hurdles to overcome, but the district's 28 employees are working hard to help them.

District II covers portions of eastern and northeastern Arkansas, and has field offices in West Memphis, Batesville, Jonesboro and Searcy. According to Barttelt, the challenges there are similar to those in districts all over the state.

"This is a rural district except for Craighead County," said Barttelt. "Transportation for our clients is always a challenge. Finding jobs is hard. There are places where the work is just not there. These are the hurdles our rehabilitation counselors are always trying to overcome."

Barttelt said she's taking a straightforward approach to meeting the need of the district's clients. That means networking with civic organizations for the benefit of adults with disabilities and communicating with schools in the area in order to assist younger clients.



**Christie Barttelt**

"The closer we work with schools, the better off kids will be when they transition into the workforce or into postsecondary education," said Barttelt. "We work with comparable benefits. We search out other funding to help all of our clients. It's as simple as asking about what is needed and where to find it."

Finding those funds is especially important now.

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## ARS District Managers Retreat to Lake DeGray

**T**he Department of Workforce Education's Arkansas Rehabilitation Services (ARS) Division's district managers met for a retreat at Lake DeGray in late April. The retreat's mission was to maximize leadership with consistency, accountability and quality by utilizing a team perspective.

District V-North Manager Carl Daughtery led the retreat. This was Daughtery's first time to head a district managers meeting since being named interim Chief of Field Services by ARS Commissioner Robert Treviño following the retirement of former Chief of Field Services Ken Musteen last March.

"We concentrated on our goals and objectives, and we left the retreat with a new sense of motivation toward our agency's mission, our employ-

ees and the clients we serve," said Daughtery. "I want to thank the district managers for their commitment and dedication to maximizing leadership and team cohesiveness. My vision is to increase support to employees in the field program and provide service excellence to Arkansans

with disabilities."

Daughtery included strengthened team perspective, high-quality leadership and enhanced image and visibility of services as the goals for the district managers. He also wants to reinforce the areas of accountability, service delivery and case management, evaluation, portfolio, training and job placement.

"The retreat was an absolute success," said Daughtery. "I want to thank [Department of Workforce Education] Director [William L. "Bill"] Walker and Commissioner Treviño for their continued support of the field program. As interim Chief of Field Services, I wanted to strengthen the team perspective with the district managers while outlining service delivery to the field."



**Participants at the retreat were (l-r) Barbara Starks, Operations Manager-Field Services, District IV Manager Marva Dansby, District II Manager Christie Barttelt, Rehabilitation Program Manager at ACTI Sue Osburn, Interim Chief of Field Services Carl Daughtery, District I-N Manager Carol Ethridge, District I-S Manager James Quinn, Administrative Assistant for Field Services Barbara Nolen, District V-S Manager Robert Sanders, District III Manager Sterling Hughes, and Office for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired Manager David McDonald.**

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**Batesville Field Office (l-r):** Judy McDoniel, Diane Smith (Searcy office), Sandra Strain, Sarah Lassiter, Beth Tipton, Sherry Logan, Bruce Kelley, Debbie Wooten (Searcy office), Sherry Coombs, Christie Bartlett, and ARS Office for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired (ODHI) Director David McDonald.



**Jonesboro Field Office (l-r):** Christie Bartlett, Robert Rubenstein, Jason Moore, Barbara Coffman, Juanita Wilcox, Michael Lloyd, Gail Smith, Pam Mote, Laura Kimbrell, Cindy Frazier, David McDonald, and Kecheta Jacobs-McCoy.



**West Memphis Field Office (l-r):** Christie Bartlett, Karen Colford, Deirdre Massey, Everett Adamson, *Experience Works* staffer Doris Johnson, Kimberly Clark, Sandra Bush, Laura Kimbrell, Kimberly Yarbrough, and David McDonald.

The current economic situation is directly affecting the amount of benefits that District II clients are seeking. Bartlett says over the past two years she's seen a steady increase in college tuition rates and living expenses.

She admits that it's sometimes difficult to finance all of the needs of the district's clients, especially during these tough economic times. But she says District II rehabilitation counselors pride themselves on their

ability to communicate with their clients and find other services and forms of financial support for them if necessary. Bartlett says it is a goal within the district to ensure that the clients learn more to improve their quality of life and their quality of employment.

"We focus on communication," said Bartlett. "We have a mission of working with our clients to find them work and to treat them well. Customer service is our main priority and we try to keep it simple."

## Arkansas JAG Program Receives \$250,000 from Verizon

**A**rkansas's Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) program has received a \$250,000 grant from the Verizon Foundation to fund the creation of JAG programs in three school districts in the Delta region. The districts include Forrest City, Earle and Lee County.

The JAG grant was among four grants totaling \$635,000 from the Verizon Foundation meant to improve educational opportunities in the Delta.

"Verizon has a long-standing tradition of working to improve the communities where we operate by supporting the organizations that strive to make a difference in the lives of individuals in the community," said Steven R. Smith, Verizon Wireless South Central Region President. "We want to see the



**(l-r) DWE Deputy Director for Career and Technical Education John Davidson, DWE's JAG Program Manager Marylene Tate, Associate Director for Workforce Training Sandra Porter, Arkansas U.S. Senator Mark Pryor, and DWE Associate Director for Career and Technical Education Rod Duckworth pose with Verizon's mock gift check.**

education from these funds turned into good jobs. The students who receive this education will get good jobs. These students will start companies that will create good jobs."

JAG is a national program de-

signed to keep at-risk students in school and provide work-based learning experiences that will lead to career advancement opportunities or enrollment in postsecondary education. The grant will also fund a JAG state executive leadership training program for Arkansas students.

Arkansas Department of Workforce Education Director William L. "Bill" Walker, Jr. said, "Through the Verizon Foundation's valuable support, JAG will be able to continue its important mission of reaching out to at-risk youth and taking the necessary steps to ensure that those

students stay in school and receive the guidance and training they need to expand their options and have a better quality of life."

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(DWE) Associate Director for Career and Technical Education (CTE). "His presence helped validate the work of our instructors and the preparation the students had going into the competition."

Nearly 200 secondary and post-secondary students who earned gold medals during the state event will be moving on to the SkillsUSA National Championships in Kansas City in June after a successful event that almost seemed to come to a slight pause as students eagerly welcomed Gov. Beebe to the competition floor during the heat of the events.

"Having Governor Beebe see first-hand what the SkillsUSA competitions is all about was a very positive step and shows there is a new trend away from the older stigma of career and technical education," said Jeff Parks, DWE Program School Program Advisor for Skilled and Technical Sciences and SkillsUSA State Director. "It allowed our students to see there are people interested in what they are doing and caring about what their future holds."

That future was the focus of Gov. Beebe's message to SkillsUSA advisors and instructors during a special luncheon during the competition. He spoke for roughly 15 minutes about the importance of SkillsUSA and its mission to train students to be productive members of the workforce, and how it all fits into the overall goals he has for the success of Arkansas's economic development.

"As you improve the quality of education, whether it be pre-school, K-12, workforce training, adult education, two-year colleges, four-year college, professional schools, whatever it may be, if you don't simultaneously improve economic development so those folks have a good place to work when they get that training, all you are is a farm club for cities like Dallas, St. Louis, somewhere else," Gov. Beebe said.

"Education is No. 1, and workforce and economic development is 1A in today's world. They are that close.

"In today's world, the workforce has to be more highly skilled and highly trained than ever before. Today's workforce has to have more knowledge and skills than we ever thought they'd have to have 15-20 years ago," Gov. Beebe continued. "What you are doing as teachers is training people to make a good living. You are teaching people how to get their share of the American dream. You are turning people with no hope into people who have lots of hope. You are creating that quality workforce that allows us to be an attractive place where companies want to come.

"Your commitment as instructors to fulfilling the single key ingredient for what it's going to take to improve the economic picture in this state is vital. Your ability to teach and train and mold will be the difference in whether we will continue to be successful as a state or whether we will stumble and fall."

Gov. Beebe continuously stopped on his tour of the competition floor to shake hands with competitors, advisors and parents. He posed for many pictures and asked the competitors questions about their events, where they were from, what their plans for the future were.

"We are in some instances so focused on what happens in the classroom that it takes someone who has an outside perspective to bring the big picture back for all of us," Parks said. "It was nice for Governor Beebe to come in, visit with the students and give the instructors a pat on the back and tell them what they are doing really matters in the grand scheme of things."

"I thought Governor Beebe did a great job of tying the reason why we need career and technical education programs for students across the state," Duckworth said. "His message to the advisors was inspiring to the point that teachers felt he under-

stood why we need CTE – so that students can be trained for the positions and future careers and why they have a better edge on being successful in life."

Approximately 2,000 registered contestants competed in 80 different events. The competitions tested student skills in communications, construction, energy, power and transportation, health occupations, leadership, manufacturing, personal services and technical, graphics and design.

The state championships also enjoyed unprecedented support from business and industry partners. The largest contingent of business and industry partners the event has ever seen was on hand to judge and support student competition.

One student who will be advancing to the national championships in July is Kathy Capuson of DWE's Arkansas Career Training Institute in Hot Springs. Capuson, who is the ACTI chapter's vice president, won a gold medal in screen printing in ACTI's first year to compete in SkillsUSA. In all, ACTI had eight students participate in cosmetology, screen printing, welding and auto collision repair.

"Competing in SkillsUSA for the first time and having a student win a gold medal means everything to our program," said Dr. Dawn Simpson, ACTI Supervisor of Vocational Training. "I am extremely proud of all of our competitors and to have someone win a medal, much less a gold medal, is extremely exciting.

"In addition to the students who chose to compete, we had many other ACTI students who attended Skills and observed the competitions. It was just great to see all of our students come together."

New state officers were elected at the conference. They included Faith Blair of Cabot High School, Trisha Patrick of the Career Academy of Hair Design in Siloam Springs, Suellen Nichols of Southern Arkan-

## DWE's Veterans Approving Agency Assisting Service Members with Career Education Goals

**L**ast December, approximately 3,300 soldiers from the 39th Infantry Brigade returned from service in Iraq.

Many more National Guard and Reserve members have returned home as well and the Arkansas Department of Workforce Education's Veterans Approving Agency (VAA) is available to provide these and other veterans the help they need to continue their education or enhance their careers. One of the most important benefits available to the servicemen and servicewomen is the Montgomery GI Bill, which helps veterans pay for their education.

"A lot of times when these veterans come home, they don't know who to contact to start their GI Bill benefits," VAA Program Manager Randy Prather said. "They must go through the VAA to start the program."

Currently, the Arkansas Veterans Approving Agency is helping as many as 3,500 veterans each month receive benefits through 310 approved facilities. These include 39 apprenticeship programs, 93 on-the-job training programs, 72 colleges and universities and 106 non-certified degree programs. Non-certified degree programs can include training facilities such as cosmetology schools, massage therapy schools and barber colleges.

While the Veterans Approving Agency can't provide benefits directly, it can be an important go-between for National Guard and Reserve forces members, as well as honorably discharged and demobilized soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen who are seeking educational aid or job training.

"It can be difficult for some of these veterans to find jobs," said Prather. "Someone who's been in the infantry can't just come back and find an infantry job. If they

come through us, we can get them signed up for the GI Bill. Or we can get them signed up for on-the-job training and other education benefits."

On top of benefits assistance, VAA also conducts job fairs that can connect veterans with potential employers.

The Veterans Approving Agency ensures that every resident of Arkansas who is eligible for Veterans Administration (VA) education benefits has a full and fair opportunity to reach those goals. VAA seeks to ensure quality instruction for every veteran or qualified person who enters an approved educational, training or examination program through inspection, approval, supervision and technical assistance to each. It further encourages and promotes the maximum use of VA educational benefits by every veteran and eligible citizen.

The VAA will perform all necessary duties for the inspection, approval and supervision of the programs offered by qualified education institutions, training establishments and testing entities for licensing and certification. It will also ensure quality and assist the educational institutions and eligible persons by providing training, consulting services, technical assistance, outreach and liaison with all related organizations, agencies and individuals.

For additional information about the Department of Workforce Education's Veterans Approving Agency, contact Program Manager Randy Prather at [randy.prather@arkansas.gov](mailto:randy.prather@arkansas.gov) or call 501-324-9473.



**Randy Prather**  
VAA Program Manager

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sas University-Fordyce, Tyler Tully of Cave City High School, Juan Zermano of Springdale High School, Benny Luna of Springdale High School and Tanner Pombulo of Rogers Heritage High School.

SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry representatives working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. It is national nonprofit organization serving teachers, high school students and college students who are preparing for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations, including the health occupations.

"The Arkansas SkillsUSA students and state competition continues to amaze me," DWE Director William L. "Bill" Walker, Jr. said "The governor was also impressed by the kids' skills and talents, and by the support and the giving of the business community. It's a beautiful example of corporate citizenship at its best when they work to help train our future workforce.

"When Governor Beebe visits an event such as the SkillsUSA State Championships, he makes a statement about not only his commitment to CTE, but to all kids and making a positive contribution to society and making good choices."

*Turn the page for scenes from this year's SkillsUSA State Championships in Hot Springs.*





# Congratulations to All SkillsUSA Participants!



# ACTI Happenings

## 174th Commencement Services Held April 10th

**T**he Arkansas Department of Workforce Education's Division of Arkansas Rehabilitation Services's Arkansas Career Training Institute (ACTI) in Hot Springs held its 174th Commencement Service April 10. For the 39 graduates from 22 cities who received certificates in 14 separate career fields, the ceremony had a new look.

ACTI Director of Career Training Dr. Dawn Simpson said she made some changes to the ceremony for logistical reasons and to give the students and their instructors a little more recognition for their achievements.

"I added instructors' names to the program and asked the instructors in each training area to stand when their training area was announced during the commencement ceremony," Dr. Simpson said. "This not only recognized the instructors in front of the audience for the first time, but also allowed the

students to thank their teachers as they came onstage to receive their certificates."

This graduating class became the first to wear sashes of distinction in green-and-white school colors over their robes. The sashes helped distinguish the students from the instructors. Instructors were also required to wear their own graduation robes for the very first time to the delight of both students and staff, who commented that this change added to the pomp and circumstance of the program in a way that had never been done before.

Honor graduates and SkillsUSA graduates were also recognized with special sashes.

This class marked another milestone for ACTI, as it was the first to include SkillsUSA graduates. Ten of the 39 graduates were SkillsUSA members.

Dr. Simpson says each graduate will be able to take home a spe-

cial souvenir of the commencement ceremony.

"The recreation department used its budget this year for the very first time to purchase an individual photo for each graduate," Dr. Simpson said. "Each student will receive a 5x7 photo as well as the usual group picture."

The seating arrangement was changed for the graduating students as well. They'll no longer be sitting on the stage of the ACTI auditorium.

"I moved the graduates to the floor for the very first time," said Dr. Simpson. "This change enables the commencement speakers to face the graduates rather than turning to the side to speak to them. Many people in the past had complained that this was awkward."

One last seating change gave the graduating students a sense of pride and accomplishment.

"We had the instructors line up

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- photo courtesy of Bobby Jines

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and down the rows for the graduates to walk through as part of the recession,” Dr. Simpson said. “Graduates were able to shake hands, and some even high-fived their teachers as they went down the aisle.”

**Below is a list of ACTI graduates:**

**Auto Collision**

**Instructors-** Don Crossley, David Tunnicliff

Brandon Keeny-Lonoke; Katherine Phillips-El Dorado; Jamaal Randall-Pine Bluff; Cameron Wolfe-Little Rock

**Automotive Maintenance Technology**

**Instructor-Wayne Thomas**

De Angelo Ford-Hot Springs

**Business Education**

**Instructor- Sandra Dunn**

Edward Clark-Conway; Shemeka Jones-Pine Bluff; Destiny McCallister-Fort Smith; Tiffany Ross-Fordyce

**Certified Nursing Assistant**

**Instructor- Sharyn Spiva**

Cara Davidson-Little Rock; Santia Jenkins-Pine Bluff; Tasha Laxson-Harrison; Cheryl Shulz-Springdale

**Construction Technology**

**Instructor- David Morrow**

Shawn A. Rodriguez-Fort Smith

**Cosmetology**

**Instructor- Jennifer Balisle**

Kia Cochran-San Antonio, TX; Felicia Croney- Yellville; Alaini Michelle Kemp-Malvern; Jeremy Kuykendall-Van Buren

**Environmental System Services**

**Instructor- Janice McMahon**

Tim Wilson-Hot Springs

**Food Service**

**Instructor- Curtis Faulkner**

Mallory Ayala-Hot Springs; Naomi Benson-Bentonville; Ronnie Browning-Arkadelphia; James Davis-Hot Springs; William Lowry-Hot Springs; Dematrimon McElroy-El Dorado; Zachery Rodgers-North Little Rock

**Medical Office Technology**

**Instructor- Dr. Marty Driggers**

Vickie Dahms-Stevens Point, WI; Montanna Smith-Little Rock

**Printing**

**Instructors-** Ralph Forbes, Tom Kennedy, Luther Peoples, Larry Ward

Anne Marie Abel-Malvern; Rodney A. Greathouse-Little Rock; Charles Payton Phillips-Springdale; Eric Polston-Walnut Ridge; Vanessa Reynolds-Little Rock

**Sales & Marketing**

**Instructor- Jacob Bryant**

Shane Scott-Texarkana

**Small Engines/Groundskeeping**

**Instructors- Nick Avery, Gary Johnston**

Bradley Vermilyer-Hackett

**Welding**

**Instructor- Dennis Pickering**

Daniel Brothers-Walters, OK; Cordell Momon-Hampton; James Morrison-Bryant; John Nation-Fort Smith

**DWE Automotive Inservice Brings Together Technicians and Instructors for Valuable Training**

**N**early 50 automotive, diesel and collision repair instructors from across the state, along with technicians from local automotive dealerships, took part in an effective one-day inservice recently where they got hands-on experience learning troubleshooting tips for vehicle electrical circuits.

The inservice at Pulaski Technical College-South in Little Rock was organized by the Arkansas Department of Workforce Education and was conducted by Vince Fischelli, president of Veejer Enterprises of Garland, Texas. It allowed attendees to test and troubleshoot electrical circuits with specially designed live circuit board trainers that simulated vehicle circuits.

Bringing high school and college instructors and technicians from the workforce together was an important key, according to Ray Winiecki, DWE Transportation Education Supervisor.

“This was an innovative new process where we’re trying to incorporate industries into our teacher workshops,” he said. “It went real well. We had them all in the room at the same time, and they were able to interact, share ideas and network.”

“We kept hearing from industries that technicians needed more electrical diagnosis knowledge, so we are moving toward educating our instructors so they can pass it along to our students. That way when we teach students, they can go into the workplace and diagnose electrical items a lot quicker.”

Winiecki said he’s never gotten as much positive feedback from attendees at a conference as he has from this one.

“It was the biggest response we’ve ever gotten,” he said. “It was needed information and the inservice was given in a very simplified, but very effective, way. Everyone understood it and it was practical.”

Bennie Byrd, automotive instructor at the Area Career and Technical Center in Russellville, attended the event and agreed.

“This workshop was the best hands-on workshop I have ever attended,” he said. “During my 27 years in the automotive business, I can now say that I know how to troubleshoot grounds, open and short circuits. The instructor for the class made troubleshooting easy and practical. I’ve already diagnosed three electrical problems with 100 percent accuracy.”

“I am now training my students with troubleshooting techniques I learned during the workshop.”



**Ray Winiecki**  
DWE Transportation Education Supervisor  
Office of Skilled and Technical Sciences



Participating automotive instructors practice problem-solving tips suggested by local dealership technicians.

## Students in the ACTI Welding Program Get Well Rounded Training with High Tech Equipment

**S**tudents enrolled in the welding program at the Arkansas Department of Workforce Education's Arkansas Rehabilitation Services Division's Arkansas Career Training Institute's (ACTI) welding program now have a new high-tech piece of equipment to develop their skills on.

The \$44,000 Koike Aronson Thermal Cutting Machine allows operators to enter welding instructions into a computer while the actual cutting is automated.

"This is really fantastic computerized technology,"



Students in the Welding class of Instructor Dennis Pickering (far right) check out their new piece of machinery.

says welding Master Instructor Dennis Pickering. "This machine will provide our students with another job line running this kind of technology."

The thermal cutter is the most technologically advanced addition to the course, which already provides areas of study that include: safety, blueprint reading, oxyacetylene cutting, plasma cutting, shielded metal arc welding and glass metal arc welding. The program, which has a classroom limit of 23 students, offers well rounded welding training in order to offer its students the best route to a career following graduation.

"You get the attention you need here at ACTI," said James Morrison, a 19-year-old welding student from Bryant who has been in the program for about 12 months. "They really let you learn here in the welding program."

Students virtually unanimously agree that the combination of an overall education in industrial welding, hands-on training and theory classes are preparing them to become job ready.

"This is all pretty neat," said Brandon Edwards, a 23-year-old student from Greenwood who has been in the welding program for 10 months. "You can't beat

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## More than 600 Arkansas CTE Students Gather in Jonesboro to Celebrate Course Completion



Xavier Billingsley, former FCCLA President, speaks to the audience as (l-r) Randy Zook, Deputy Director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission; DWE Director William L. "Bill" Walker, Jr.; and HOSA officer Jasmine Jackson listen.

**M**ore than 600 high school seniors who have completed career and technical education (CTE) courses gathered on March 19 at the Arkansas State University Convocation Center in Jonesboro to celebrate their achievements and to look toward their futures.

The students joined together for an event known as "Graduating to the Workplace," a joint venture between the Arkansas Department of Workforce Education, the Arkansas Economic Development Commission and Crowley's Ridge Educational Service Cooperative. The event was organized as an opportunity to recognize high school seniors who have completed at least one CTE program of study.

The students represented 26 schools from across Arkansas, and many had already earned industry certifications and/or Arkansas Career Readiness Certificates that indicate they have prepared themselves for success in the workplace.

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JAG is a school-to-career program in 700 secondary and post-secondary schools across the country and in the United Kingdom. JAG aims to keep at-risk young people in school through graduation while providing work-based learning experiences that will lead to career advancement or post-secondary enrollment and then a rewarding career. JAG Model Programs deliver a unique set of services to targeted youth in high school – including 12 months of post-graduation follow-up services – that will result in the graduate pursuing a postsecondary education and/or entering the workforce in a quality career.

During the opening-day board meeting, Governor Mike Beebe, who has also been a board member for about a year, commented on JAG's success in Arkansas.

"It's taking kids who a lot of people have thrown away, or not given a chance, or [who] have obstacles or barriers, and it's a special program designed to keep people from dropping out of school," Beebe said. "It's turning young people, primarily, into productive citizens."

In Arkansas, 1,300 students currently participate in 41 Jobs for Arkansas's Graduate programs at 36 middle and high schools. Last year, 23 of these programs earned JAG's prestigious 5-of-5 status for meeting the national program's performance model, which is based on a set of five standards that are considered critical to the success of local programs along with the future success of students. These standards include graduation/GED completion rates, positive outcome rates, employment rates, full-time job rates, and full-time placement rates.

"Arkansas is fully committed to



**JAG national board members toured Arkansas's School for the Blind (left) and School for the Deaf and discussed issues of job acquisition with students.**  
*Turn the page to see more of the board members' activities during their visit to Little Rock.*

the JAG program," Director Walker said. "JAG's motto and vision is 'A Nation without Dropouts.' I can see an Arkansas without dropouts because of JAG.

"On average, one student in our state drops out of school every 51 minutes. JAG can help reduce that rate dramatically. It is a proven success that not only keeps students in school, but it encourages them to continue their education and helps them find a career."

Nationally, JAG serves nearly 40,000 participants in 28 states. More than 600,000 students have participated in the JAG program since its creation in 1980. The success the program has generated is undeniable.

JAG students graduate at a rate of 94 percent within 12 months of the normal school graduation date. Nearly 78 percent are employed, in a postsecondary training program or in the military at the end of the 12-month follow-up after graduation. More than 40 percent of students are enrolled in postsecondary education following JAG participation. This is especially significant considering most students who enroll in JAG programs do not anticipate attending college when they begin the program.

Considering that sort of success in the state and nationwide, the Arkansas Department of Work-

force Education (DWE) is breaking new ground with its JAG programs. The agency's Career and Technical Education division has recently provided New Start-Up Grant funding to help create 29 new JAG programs within alternative learning environments at several schools in the state as a way to emphasize career and technical components for special populations.

"We feel we have made giant steps forward in Arkansas in the application of our JAG programs," said DWE JAG Program Manager Marylene Tate. "We've experienced a great deal of success, and we want to see that success grow exponentially to every corner of the educational spectrum."

National JAG Board Chairman and Maine Governor John Baldacci couldn't help but recognize Arkansas's success and agree with Tate.

"Arkansas is being recognized for what it does with Jobs for America's Graduates with the School for the Blind and the School for the Deaf," Baldacci said. "These are wonderful programs. Everywhere across the country, people are going to get tired of hearing me talk about Arkansas's innovation and achievement. But that's all right. [Arkansas's] JAG programs need to be heard. These are ideas we need to share nationwide."

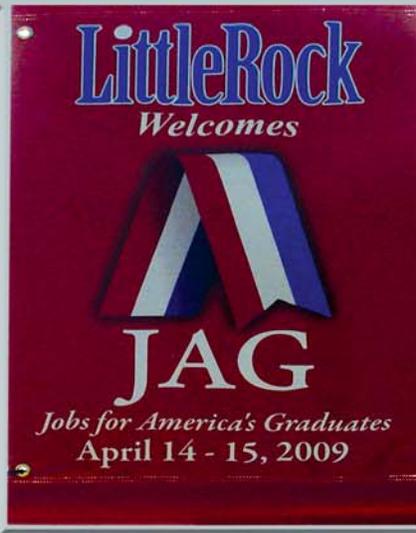
# Host City Extends Warm Welcome to JAG Board



(left) JAG Executive Committee Chair Thomas Tauke; (center) DWE Director Bill Walker, Arkansas Governor and JAG board member Mike Beebe, and JAG President and CEO Kenneth Smith; and (right) JAG Chairman and Maine Governor John Baldacci meet and exchange ideas.



(l-r) JAG Chairman Baldacci, Wal-Mart representative Laurie Smalling, and Governor Beebe



(l-r) ARS Interim Director for Arkansas Career Training Institute Judy Smith, ACTI Vocational Training Supervisor Dr. Dawn Simpson, and DWE Associate Director for Workforce Training Sandra Porter



(l-r) DWE Associate Director for Career and Technical Education Rod Duckworth, state Senator Shane Broadway, and DWE Deputy Director for Adult Education Jim Smith



(l-r) JAG Executive Committee Chair Thomas Tauke and Governor Beebe



Michael Golden, Corporate Vice President of Education Products Group/Microsoft (center), is flanked by ACTI Business Education Instructors (l-r) Marty Driggers and Sandra Dunn at Thursday's luncheon.



DWE Director Walker presents Arkansas Traveler certificate to Board



Springdale High School JAG teacher, Britt James, who was named National New Career and Technical Education Teacher of the Year in December



JAG Board meets at the Governor's Mansion



(l-r) JAG Chair Baldacci and Governor Beebe

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**JAG Board Members Find Little Rock Stay Highly Informative**



**National Board Visits Arkansas's School for the Blind & School for the Deaf JAG Programs**



## Senior Management Team

# SMT Update

Robert P. Treviño  
 Commissioner for  
 Arkansas Rehabilitation  
 Services Division  
 of the Department of  
 Workforce Education



There is an often cited phrase that says “every cloud has a silver lining.” In these trying economic times, it is good to keep that perspective. **In the case of vocational rehabilitation, our silver lining comes in the form of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).** The ARRA provides us with an unprecedented opportunity to implement innovative strategies and improve employment outcomes for individuals with disabilities. According to the federal government, the principle goal of the ARRA is to “stimulate the economy in the short term and invest in education and other essential public services to ensure the long term economic health of our nation.”

Under the ARRA, \$540 million is allocated to the states in the form of VR state grants. In Arkansas’s case, we are scheduled to receive nearly \$5.9 million to assist individuals with disabilities to prepare for, obtain and maintain employment. We are especially focusing on individuals with the most significant disabilities. In other words, we will utilize the one time funding to increase our capacity to serve individuals in innovative ways and methods which create improved outcomes.

While the ARRA is a pleasant relief at a crucial time in our profession, there is nevertheless a solemn responsibility to the taxpayers and to the people we serve.

As the agency prepares to invest these funds, we are guided by

three primary principles:

1. **Spend our funds quickly to save and create jobs**

The agency has plans in place for using funds consistent with ARRA’s reporting and accounting requirements. This will enable the agency to begin spending and distributing funds quickly to avoid layoffs and to create jobs.

2. **Ensure transparency, reporting and accountability**

Since these monies are held to a tighter reporting requirement, the agency will publicly report on how funds are being utilized. In turn the agency will be able to accurately track and measure results while limiting abuse and fraud.

3. **Invest one-time ARRA funds thoughtfully to minimize the ‘funding cliff’**

The ARRA represents a historic infusion of funds to the agency and is intended to be temporary. In fact, ARRA funds will only be available until September 30, 2011. The agency will invest in ways that do not result in unsustainable commitments after the funding has expired.

This past month, ARS received 50 percent of the ARRA funds allocated under the stimulus, and we expect to receive the remaining 50 percent this September. Additionally, we have submitted to Gov. Beebe an additional proposal for ARRA State Fiscal Stabilization Funds for

renovation to Governor Beebe. We are exceptionally fortunate to have a governor who supports our mission and is dedicated to improving meaningful employment for Arkansans living with a disability.

**What does it mean to ARS and the people we serve?**

The ARRA translates into renovation of our elegant, yet aging, facilities at Arkansas Career Training Institute (formerly the Hot Springs Rehabilitation Center). It means leaky roof repair and electrical system upgrade and repair. It means enhanced funding for new resources for the Arkansas Career Training Institute (ACTI) training programs, new technology and software system upgrades including, a state of the art case management system for the field division which will permit more time for client service and a new inventory software and tracking for ACTI. Staff development and training will also comprise an important component, along with stronger support for independent living and supported employment. The list is rather lengthy and comprehensive, but it strategically targets those areas which have long been underfunded and deserve innovative approaches.

As I noted earlier, this is an unprecedented opportunity for vocational rehabilitation. We are duty bound to invest these funds prudently and in a manner in which succeeding generations of Arkansans will look back upon this period of our service admiringly.

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vised to align with the requirements of Title II of the Workforce Investments Act of 1998,” Smith said. “Under the new formula, funds will be allocated based on program performance relating to two criteria – outcomes and participation. Data on outcomes and participation is measured through the National Reporting System for Adult Education.”

Other presentations at the meeting included one from Arkansas Rehabilitation Services (ARS) Division Commissioner Robert Treviño and John Wright, ARS Chief Financial Officer, who informed board members that ARS had been designated to receive federal stimulus act funding under two grant formulas.

“Arkansas Rehabilitation Services will receive an estimated \$5.5 million in Title I funding and an estimated \$250,000 from Title VII funding as part of the Vocational Rehabilitation State Grant from the U.S. Department of Education,” Commissioner Trevino said. “Secondly, ARS anticipates funding between \$2 and \$6 million from the state’s allocation of the Stabilization Fund under Governor Beebe’s direction.”

Board members also approved a new agency employee manual. In the past, employees of the Department of Workforce Education and Arkansas Rehabilitation Services had separate manuals, but a committee of employees from DWE and ARS developed a new combined manual which will now be used agency-wide, according to Pamela Harris, Human Resources Administrator.

“The agency will now operate from one standard, comprehensive policy manual,” Harris said.

In its last act of business, the board recognized Marion Fletcher,



(l-r): **Robert Treviño, DWE’s Arkansas Rehabilitation Services Division Commissioner, and John Wright, Chief Financial Officer/Associate Director for ARS, answer questions.**

DWE Program Manager for Agriculture Science and Technology, for his March 13 induction into the Arkansas Agriculture Hall of Fame. DWE Director William L. “Bill” Walk-



(l-r): **Jim Smith, DWE Deputy Director for Adult Education, joins the discussion with Charlie Brown, Deputy Director for Finance.**

er, Jr., SBWECO Chairman Jack Justus and DWE Deputy Director John Davidson presented Fletcher with a special trophy in honor of his accomplishment.

## DWE’s Brock Elected National DECA President



**Jim Brock**

**A**rkansas Department of Workforce Education Business and Marketing Technology Public School Program Advisor and State DECA Advisor Jim Brock is one of the newest officers on the National DECA Board of Directors.

Brock was elected as the 2009-2010 president-elect and 2010-2011 president in January after first being elected to serve on the National Board in June 2008.

“As president-elect and president, I will serve on the executive committee of the National Board as well as serve as a member of the board,” said Brock. “When I become president, I will serve as president of DECA Inc., which is the governing board for the DECA organization of over 180,000 student members.”

DWE Deputy Director of Career and Technical Education John Davidson says Brock’s election says a great deal about Brock’s ability and the DECA organization in Arkansas.

“Jim Brock is extremely capable, and he’s been able to do extraordinary things with DECA in Arkansas,” says Davidson. “Arkansas is a small state, but for its size it has a very large, very strong, very active DECA presence. I think that the national organization recognized that. They saw what Jim has been able to do here. I think Jim was elected because he gets results, and he deserves our congratulations.”

## Arkansas FCCLA Members Give Back at State Conference



FCCLA students from around the state raised over ten thousand dollars for the **Feed The Children** relief organization.

**M**ore than 800 Arkansas Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) students from 124 Arkansas schools gathered together March 24-25 at the Robinson Center and Statehouse Convention Center in Little Rock for the FCCLA State Leadership Conference.

The conference was themed “Reaching R Best,” and was geared toward helping the student members – all of whom are studying Family and Consumer Sciences – focus on volunteerism. On top of the usual competitive Students Taking Action with Recognition (STAR) events that highlight each FCCLA conference, students and chapters were encouraged to participate in community, state and national service projects.

Students from 155 FCCLA chapters raised \$10,862.73 for Feed the Children, the national FCCLA outreach project. The total was well above the state goal of \$7,200, the amount required to schedule a truck drop to distribute food purchased from the donations.

Near the close of the State Leadership Conference, FCCLA members worked with Feed the Children partner the Arkansas Rice Depot to load a tractor-trailer with food for needy recipients.

“It was really a neat experience watching all of the students form a line and fill that truck with food to feed the families who need it,” said state FCCLA Advisor Suellen Ward. “It really goes back to our mission of community, state and national service.”

Remaining funds will go toward the national FCCLA-Feed the Children Drive. Nationally, the organization is hoping to raise enough to fill 15 trucks with food at the National Leadership Conference in Nashville, Tenn., July 12-16. At last count, the national total had

reached \$36,484.15, not including Arkansas’s contribution. The donations from Arkansas’s FCCLA chapters are the second largest in the nation, behind only Oklahoma, where Feed the Children is based.

FCCLA student service didn’t end with a single project though. The conference also included a toy drive for patients at Arkansas Children’s Hospital.

Each chapter was asked to bring a toy for “admission” to the conference. That resulted in more than \$2,000 in new playthings for the hospital.

“Student leaders, advisors and [Arkansas Department of Workforce Education Family and Consumer Sciences Public School Program Advisor] Susan Prater, take the lead and they run the conference,” said Ward. “It belongs to the students and I heard it was one of the best ones ever. Everyone had fun, and it was well attended. One of the main points made was the importance of service and that it begins at home. You never know what’s going to really make a difference in someone’s life and hook them in.”

The students who won their individual events are eligible to participate in the FCCLA National Leadership Conference. Two junior and two senior high groups from the Chapter Showcase and Chapter Service Project will likewise advance to the national competition.

During the conference, 220 students received Power of One recognition for completing five growth projects. Power of One helps students find and use their personal power. Members set their own goals, work to achieve them and enjoy the results. The skills members learn in Power of One help them now and in the future in school, with friends and family, in their future at college and on the job.

### Power of One:

- **A Better You** — Improve personal traits
- **Family Ties** — Get along better with family members
- **Working on Working** — Explore work options, prepare for a career, or sharpen skills useful in business
- **Take the Lead** — Develop leadership qualities
- **Speak Out for FCCLA** — Tell others about positive experiences in FCCLA.

See page 27 for a full list of this year’s FCCLA conference winners.

# HOSA State Conference

## Offers Participants a Look into the Future of Healthcare

**N**early 500 students from 25 high schools participated in the annual **Arkansas Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA)** Spring Leadership Conference March 31-April 1 at the Hot Springs Convention Center. The theme for this year's conference was "HOSA: Where One Person's Passion Becomes Another Person's Hero."

After two days of competitions in events ranging from First Aid/CPR to Human Growth and Development, students learned if they were the top finishers in their events and whether they would be attending the HOSA National Leadership Conference in Nashville, Tennessee in June.

*"I couldn't be more pleased with the success of the conference this year," HOSA State Advisor and DWE Public School Program Advisor Barbara Dimon said.* "Working together, our staff put everything in motion and was rewarded in the end with very smooth competitions and ceremonies. With that said, HOSA can only be pulled off because of the gracious support of the community of volunteers participating as judges and the hard work of my instructors in lending a hand."

"While my staff and I do all the planning, that is all for naught without those community volunteers and my instructors that allow this conference to move from the planning stages to it actually happening. And last, but not least, we all do this for the students. My congratulations go out to each winner. But in our eyes, all students are winners by the mere fact that they participated, regardless of whether they went home with a medal or not."

**New state officers were also chosen** with Bethany Ballard of Cabot High School elected President; Kacie Null of Cabot High School, Vice-President; Kayla Jo Pennebaker of River Valley Technical Center, Sec-



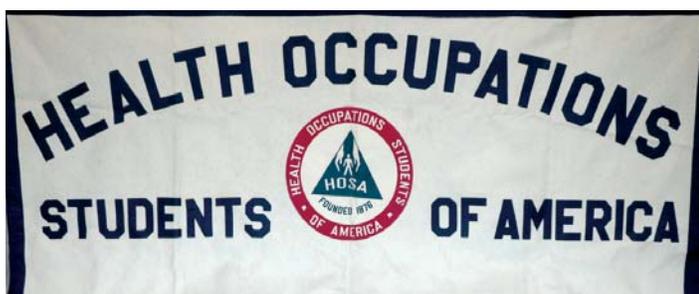
**Departing HOSA Officers (seated):** President Jasmine Jackson, from Tuckerman High School; **standing immediately behind Jackson** are (l-r): Treasurer Stacie Gunderman from River Valley Technical Center-Morrilton; Vice President Curt Cooper from Tuckerman High School; and Secretary Hunter Daniels from Tuckerman High School

retary; Katie Howard of Cabot High School, Treasurer; Whitney Blaeuer of Cabot High School, Historian; and Kaleb Bivens of Quitman High School, Parliamentarian.

The mission of HOSA is to enhance the delivery of compassionate, quality health care by providing opportunities for knowledge, skill and leadership development of all health, science, technology and education students, therefore helping students to meet the needs of the health care community.

"It's always thrilling to see how committed these conference participants are to the only student organization totally dedicated to health care," Arkansas Department of Workforce Education Director William L. "Bill" Walker, Jr. said. "It's no secret that the competition for jobs in today's marketplace is very fierce. These students are getting a competitive edge by laying the foundation and gaining early experience in a profession that is so crucial to the quality of life of all Arkansans. Congratulations to all the winners, and I know they will represent Arkansas well in Nashville."

See page 27 for a full list of this year's HOSA conference winners.



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a free education. And with what I'm learning here, I'm eventually going to have a job in welding. My stepdad's been telling me about jobs in Fort Smith that start at \$15 an hour. I'll be ready when I graduate. I hope I can start soon."

Students also have another advantage when seeking employment – the Department of Workforce Education's Career and Technical Education Division has been granted a three-year accreditation by the National Center for Construction Edu-



cation and Research (NCCER).

Because of the accreditation, students enrolled in construction-technology-oriented programs in the state can now be NCCER certified. A student who gets certified can then take the card they earn anywhere in the world to any major construction company and get a great job. There is a shortage of construction workers, and being certified by NCCER will benefit those who take part in the program.

According to Pickering, ACTI is currently seeking dual accreditation for the welding program.

"When the students graduate with both accreditations, they'll have no problem getting a job," Pickering said. "They'll have the skills they need and the paperwork to prove it."

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The event recognized that each student completer has some of the skills businesses and industries are looking for. There were several vendors, military recruiters and companies on hand for the students to meet with, as well as representatives from postsecondary institutions around the state.

"Many of these seniors have received their certification in several areas and are ready to either go to work or go to college after graduation," said Department of Workforce Director William L. "Bill" Walker, Jr. "One of the advantages that these students have today is that they're very well trained in many of the areas that business and industry are looking to employ them in."

Event speaker and one-time state FCCLA President Xavier Billingsley said the students will have another advantage.

"They can get a job in the workplace even though the economy is bad right now. They can still go out there and market themselves as fresh individuals," Billingsley said.

As more and more workers from the baby-boom generation retire, that type of edge can't be counted out.

Walker said just by being a CTE completer, these students are ready for the competitive job market.

"It's always going to be competitive, and I think it should be because businesses want the best and the brightest. These kids absolutely represent that in every way, and we're proud of all of them," said Walker.

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because there is a need for leadership in schools across the state and nation.

"Teachers are leaders guiding students into the workforce," said Anselmi. "Because of that, teachers have to develop those leadership skills. We've come to Hot Springs to help them do that and to enhance Career and Technical Education through career and professional learning."

Region IV Vice President Darin Lackey of Oklahoma says that the region plays a crucial role in the future of education and the economy.

"In the upcoming years, it will be vital that Region IV builds on our success and continues to lead in the areas of membership, future ACTE leadership and future planning," Lackey said. "It is no secret that economic trends are creating new challenges for all educators across the country. CTE is well poised to help bring our nation out of the current economic crisis. We are key to making that happen."

Winiecki says that while the conference was very well attended and everyone who attended said that they enjoyed themselves and were enriched by the experience, many will be taking a few ideas back to their home states.

"Everyone I talked to from all six states indicated that this was an outstanding conference," Winiecki said. "They raved about Paul Vitale, our keynote speaker, and several states indicated that they would have him speak in their states very soon. Three CTSO student presidents – DECA, FBLA, and PBL – spoke at our conference and did an outstanding job. Other states will take this idea back home with them as well."

# Career and Technical Student Organizations State Conference Results



**3-D Visualization/Animation, Secondary** - First: Michael Russell, Kenneth Jones, *River Valley Technical Center*; Second - Victor Rivas, Kenny Inthirath, *Springdale High School*; Third: Amadeo Ruiz, Brenden Glidden, *Western Arkansas Technical Center*

**3-D Visualization/Animation, Post Secondary** - First: Wade Atchley, Dustin Jameson, *University of Arkansas at Fort Smith*

**Advertising Design, Secondary** - First: Lois LaBuda, *Western Arkansas Technical Center*; Second: Hannah LaMora, *Western Arkansas Technical Center*; Third - Geneva Stewart, *Springdale High School*

**Advertising Design, Post Secondary** - First: Chelsea Eichler, *University of Arkansas at Fort Smith*

**American Spirit, Secondary** - First: Miriah Robinson, Danielle Washington, *Conway Area Career Center*; Second: Brittanie Smith, Lacey Jennings, *South East Arkansas Community Based Education Center*; Third: Ashley Kimmel, *Jefferson Area Vocational Center*

**Architectural Drafting, Secondary** - First: Jonathan McDowell, *Rogers High School*; Second: Joel Cloud, *Western Arkansas Technical Center*; Third: Tyler Raney, *River Valley Technical Center*

**Architectural Drafting, Post Secondary** - First: Lafeale Long, *Crowley's Ridge Technical Institute*;

**Audio Production (Radio), Secondary** - First: Dakota Tuggle, Kevin Hoggard, *Cave City High School*; Second: Tanner Knight, Devin Weir, *Cabot High School*; Third: Nicole Spurlock, Allen Wright, *Cave City High School*

**Automotive Parts Specialist, Secondary** - First: Justin Fox, *Jacksonville High School*; Second: Josh Pierson, *Rogers Heritage High School*; Third: Zach Green, *Ouachita Area High School Career Center*

**Automotive Parts Specialist, Post Secondary** - First: Dexter Lawrence, *South Arkansas Community College*; Second: Michael Barham, *Arkansas Tech University- Ozark*; Third: Ethan Kimes, *Arkansas Tech University- Ozark*

**Automated Manufacturing Technology, Secondary** - First: Hunter Edwards, Allen Wright, *Bentonville High School*; Second: Juan Aguilar, Denver Banks, Jessica Hacker, *Springdale High School*; Third: Eric Jones, Frank Guerra, Ross Hoyne, *Mountain Home High School*

**Automotive Refinishing Technology, Secondary** - First: Cory Nichols, *Conway Area Career Center*; Second: Benjamin Pittman, *Conway Area Career Center*; Third: Michael Matthews, *Jonesboro Area Technical Center*

**Automotive Refinishing Technology, Post Secondary** - First: Darius Martin, *Pulaski Technical College*; Second: Tyler Shackelford, *Arkansas Tech University- Ozark*; Third: Mario Zuniga, *Cossatot Community College*

**Automotive Service Technology, Secondary** - First: Josh Christensen, *Western Arkansas Technical Center*; Second: Justin Graves, *South Arkansas Community College*; Third: Daniel Bryant, *Cabot High School*

**Automotive Service Technology, Post Secondary** - First: Caleb Smith, *Northwest Technical Institute*; Second: Jorge Ordonez, *Northwest Technical Institute*; Third: Anthony Jarrett, *Arkansas State University Searcy*

**Aviation Maintenance Technology, Post Secondary** - First: Ross Pilgrin, *SAU Tech Career Academy*; Second: Michael Garinger, *SAU Tech Career Academy*; Third: Landon Coomer, *SAU Tech Career Academy*

**Basic Health Care Skills, Secondary** - First: Brandi Johnson, *Magnolia High School*; Second: Halie Beckwith, *Pulaski Technical College- Saline County Career Center*; Third: Malasia Sharp, *Magnolia High School*

**Broadcast News Production (TV News Anchor), Secondary** - First: Corinna Myer, Tiffany Duke, Whitney Bell, Amie Wilmutch, *Cave City High School*; Second: Hayden Balgavy, Cole King, Racheal Wood, Albert Hoover, *Cabot High School*; Third: Brittny Landers, Courtney Ewing, Brittny Smith, Tiffany England, *Cave City High School*

**Cabinetmaking, Secondary** - First: Hunter Johnson, *White Hall High School*; Second: Stephen Redding, *Eureka Springs High School*; Third: Tullal Abudubai, *Northside High School*

**Cabinetmaking, Post Secondary** - First: Cody Seals, *Cossatot Community College*

**Carpentry, Secondary** - First: Kolton Johnson, *Eureka Springs High School*; Second: Nick Cater, *Monticello Occupational Education Center*; Third: Dustin Johnson; *Eureka Springs High School*

**Carpentry, Post Secondary** - First: Shawn Hunting, *North Arkansas College*; Second: Lakota Hoover, *Cossatot Community College*

**Chapter Business Procedure, Secondary** - First: Emily Robinson, Nick Rise, Martine Huffman, Brooke Grissom, Dakota Wilson, Sara Stormes, *Corning High School*; Second: Katherine Arthurs, Tish Watkins, Cassie Zimmerman, Danielle Pena, Shana Gibbs, Amanda Hornway, *Springdale High School*; Third: Orland Martinez, Benny Luna, Edwin Reyes, Juan Zermeno, Ashley Xaysanasy, Adrian Lopez, *Springdale High School*

**Chapter Display, Secondary** - First: Eric Wooten, *Jonesboro Area Technical Center*; Second: Brittany Lacey, Tameshia Morrise, *Turrell High School*

**CNC Milling Technology, Secondary** - First: Tom Jordan, *Rogers Heritage High School*; Second: John Garland, *Jonesboro Area Technical Center*; Jovanni Talamante, *Area Career & Technical Center*

**CNC Turning Technology, Secondary** - First: Justin Gulley, *Jonesboro Area Technical Center*; Second: Roberto Jimenez, *Rogers Heritage High School*; Third: Raymond Self, *Rogers Heritage High School*

**Collision Repair Technology, Secondary** - First: Zach Harvey, *Conway Area Career Center*; Second: Eric Gossett, *Jonesboro Area Technical Center*; Third: Todd Siebert, *Northark Technical Center*

**Collision Repair Technology, Post Secondary** - First: Charles Myers, *Pulaski Technical College*; Second: Lee Selman, *Arkansas Tech University- Ozark*; Third: Deven Humphrey, *North Arkansas College*

**Commercial Baking, Secondary** - First: Jennifer Schmidt, *North-West Arkansas Community College- Regional Technical Center*; Second: Thomas Allen, *Metropolitan Career & Technical Center*; Third: Sara Brewer, *Springdale High School*

**Commercial Baking, Post Secondary** - First: Meredith Bennett, *Pulaski Technical College*; Second: Brad Cash, *Pulaski Technical College*; Third: Karen Brown, *Ozarka College*

**Community Service, Secondary** - First: Itzy Castorena, Maria Herrera, Berenice Manjarrez, *Springdale High School*; Second: Morgan Beason, Hannah Roark, Amber Talley, *Magnolia High School*; Third: Danielle Moody, Caitlan Spoon, *National Park Community College*

**Computer Maintenance Technology, Secondary** - First: Jonathan Chambers, *Cossatot Community College*; Second: Gabriel Quezada, *Western Arkansas Technical Center*; Third: Jennifer Grove, *Sylvan Hills High School*

**Computer Maintenance Technology, Post Secondary** - First: Brad Bynum, *Arkansas State University at Marked Tree*; Second: Robert Carter, *Arkansas Tech University- Ozark*; Third: Dennis Guzman, *University of Arkansas at Fort Smith*

**Cosmetology, Secondary** - First: Isabel Cortes, *Conway Area Career Center*; Second: Britany Rogers, *Northwest Arkansas Community College- Regional Technical Center*; Third: Jami Brown, *NorthWest Arkansas Community College- Regional Technical Center*

**Cosmetology, Post Secondary** - First: Beth Willoughby, *Arkansas State University Marked Tree*; Second: Sierra Harsson, *Arkansas State University Marked Tree*; Third - April Rodgers, *Arkansas State University Marked Tree*

**Cosmetology (Under 400 Hours), Secondary** - First: Bailey Romeo, *Conway Area Career Center*; Second: Kayeline Roberts, *Pulaski Technical College*; Third: Amber Scott, *North Central Vocational Center*

**Crime Scene Investigation, Secondary** - First: Ana Garcia, Matt Montgomery, Jackie Sandoval, *Springdale High School*; Second: Stefany Shuffield, Jessica Edwards, Marci Fortanelli, *National Park Community College*; Third: Sasha Waid, Steve Bodine, Michelle Bredemitz, *Western Arkansas Technical Center*

**Criminal Justice, Secondary** - First: Jessica Seager, *National Park Community College*; Second: Bailee Christensen, *Cabot High School*; Third: Ben Ford, *Cabot High School*

**Criminal Justice, Post Secondary** - First: David See, *Ouachita Technical College*

**Culinary Arts, Secondary** - First: Hope Phillips, *Area Career & Technical Center*; Second: Hillary Bell, *NorthWest Arkansas Com-*

*munity College- Regional Technical Center*; Third: Jeffery Agee, *Metropolitan Career Technical Center*

**Culinary Arts, Post Secondary** - First: Shane Lively, *Ozarka College*; Second: Richard Davis, *National Park Community College*; Third: Tyrone Fox, *Pulaski Technical College*

**Customer Service, Secondary** - First: Stephanie Clements, *Smackover High School*; Second: Kala Haynes, *Pulaski Technical College- Saline County Career Center*; Third: Kayley Huffman, *Armored High School*

**Dental Assisting, Secondary** - First: Nancy Gallardo, *NorthWest Arkansas Community College- Regional Technical Center*; Second: Ashley Freeman, *NorthWest Arkansas Community College- Regional Technical Center*; Third: Josey Pettit, *NorthWest Arkansas Community College- Regional Technical Center*

**Diesel Equipment Technology (Farm), Secondary** - First: Jeffrey Moore, *Mid-South Community College Technical Center*; Second: Allen Witcher, *Mid-South Community College Technical Center*; Third: Darius Key, *Mid-South Community College Technical Center*

**Diesel Equipment Technology (Farm), Post Secondary** - First: Aaron Elder, *Northwest Technical College*; Second: Keith Morton, *University of Arkansas at Hope*; Third: Johnny Terry, *Northwest Technical College*

**Diesel Equipment Technology (Truck), Secondary** - First: Dylan Gattis, *Mid-South Community College Technical Center*; Second: Jordan Villines, *Huntsville High School*; Third: Lemuel Strange, *Mid-South Community College*

**Diesel Equipment Technology (Truck), Post Secondary** - First: Matthew Martin, *Northwest Technical Institute*; Second: Matthew Dykes, *Northwest Technical Institute*; Third: Chad Haslett, *Northwest Technical Institute*

**Electronics Technology, Secondary** - First: Maverick Frazer, *Western Arkansas Technical Center*; Second: Jeremy Massey, *Jonesboro Area Technical Center*; Third: Eric Roberts, *Northark Technical Center*

**Electronics Technology, Post Secondary** - First: Branden McMellon, *University of Arkansas at Fort Smith*; Second: A. Sayvorsa, *Arkansas Tech University- Ozark*; Third: Charles White, *Arkansas Tech University- Ozark*

**Extemporaneous Speaking, Secondary** - First: Phillip Reed, *Western Arkansas Technical Center*; Second: Jordan Singleton, *Gravette High School*; Third: Samantha Lee, *Cave City High School*

**Extemporaneous Speaking, Post Secondary** - First: Michael Whatley, *Mid-South Community College Technical Center*; Second: Keith Reeves, *Northwest Technical Institute*; Third: Tucker Lewis, *Northwest Technical Institute*

**First Aid/CPR, Secondary** - First: Shelby Halliday, *Northark Technical Center*; Second: Carl Gott, *Western Arkansas Technical Center*; Third: Perla Martinez, *Ouachita Area High School Career Center*

**First Aid/CPR, Post Secondary** - First: Sarah Mossey, *University of Arkansas at Fort Smith*

**Food and Beverage Service, Secondary** - First: Kenna Becerra, *Springdale High School*; Second: Jeremy Morris, *NorthWest Arkansas Community College- Regional Technical Center*; Third: Jacklyn Jordan, *Springdale High School*

**Food and Beverage Service, Post Secondary** - First: Mason Hargett, *Pulaski Technical College*; Second: Crystal Phelps, *Pulaski Technical College*; Third: Jacob Conley, *Ozarka College*

**Graphic Communications, Secondary** - First: Chris Daniel, *Metropolitan Career & Technical Center*; Second: James Brannon, *Newport High Schools*; Third: Jordan Childers, *Metropolitan Career & Technical Center*

**Health Knowledge Bowl, Secondary** - First: Urian Thurman, Kathyra Washington, Amanda Durmeier, Heather Perry, *Mid-South Community College Technical Center*; Second: Katherine Sexton, Nue Vang, Pachia Lor, Jessica Ellingberg, *Western Arkansas Technical Center*; Third: Savannah Adams, Stephanie Flores, Justin Omohundro, Jennifer LaFreniere, *NorthWest Arkansas Community College- Regional Technical Center*

**Health Knowledge Bowl, Post Secondary** - First: Freda Cranford, Niyuga Mitchell, Tyler Porterfield, Michelle Werner, *Ouachita Technical College*

**Health Occupations Professional Portfolio, Secondary** - First: Brittany Izzard, *Pulaski Technical College- Saline County Career Center*

**HVACR, Secondary** - First: Derric Lowe, *Jonesboro Area Technical Center*; Second: Clinton Zeller, *North Arkansas Technical Center*; Third: William Wierzgag, *North Arkansas Technical Center*

**HVACR, Post Secondary** - First: Dereck McMakin, *Arkansas Tech University- Ozark*; Second: Michael Vu, *Arkansas Tech University- Ozark*; Third: Philip Kile, *Arkansas Tech University- Ozark*

**Industrial Motor Control, Post Secondary** - First: Patrick Latin, *University of Arkansas at Hope*; Second: Jeremy Miller, *University of Arkansas at Hope*; Third: Jesus Estrada, *University of Arkansas at Hope*

**Internetworking, Secondary** - First: Troy Parker, *Hope High School*; Second: Alex Curtis, *Mountain Home High School*; Third: Duncan Davis, *Western Arkansas Technical Center*

**Internetworking, Post Secondary** - First: Michael Short, *University of Arkansas at Fort Smith*; Second: Chris Paxson, *Arkansas State University at Marked Tree*; Third: Devin Lovell, *Mid-South Community College Technical Center*

**Job Interview, Secondary** - First: David Heard, *Dollarway High School*; Second: Lorrie Fleming, *Lakeside High School*; Third: Megan Graddy, *Cave City High School*

**Job Interview, Post Secondary** - First: Rebecca Carolan, *University of Arkansas at Fort Smith*; Second: Sara Wilder, *Arkansas Tech University- Ozark*; Third: Natalie Lopez, *Arkansas Tech University- Ozark*

**Job Skill Demonstration A, Secondary** - First: David Zayas, *Pulaski Technical College- Saline County Career Center*; Second: Levi Watt, *Cave City High School*; Third: Mitch Woodson, *Area Career and Technical Center*

**Job Skill Demonstration A, Post Secondary** - First: Terri Staggs, *Arkansas Tech University- Ozark*; Second: Sylvia Page, *Ouachita Technical College*; Third: Andrew Chapman, *Northwest Technical Institute*

**Major Appliance Technology, Post Secondary** - First: Cameron Brown, *Crowley's Ridge Technical Institute*; Second: Todd Sims, *Crowley's Ridge Technical Institute*; Third: Micah Collier, *Crowley's Ridge Technical Institute*

**Marine Technology, Post Secondary** - First: Mike Lunsford, *National Park Community College*; Second: Travis Pirtle, *National Park Community College*; Third: John Cudvat, *National Park Community College*

**Masonry, Secondary** - First: Shelby Crawford, *Eureka Springs High School*; Second: Taylor Thompson, *Eureka Springs High School*; Third: Ryan Ramberg, *Eureka Springs High School*

**Medical Coding, Post Secondary** - First: Telisha Dickerson, *Ouachita Technical College*; Second: Kelcy Stuart, *Ouachita Technical College*; Third: Linda Rhodes, *Ouachita Technical College*

**Medical Math, Secondary** - First: Ashley Glover, *Phillips Community College of U of A at Stuttgart*; Second: Michelle Thomas, *Magnolia High School*; Third: George Dixon, *Magnolia High School*

**Medical Terminology and Spelling, Secondary** - First: Parker Taylor, *Pulaski Technical College*; Second: Brittany Kirchoff, *Pulaski Technical College*; Third: Jamie Gallion, *Ouachita Area High School Career Center*

**Medical Terminology and Spelling, Post Secondary** - First: Kristy Keen, *Ouachita Technical College*; Second: Justin Farrell, *Ouachita Technical College*

**Metal Fabrication, Secondary** - First: Austin Thrash, Clay Hickey, Zach Brewer, *Conway Area Career Center*; Second: James Barker, Jason Ewing, Ben Houghton, *Area Career and Technical Center*

**Metal Fabrication, Post Secondary** - First: Ernie Miller, Ronald Pumphrey, Wesley Jackson, *South Arkansas Community College*

**Motorcycle Service Technology, Secondary** - First: Carthen Doster, *South East Arkansas Community Based Education Center*; Second: Brandon Rogers, *Texarkana Area Vocational Center*; Third: Michael McMillan, *South East Arkansas Community Based Education Center*

**Motorcycle Service Technology, Post Secondary** - First: Gibson Harris, *Pulaski Technical College*; Second: Ruston Brack, *Pulaski Technical College*

**Nail Care, Secondary** - First: Kendra Wicker, Kim Dickson (Model), *Pulaski Technical College*; Second: Julia Phillips, Anna Putnam (Model), *NorthWest Arkansas Community College-Regional Technical Center*; Third: Kelsey Reed, Chasity Oates (Model), *Conway Area Career Center*

**Nail Care, Post Secondary** - First: Becky LeBee, Ashlea Bennett (Model), *Pulaski Technical College- Saline County Career Center*; Second: Maranda Graham, Jessica Hendrix (Model), *Crowley's Ridge Technical Institute*; Third: Emily Elder, Amanda Souaysene (Model), *Pulaski Technical College- Saline County Career Center*

**Nurse Assisting, Secondary** - First: Amber Denham, *Northark Technical Center*; Second: Emma Purifoy, *North Little Rock High School- West*; Third: Catie Resendiz, *SAU Tech Career Academy*

**Nurse Assisting, Post Secondary** - First: Brittney Smith, *University of Arkansas at Fort Smith*; Second: Kerri Thompson, *University of Arkansas at Fort Smith*; Third: Heather Ellison, *University of Arkansas at Fort Smith*

**Occupational Health & Safety-Single, Secondary** - First: Darris Milam, Tyler Kirtly, Brad McKendree, *Cabot High School*; Second: Sarah Shelley, *Greenland High School*

**Opening and Closing Ceremonies, Secondary** - First: Kendra Demster, Heather Tate, Sarah Bagwell, Tyler Tully, Journey Byler, Kristen Homer, Jeri Anderson, *Cave City High School*; Second: Verence Perea, Jane Fletcher, Anisha Hendrick, Kate Kearney, Julie Kiehn, Sandra Pedraza, Nicole Engler, *NorthWest*

*Arkansas Community College- Regional Technical Center*; Third: Taylor Judd, Ariel Deckert, Natalie Royal, Emily Edgell, Jordan Tilmon, Kacey Johnson, Lindsey Wright, *Area Career & Technical Center*

**Opening and Closing Ceremonies, Post Secondary** - First: Matthew Kyle, Nicholas Yarbert, Tiffany Varnell, Amy Martin, Paige Scammell, Whitney Scoggins, Anna Gullett, *Pulaski Technical College- Saline County Career Center*

**Outstanding Chapter College/Technical, Post Secondary** - First: Whitney Winters, *Pulaski Technical College*

**Outstanding Chapter High School, Secondary** - First: Jennifer Perez, Melissa Lopez, *Pulaski Technical College- Saline County Career Center*

**Photography, Secondary** - First: Mollie Long, *Conway Area Career Center*; Second: Tabitha Burton, *Jacksonville High School*; Third: Scarlet Dodson, *Jacksonville High School*

**Pipe Welding, Secondary** - First: Nathan Holloway, *ASU Searcy Area Career Center*; Second: Stephen Cissell, *Arkansas Northeastern College*; Third: Will Beaty, *Monticello Occupational Education Center*

**Pipe Welding, Post Secondary** - First: Tori Huggins, *Greater Little Rock JAC*; Second: Russell Jordan, *National Park Community College*; Third: Charles Burns, *National Park Community College*

**Plate Cutting, Secondary** - First: Hunter Byrd, *Arkansas Northeastern College*; Second: Cody Barger, *Westside High School*; Third: Chase Miller, *Area Career & Technical Center*

**Plate Cutting, Post Secondary** - First: Derek England, *Arkansas State University Heber Springs*; Second: Tim McQuaide, *Arkansas Tech University- Ozark*; Third: Todd Chrissnonberry, *Pulaski Technical College*

**Plumbing, Secondary** - First: Rick Jones, *Northside High School*; Second: Will Hamblin, *Eureka Springs High School*; Third: Kevin Crawford, *Eureka Springs High School*

**Plumbing, Post Secondary** - First: Gilbert Mason, *North Arkansas College*; Second: Sergio Gil, *North Arkansas College*

**Power Equipment Technology, Secondary** - First: Chase Joyner; *Ouachita Area High School Career Center*; Second: Jody Jones, *Ouachita Area High School Career Center*; Third: Phillip Brown, *South East Arkansas Community Based Education Center*

**Power Equipment Technology, Post Secondary** - First: James Caldwell, *Pulaski Technical College*; Second: Virgil Reed, *Pulaski Technical College*; Third: Daniel Farley, *Pulaski Technical College*

**Precision Machining Technology, Secondary** - First: Andrew Judy, *Rogers Heritage High School*; Second: Sean Hendron, *Area Career and Technical Center*; Third: Dexter Smith, *Monticello Occupational Education Center*

**Prepared Speech, Secondary** - First: Sara Paxton, *Smackover High School*; Second: Dana Mayfield, *Har-Ber High School*; Third: Nikki Davis, *Cave City High School*

**Preschool Teaching Assistant, Secondary** - First: Kayla Gilliam, *Western Arkansas Technical Center*; Second: Cassey Cossey, *Western Arkansas Technical Center*; Third: Lauren Shepard, *Western Arkansas Technical Center*

**Promotional Bulletin Board, Secondary** - First: Kyra Rose, Breanna Brown, *Conway Area Career Center*; Second: Esther Ellis, Tyler Farmer, *Omaha High School*; Third: Jessica Smart, Suzanne Smith, *Cave City High School*

**Quiz Bowl, Secondary** - First: Blake Lambert, Jackson Ables, Tyler Robbins, Zachary Draper, Justin Yamauchi, *Malvern High School*; Second: Phil Harper, Carrington Jones, Damien Elmore, Antoine Johnson, Mack Brown, *Mid-South Community College Technical Center*; Third: Jessica Trvz, William Embry, Chris Tilton, Clint Usrey, Nick Melson, *Huntsville High School*

**Quiz Bowl, Post Secondary** - First: Scott Jarvis, Anthony McSperitt, Jonathan Ellwood, Kurt Gronwald, Jared Randall, *Northwest Technical Institute*; Second: Keisha Simmons, Leslie Hicks, Faisal Jiwani, Kenya Harden, Marilyn Reddick, *Mid-South Community College Technical Center*; Third: Radlee Bien, James Hayworth, Patrick Hrdlichka, Cory Duncan, Isaac Lynch, *Northwest Technical Institute*

**Related Technical Math, Secondary** - First: Nathan Gibbs, *Gravette High School*; Second: Luke Smith, *Rogers High School*; Third: Christian Kardas, *Magnolia High School*

**Related Technical Math, Post Secondary** - First: Jonathan Jordan, *Ouachita Technical College*

**Residential Wiring, Secondary** - First: Willie Galyen, *Eureka Springs High School*; Second: Jayme Butler, *Eureka Springs High School*; Third: Jimmy Hansen, *Eureka Springs High School*

**Residential Wiring, Post Secondary** - First: Robert Welch, *University of Arkansas at Hope*; Second: Rufus Tollett, *University of Arkansas at Hope*; Third: Joey Osborn, *University of Arkansas at Hope*

**Robotics and Automation Technology, Secondary** - First: Bryan Jarboe, *Arkadelphia High School*; Second: Richard Sweat, Jamie Sullivan, *Arkadelphia High School*; Third: Ethan Arnold, Nathan Jarent, *Bentonville High School*

**Screen Printing Technology, Secondary** - First: Travis Goad, *Greenland High School*; Second: Bret Arnold, *Greenland High School*; Third: Josh Shipp, *Greenland High School*

**Screen Printing Technology, Post Secondary** - First: Kathy Capuson, *Arkansas Career Training Institute*

**Technical Computer Applications, Secondary** - First: Benjamin Clark, *Waldron High School*; Second: Ryan Cason, *Prescott High School*; Third: Dillon Maxwell, *Prescott High School*

**Technical Computer Applications, Post Secondary** - First: Shannon Cameron, *Arkansas State University at Marked Tree*; Second: Robert Feigl, *National Park Community College*; Third: Levi Smith, *Arkansas Tech University- Ozark*

**Technical Drafting, Secondary** - First: Charles Cogburn, *River Valley Technical Center*; Second: Caleb Bryant, *Monticello Occupational Education*; Third: AlexCook, *ASU Searcy Area Career Center*

**Technical Drafting, Post Secondary** - First: Kurt Coslett, *University of Arkansas at Fort Smith*; Second: Roderick Smith, *Crowley's Ridge Technical Institute*

**Television (Video) Production, Secondary** - First: Emily Evans, Blake Guinn, *Greene County Tech High School*; Second: Logan Clark, Tony Passard, *Greene County Tech High School*; Third: Ryan Hoepfl, Chris Simpson, *Greene County Tech High School*

**Video Product Development, Secondary** - First: Novie Demster, Vanessa Baxter, *Cave City High School*; Second: Haley Henderson, Allie Sprenger, *Har-Ber High School*; Third: Julie Davis, Ashlyn Rico, *Texarkana Area Vocational Center*

**Web Design, Secondary** - First: Kynza Capps, Adam Hisaw, *Eureka Springs High School*; Second: Cody Mainhart, Taylor Bratton, *Mid-South Community College Technical Center*; Third: Orline Bowers, Michael Griffin, *Mid-South Community College Technical Center*

**Web Design Post, Secondary** - First: Nou Yang, Lisa Sells, *Arkansas Tech University- Ozark*; Second: Ricky Coulter, Hoa Nguyen, *National Park Community College*; Third: Amber Sanders, Fred Riddle, *Arkansas Tech University- Ozark*

**Welding, Secondary** - First: Ethan Baldrige, *ASU Searcy Area Career Center*; Second: Garrett Prislowsky, *Westside High School*; Third: Kory Darmell, *Northark Technical Center*

**Welding, Post Secondary** - First: Aaron Carr, *Arkansas State University- Heber Springs*; Second: Nick Menne, *Arkansas State University- Heber Springs*; Third: Leslie Walker, *Arkansas Northeastern College*

#### Statesmen Award Winners

**Area Career and Technical Center:** James Barker, Adam Brancum, Whitney Emery, Jason Ewing, Tyler Haney, Sean Hendron, Ben Houghton, Taylor Judd, Natalie Royal, Jacqueline Skiles, Ramon Tafoua, Yag Talamante, Jovanni Talamante, Jordan Tilman, Lindsey Wright, Eva Rivas; **Arkansas High School:** Erica DeMarchi; **Arkansas Tech University-Ozark Campus:** Jamie Brink; **Arkansas Technical University- Ozark:** Sheila Hatfield, James Hawkins, Amber Sanders, Heather Terherst, Nou Yang; **ASU - Heber Springs:** Aaron Carr; **Bearden High School:** Shan Tarian Lambert; **Cabot High School:** Angelica Chamberlain; **Career Academy of Hair Design:** Diana Garza; **Career Academy of Hair Design - Rogers:** Nicole Engler, Jane Fletcher, Anisha Hendrick, Kate Kearney, Verence Perea; **Career Academy of Hair Design-Siloam Springs:** Sarah Goodman, Laura Page; **Career Academy of Hair Design- Springdale:** Samantha Reddell; **Cave City High School:** Sarah Bagwell, Vanessa Baxter, Erin Beakley, Journey Byler, Kendra Demster, Brooke Eddy, Tiffany England, Katie Freeman, Kevin Hoggard, Sarah Landus, Corrina Myer, Dalton Palmer, Holly Presley, Brittany Smith, Annie Willmuth; **Conway High School:** Jordan Berry, Hunter Collins; **Corning High School:** Jay Byford, Brooke Grissom, Logan Lepore, Nick Rice, Emily Robinson, Sara Stormes, Will Styron; **Cossatot Community College of U of A-DeQueen:** Benjamin Castro; **Dumas High School:** Cednic Freeman; **Gravette High School:** Leonard Garside, Chance Key, Brett Meek, Shelby Newell, Rebekkah Richardson, Amy Riles, Jordan Singleton; **Har-Ber High School:** Allison Eagle, Haley Henderson, Stowe Hoffius, Bryn Martens, Victor Mezo; **Jefferson Area Vocational Center:** David Heard; **Lakeside High School:** Lorrie Fleming; **Magnolia High School:** Christian Kardas; **Metropolitan Career Technical Center:** M'yeisha Allen, Jordan Childers, Emily Emerson, Nicole Hill, le'shia Hunter, Brittany Hurd, Ben Johnson, Theo Johnson, Ariel Marshall, Quinesha McCarther, Vernita Peaster, Asha Taylor, Anthony Vines; **Mid-South Community College:** Micheal Wheatley; **Monticello High School:** Caleb Bryant; **National Park Community College:** Misty Ervin, Brittney Fazendine, Jessyca Hoover, Steffani Houston, Jordan Johnston, Virginia Ramirez, Becky Rinkle, Keyunia Smith; **North Arkansas College:** Devin Humphrey; **North Little Rock High School - West:** Emma Purifoy; **NorthArk Technical Center:** Ethan Wahl, Shelby Halliday, Julio Rayo; **NorthWest AR Community College-RTC:** Nancy, Ballardo, Shelby Banks, Ernest Cotton, Stephanie Flores, Maria Herrera, Josh Johnson, Jordan Long, Kristen Nickel, Justin Omohundro, Sandra Pedraza, Julia Phillips, Alyie Pulvirenti, Anna Putnam, Eva Reyes, Martha Rivera, Claudette Rodriguez, Melina Rueda, Dariella Salas, Amanda Tanner, Nancy Yell; **Ouachita Area High School Career Center:** Karla Lopez, Perla Martinez, Yolanda Pascual; **Ouachita Technical College:** Freda Cranford, Niqyua Mithcell, Telisha Womack; **Paragould High School:** Cat Singleton; **Pulaski Technical College- Saline County Career Center:** Paige Scammell, Halie Beckwith, Casey Black, Christina Chenault, Chelsea Clanton, Colton Girlinghouse, Kala Haynes, Shelby

Heerboth, Kaitlyn Jackson, Brittany Kirchoff, Michelle Liszanski, Haley Machycek, Ladi Mayhan, Shelby Poole, Melissa Resendiz, Jessica Salyers, Kelly Schipper, Jessica Sturgeon, Stephanie Vint; **Rogers High School:** Judy Andrew, David Bushnell, Sam Stephens, Spencer Wicker; **SAU Tech Career Academy:** Candida Weathers, Porsha Whitaker  
**Springdale High School:** Adrian Lopez, Tisha Watkins  
**Texarkana Area Vocational Center:** Julie Davis, Ashlyn Rico, Shatelia Walker-Scott; **University of Arkansas at Fort Smith:** Chelsea Eichler, Pachia Lor, Michael Short, Watson Chapel; Ashley Kimmel; **West Side Greers Ferry:** Garrett Prislowsky  
Todd Siebert



**Accounting I** – First: Karen Landis, *Shiloh Christian*; Second: Ashley Tennis, *Greenbrier*; Third: Michaela Dison, *Parker's Chapel*; Fourth: Adam Osmon, *Conway West*; Fifth: Hannah Richesin, *Harrison*.

**Accounting II** – First: Pranav Amin, *Fort Smith Southside*; Second: Chelsea Prince, *Rogers*; Third: Gloria Cooley, *Gosnell*; Fourth: Brad Eckman, *Greenbrier*; Fifth: Blake Thorney, *El Dorado*.

**American Enterprise Project** – First: *Siloam Springs*; Second: *Lonoke*; Third: *Fort Smith Northside*.

**Banking and Financial Studies** – First: Meagan Dukes, Chris Cardin, Nick Rasmussen, *Conway West*; Second: Michael Mars, Zach Parks, *Magazine*; Third: Nicolette Norris, Andrea Ferguson, Laci Dozier, *Magnolia*; Fourth: Chris Bruick, Jason Mills, Blake Palmer, *Fort Smith Southside*; Fifth: Megan Johnson, Christopher Johnson, *Arkadelphia*.

**Business Calculations** – First: Alex Eng, *Bentonville*; Second: Danielle Skinner, *Mena*; Third: Cheyenne Pfreifer, *Brookland*; Fourth: Jaclyn Stockman, *Cabot*; Fifth: Randell Berry, *Sheridan*  
**Business Communications** – First: Cheryl Jones, *Lavaca*; Second: Lauren Irby, *Siloam Springs*; Third: Rachel Brashear, *Hector*; Fourth: Sam Rappoport, *Fort Smith Northside*; Fifth: Destiny Hughes, *Bauxite*.

**Business Ethics** – First: Tyler Mize, Madison Bowling, *White County Central*; Second: Carson Yourk, Stephanie McCullough, Collin Smith, *Salem*; Third: Laura Maxam, Abbey Langley, *Beebe*; Fourth: Jonathan Bradshaw, Kara Cravens, Tanner Ward, *Bryant*; Fifth: Daniel Potter, Arun Chawla, *Bentonville*.

**Business Financial Plan** – First: Jonathan Curlin, *Ozark*; Second: Aubrey Elkins, Bree Boone, *Omaha*; Third: Sheldon Gilker, Lauren Warner, Stephany Wald, *Fort Smith Southside*; Fourth: Cameron Alexander, *Bentonville*; Fifth: Anna Claire Eaton, Shelby Stephenson, Rob Gordon, *Valley View*.

**Business Law** – First: Calvin Summers, *Harrison*; Second: Vanessa Moreno, *De Queen*; Third: Tony Slater, *Cotter*; Fourth: Leticia Navarrete, *Star City*; Fifth: Josey Brewer, *Caddo Hills*.

**Business Math** – First: Caroline Chan, *Fort Smith Southside*; Second: Spencer Noel, *Dierks*; Third: Samantha Williams, *Morrilton*; Fourth: Ted Tyler, *Arkansas Baptist*; Fifth: Shawn Watts, *Alpena*.

**Business Plan** – First: Whitley Burnett, Amanda McAlister, *Omaha*; Second: Asha Jones, John May, *Lonoke*; Third: Beth Pickett, Jordan Blakely, Alicia Turner, *Her-Ber*; Fourth: Maegan Howe, Ashley Horne, *Ozark*; Fifth: Ryan Washington, *Fort Smith Southside*.

**Business Presentation** – First: Kaisha Ferrell, Nicki Faso, *Cushman*; Second: Jovi Champaphanith, Rene Manjarrez, Maggie Phrachanpheng, *Ft. Smith Northside*; Third: Coty Bell, Stephanie Davis, Haylee Myers, *Pangburn*; Fourth: Bethany Flenor, *Beebe*; Fifth: Tia Johnston, Mashia Walker, *Ft. Smith Southside*.

**Business Procedures** – First: Lauren Grinder, *St. Joe*; Second: Kayleigh Ratliff, *Conway West*; Third: Ceslee Montgomery, *North Little Rock West*; Fourth: Teresa Nguyen, *Magnolia*; Fifth: Tyler Stvall, *Quitman*.

**Client Service** – First: Laura Holmes, *Riverview*; Second: Sam Willis, *DeQueen*; Third: Jessica Vanalstyn, *El Dorado*; Fourth: Hunter Banwarth, *Bentonville*; Fifth: Leandra Grant, *Little Rock Mills*.

**Community Service Project** – First: *Pangburn*; Second: *Glen Rose*; Third: *Fort Smith Southside*; Fourth: *Nettleton*; Fifth: *Bentonville*.

**Computer Applications** – First: Michelle Gilbert, *Bismark*; Second: Elisabeth Collins, *Viola*; Third: Chelsey Moody, *Magnolia*; Fourth: Victoria Bell, *Mena*; Fifth: Brittany Clark, *Brookland*.

**Computer Problem Solving** – First: Cong Xion, *Lincoln*; Second: BJ Jarrett, *St. Joe*; Third: Chad Binns, *Star City*; Fourth:

Brandon McKnight, *Conway West*; Fifth: Clint Harris, *Vilonia*  
**Cyber Security** – First: Nathan Hill, *Bryant*; Second: Matt Troschel, *Jessieville*; Third: Tyler Fincher, *Jonesboro*; Fourth: Brayden Fountain, *Calico Rock*; Fifth: Tyler Stone, *Buffalo Island Central*  
**Database Design & Applications** – First: Hannah Norton, *Cabot*; Second: Corey Wright, *Valley View*; Third: Mark Valente, *Viola*; Fourth: Colton Stice, *Gosnell*; Fifth: Summer Clark, *Magnolia*.

**Desktop Application Programming** – First: Scott Bedwell, *Bentonville*; Second: Tobe Woods, *Ark. School for Math, Sciences, & Art*; Third: Taylor Sutherland, *Springdale*; Fourth: Keith Erickson, *Rogers*; Fifth: Ashley Lawrence, *Conway West*  
**Desktop Publishing** – First: Travis Owens, Katie Brown, *Lamar*; Second: Jedidiah Nohre, Kelsey Gammill, *Mountain View*; Third: Sam Lockeby, Jordan Hill, *Murfreesboro*; Fourth: Emily Griffin, Patricia Adams, *Star City*; Fifth: Drake English, Hayley Carter, *Greenwood*.

**Digital Video Production** – First: Jeffery Senethu, Flannery Wasson, Marie Poolar, *Fort Smith Northside*; Second: Devon Smith, Laura Garcia, *Valley Springs*; Third: Kayla Herron, Mansfield; Fourth: Scott Rogers, Cody Kirby, Amandio Ruez, *Fort Smith Southside*; Fifth: Alex Young, Emma Morgan, *White County Central*.

**E-Business** – First: Mason Walls, Breanne Goodrum, *Fort Smith Southside*; Second: Sera Snow, Haley Halcomb, *Delight*; Third: Franchette Walker, *Ark. School for Math, Sciences, and Arts*  
**Economics** – First: Kevin Hennings, Maynard; Second: Alex Payson, *Booneville*; Third: Caroline Stokes, *Ark. School for Math Science and Arts*; Fourth: Channing Pejic, *Fort Smith Southside*; Fifth: Corey Fossitt, *Dover*.

**Electronic Career Portfolio** – First: Kelsey Glass, *Springhill*; Second: Lydia Cassingham, *Fort Smith Southside*; Third: Stephanie Deen, *Valley View*; Fourth: Amanda Conner, *Lonoke*; Fifth: Sue Ann Black, *Hackett*.

**Emerging Business Issues** – First: Daniel Hubbs, Andrew Todd, Brent Parks, *Union Christian*; Second: Dalton Person, Spencer Tooley, *Ft. Smith*; Third: Erica McDearmon, Sayan Christen, Sarah Oliver, *Greenbrier*; Fourth: Ana Ramirez, Julissa Bell, *Springdale*; Fifth: Rachel Kirby, Julie Standy, Anna McCoy, *Vilonia*.

**Entrepreneurship** – First: Becky Coffin, Tyler Garrett, Heather Walton, *Siloam Springs*; Second: Emilee Baker, Micah Edwards, Erin Lemious, *Pangburn*; Third: Zack Dutton Cody Kingston, *Sheridan*; Fourth: Brandi Mikula, Hannah Smith, *Union Christian Academy*; 5th: Morgan Atwood, Anna Bever, Cami Fergus, *Bentonville*.

**FBLA Principles & Procedures** – First: Colby Qualls, *Buffalo Island Central*; Second: Kelsie Hodge, *Junction City*; Third: Emily Cook, *Hector*; Fourth: Morgan Womack, *Woodlawn*; Fifth: Stephanie Friemel, *Bryant*.

**Future Business Leader** – First: Taber Hunt, *Fort Smith Southside*; Second: Maria McCallie, *Lonoke*; Third: Kennedy Thomas, *Nettleton*; Fourth: Josh Duggins, *Cotter*; Fifth: Lindsey Kuhl, *Hackett*.

**Global Business** – First: Ryan Gibson, Hunter Smith, Hunter Petrus, *Nettleton*; Second: Thomas Faber, Patrick Sullivan, *Bentonville*; Third: Carrington Pittman, Sarah Prince, Tiffany Samuel, *Centerpoint*; Fourth: Sarah Mathis, Taylor Smith, *Mansfield*; Fifth: Maiké Allelejin, Jared Curtis, Cody Martin, *Deer*.

**Help Desk** – First: Matt Langevin, *Salem*; Second: Adam Shelton, *Piggott*; Third: Jeffrey Murbarger, *Glen Rose*; Fourth: Blaine Lander, *Springdale*; Fifth: Dylan Lamprecht, *Conway West*.

**Impromptu Speaking** – First: Blake Smith, *Melbourne*; Second: Tyler Sullivan, *Conway East*; Third: Allison Dean, *Alma*; Fourth: Ma Siteng, *Little Rock Central*; Fifth: Holden Smith, *Crowley's Ridge*.

**Internet Applications Design Programming** – First: Dylan Ashcraft, *Bentonville*.

**Introduction to Business** – First: Cameron McGarrath, *Harrison*; Second: Ryan Taylor, *Parker's Chapel*; Third: Leslie Dagan, *Bentonville*; Fourth: Alex Dozier, *Green County Tech*; Fifth: Christina Born, *Lamar*.

**Introduction to Business Communication** – First: Seth Gillean, *Conway East*; Second: Samantha Ezell, *Quitman*; Third: Britney McLain, *Taylor*; Fourth: Kristie Hardin, *Rector*; Fifth: Hillary Felts, *Nettleton*.

**Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure** – First: Armon Nayearini, *Bentonville*; Second: Justice Thompson, *Siloam Springs*; Third: Amy McCosh, *Pangburn*; Fourth: Presley Jones, *Taylor*; Fifth: Trey Stroud, *Mountain View*.

**Introduction to Technology Concepts** – First: Blake Simmons, *Hillcrest*; Second: Colby Conatser, *Mena*; Third: Zachary Lovin, *Quitman*; Fourth: Braden Haring, *Brookland*; Fifth: Wade Van Rossum, *Bigelow*.

**Job Interview** – First: Candace Sanders, *Nevada*; Second: Ashley Walthall, *Magnolia*; Third: Kara Jacks, *Lonoke*; Fourth: Landon Downing, *Melbourne*; Fifth: Whitney Fowler, *Dardanelle*.

**Local Chapter Annual Business Report** – First: *Lonoke*; Second: *Cotter*; Third: *Omaha*; Fourth: *Siloam Springs*; Fifth: *Nettleton*.

**Management Decision Making** – First: Adam Hile, Alan Sanchez, *Rogers*; Second: Xavier Laster, Daniel Meador, Nic Page,

*Union Christian*; Third: Katie Masters, Jamie Morrow, *Bergman*; Fourth: Faith Newton, James Ragland, Tess Richesin, *Harrison*; Fifth: Nicole Nokes, Anna Vasquez, *Siloam Springs*  
**Management Information Systems** – First: Jake Durham, Evan Daniel, Andrew Elledge, *Fort Smith Southside*; Second: Taylor Wilson, Stephanie Smart, *El Dorado*; Third: Justin Estes, Ryan Carter; *Siloam Springs*; Fourth: Tyler Dobbs, Doug Cagle, Shelly Moore, *Booneville*; Fifth: Nathan Weir, Dalton Flaspohler, *Union Christian Academy*.

**Marketing** – First: Ed Crews, *Salem*; Second: Cassie Patterson, *Alma*; Third: Shelby Waire, *Pangburn*; Fourth: Hannah Nilsson, *Bentonville*; Fifth: Whitney Suber, *Monticello*.

**Network Design** – First: Weston Barger, Mike Kincannon, *Conway West*; Second: Cody Averatt, Matt Erickson, Logan McGowan, *Rogers*; Third: Corey Mellon, Josh Pennington, *Dover*; Fourth: Conny Aguilar, Jessica Garcia, *Springdale*.

**Network Concepts** – First: Blake Montgomery, *Ark. School for Math Science and Arts*; Second: Corbin Dean, *Fort Smith Southside*; Third: Jeffery Witting, *North Little Rock West*; Fourth: Jack Schmandt, *Rogers*; Fifth: Steven Shook, *Stuttgart*.

**Parliamentary Procedure** – First: Chad Easton, Rachael Henderson, Ashlee Morgan, James Northcutt, Haley Petrus, *Nettleton*; Second: Sarai Bartolotta, Christopher Johnson, Corey Lucas, Kassi Nelson, John Dillon Welter, *Greenbrier*; Third: Jarrod Ehrie, Ryan Graham, Jessica Jones, Michael Murphy, Mary Young, *Bentonville*; Fourth: Katharine Arthurs, Hector Bello, Sam Clark, Jason Kramer, Tisha Watkins, *Springdale*; Fifth: Ken Ha, Clay Kibler, Andrew Robertson, Jordan Shoesmith, Nancy Vo, *Fort Smith Southside*.

**Partnership with Business** – First: Maria McCallie, *Lonoke*; Second: Heather Walton, Tyler Garrett, *Siloam Springs*.

**Personal Finance** – First: Michael Leonard, *Flippin*; Second: Pete Sadler, *Huntsville*; Third: Zach Simpson, *Vilonia*; Fourth: Lauren Aday, *White Hall*; Fifth: Amber Brewer, *Mena*.

**Public Speaking I** – First: Drew Allen, *Greenwood*; Second: Scott Sinclair, *Bentonville*; Third: Ashley Dingmon, *Magnolia*; Fourth: Cameron Bogland, *Mills*; Fifth: Aynsley Broom, *Crowley's Ridge*.

**Public Speaking II** – First: Sari Blackwell, *Mountain View*; Second: Hunter Cabe, *Greenwood*; Third: Gray Morgan, *Dardanelle*; Fourth: Valerie Smith, *Junction City*; Fifth: Natalie Noble, *Manila*.

**Sports Management** – First: Sterling Elmore, *Lonoke*; Second: Joseph Ryan Simpson, *Westside Jonesboro*; Third: Blake Johnson, *Harmony Grove*; Fourth: Joshua Waters, *Nettleton*; 5th: Garrett Park, *Bentonville*.

**Spreadsheet Applications** – First: Griffin Hayden, *Nettleton*; Second: Michael Godsey, *Cabot*; Third: Bradley Aldridge, *Bryant*; Fourth: Meghan Murray, *Brookland*; Fifth: Derek Belue, *Union Christian Academy*.

**Talent Show** – First: Laura Holmes, *Riverview*; Second: Allison Dean, *Alma*.

**Technology Concepts** – First: Will Brown, *Prescott*; Second: Ethan Arnold, *Bentonville*; Third: Brendan Lee, *Alma*; Fourth: Evan Ross, *Siloam Springs*; Fifth: Gregory Briggs, *Wickes*.

**Web Site Development** – First: Katlyn Hughes, Lucas Dorrough, Logan Geurion, *Dardanelle*; Second: Chase Blasingame, Tim Webb, Cole Welborn, *Conway West*; Third: Khao Vu, *Fort Smith Southside*; Fourth: Maggie Hardy, Thomas Kidd, *Siloam Springs*; Fifth: Colten Bishop, *Dewitt*.

**Word Processing I** – First: Courtney Baker, *St. Joe*; Second: Courtney Gragson, *Woodlawn*; Third: Caitlin Dewealle, *Hector*; Fourth: Allison Vincent, *Bay*; Fifth: Kaci Johnson, *DeQueen*.

**Word Processing II** – First: Olevia Wetzel, *Melbourne*; Second: Zac Perry, *Omaha*; Third: Brett Harris, *Mountain View*; Fourth: Cassie Smith, *Centerpoint*; Fifth: Bailey Carroll, *Russellville*.



**Accounting Analysis & Decision Making** – First: Devan Phelps, *UA - Fort Smith*; Second: Crystal Lewis, *SAU*; Third: Kristin Olenyk, *UA - Fort Smith*; Fourth: Erin Spears, *UA - Fort Smith*; Fifth: John Miller, *SAU*.

**Accounting for Professionals** – First: Huy Do, *U of O*; Second: Crystal Lewis, *SAU*; Third: Jody Nations, *SAU*; Fourth: Ashley Henry, *U of O*; Fifth: Donna Snyder, *ATU - Ozarks*.

**Accounting Principles** – First: Lydia Glasgow, *ASU*; Second: Juleen Banning, *North Arkansas College*; Third: Charlene Passmore, *UAACCM*; Fourth: Carlos Rodriguez, *U of O*; Fifth: Joey Hughes, *U of O*.

**Business Communications** – First: Lauren Taylor, *Williams Baptist College*; Second: Nana Hauwa Bawa, *SAU*; Third: Kendra Partee, *Williams Baptist College*; Fourth: Sharmin Whisoreint, *Arkansas Baptist College*; Fifth: Amy Garner, *South Arkansas*.

**Community College**

**Business Decision Making** - First: Kristi Olienyk, Devan Phelps, *UA - Fort Smith*; Second: Mindy Choo, Jamie Flores, Veronica Rodriguez, *U of O*; Third: Geral Vasquez, Josue Lanza, Claudia Agüero, *U of O* Fourth: Donna Lambis, John Miller, Jody Nations, *SAU*

**Business Ethics** -First: Jessica Sheffield, Tiffant Pickett, *Williams Baptist College*; Second: Claudette Emitt, Beck Russell, Laurie Ross, *North Arkansas College*; Third: Karla Aguilar, Veronica Saborio, Adrian Valerio, *U of O*; Fourth: Sandra Dailey, Kate Young, *North Arkansas College*; Fifth: Rhonda Graves, Mandy Sadler, *North Arkansas College*

**Business Law** - First: Jason Hodges, *Harding University*; Second: Donna Lambis, *SAU*; Third: Erin Spears, *UA - Fort Smith*; Fourth: Billye Zoernek, *Southeast Arkansas College*; Fifth: Derrick Cornell, *North Arkansas College*

**Business Presentation** -First: Mayra Hoch, Huy Do, *U of O*; Second: Chris Kennedy, Brad Smith, Michael Moore, *North Arkansas College*; Third: Jane Van, Kimberly Sagavongsa, *UA - Fort Smith*; Fourth: Laura Breedlove, Amanda Renard, *UACCM*; Fifth: Jessica Hester, Misty Reynolds, *ATU - Ozarks*

**Client Services**- First: Elise Snoddy, *U of O*; Second: Jane Van, *UA - Fort Smith*; Third: Nina Huddleston, *ASU - Mt. Home*; Fourth: Lauren Taylor, *Williams Baptist College*; Fifth: Pam Hillard, *South Arkansas Community College*

**Community Service Project** -First: Marty Dicus, Ashley Keymer, *North Arkansas College*; Second: Marivi Davila, *University of Ozarks*; Third: Kristi Olienyk, Devan Phelps, Lindsey Steiger, *UA - Fort Smith* Fourth: Marla Benson, Josh Maza, Pina Tanui, *South Arkansas Community College*;

**Computer Applications** -First: Cecile Lane, *SAU*; Second: Chip Robinson, *U of O*; Third: Jennie Harris, *South Arkansas Community College*; Fourth: Bobby Smith, *South Arkansas Community College*; Fifth: Amanda Wood, *ASU - Mt.Home*

**Computer Concepts** -First: Brock McVay, *North Arkansas College*; Second: Shelley Keith, *SAU*; Third: Allen Henry, *Harding University*; Fourth: Tony Russell, *North Arkansas College*; Fifth: Daniel Tom, *South Arkansas Community College*;

**Contemporary Sports Issue**- First: Zi Jian Khor, *U of O*; Second: Justin Daubert, *Williams Baptist College*; Third: Jonathan Hale, *SAU*

**Cyber Security** -First: Jasmine Mohamadbey, *South Arkansas Community College*; Second: Matthew Mauney, *Harding University* Third: Aviscenna Nirwan, *U of O*; Fourth: Patrick Lee Yoole Chin, *U of O*; Fifth: Jeremiah Hewitt, *South Arkansas Community College*

**Database Design & Applications** -First: Vitaliy Dymna, *Williams Baptist College*; Second: Tony Fernandez, *U of O*; Third: Aaron Carroll, *ASU*; Fourth: Julene Banning, *North Arkansas College*; Fifth: Billye Zoernek, *Southeast Arkansas College*

**Desktop Publishing** - First: Marla Benson, Dexter Lawrence, *South Arkansas Community College*; Second: Brittany Jerry, Adam Choate, *South Arkansas Community College*; Third: Kursty Boydston, Zach Doty, *U of O*; Fourth: Chip Robinson, Meagan Penseigs, *U of O*

**Economic Analysis & Decision Making** -First: William Greene, *UA - Fort Smith*; Second: Lay Hoong Yap, *U of O*; Third: Taylor Box, *Harding University*; Fourth: Luis Roldan, *U of O*;

**Emerging Business Issues**- First: Anita Vang, Kia Xiong, Kouhoua Yang, *UA - Fort Smith*; Second: Brandon Barron, Tony Fernandez, *U of O*

**Financial Analysis & Decision Making**- First: Taylor Box, *Harding University*; Second: Derick Watts, *Williams Baptist College*

**Financial Concepts**- First: Jordan Remagen, *UA-Fort Smith*; Second: Brittany Trabbic, *SAU*; Third: Tamera Reno, *UA-Fort Smith*; Fourth: Sarah Smith, *South Arkansas Community College*

**Free Enterprise Project** - First: Tony Fernandez, Elise Snoddy, *U of O*; Second: Amber Amonette, Kayla Wright, *SAU*; Third: Jennifer Elumbaugh, *ASU - Mt. Home*

**Future Business Executive** - First: Jesse Wilcoxson, *ASU - Mt. Home*

**Future Business Teacher** -First: Brandy Cogan, *U of O*; Second: Trudy McNama, *North Arkansas College*

**Help Desk** -First: Lisa Howard-Dicus, *North Arkansas College*; Second: Katie Young, *North Arkansas College*; Third: Ann Cunningham, *U of O*

**Hospitality Management** -First: Valerie Hampton, Amilee Hampton, *North Arkansas College*; Second: Brandon Carlson, Laura Hoffman, *U of O*; Third: Phoung Do, Pam Somoza, *U of O*; Fourth: Shea Tackett, *UA - Fort Smith*; Fifth: Brittany Koen, Charli Passmore, *UACCM*

**Human Resource Management** -First: Curtis Box II, Jessica Haynes, Brent Wallace, *SAU*; Second: Ty Jones, Jessica Sheffield, *Williams Baptist College*; Third: Tamara Reno, *UA - Fort Smith*; Fourth: Jessica Funk, Stephanie Short, *North Arkansas College*; Fifth: Wendy Gu, Rushawn Engleton, *U of O*

**Impromptu Speaking**- First: Brandon Carlson, *U of O*; Second: Abigail Nietert, *UA - Fort Smith*; Third: Mindy Choo, *U of O*; Fourth: Leyla Tucker, *U of O*; Fifth: Pam Hillard, *South Arkansas Community College*

**Information Management**- First: Brandon Barron, *U of O*; Second: Abigail Nietert, *UA - Fort Smith*; Third: Mathew Mauney, *Harding University*; Fourth: Adam Choate, *South Arkansas Community College*; Fifth: Ashley Huth, *Williams Baptist College*

**International Business**- First: Rachel Burchfield, *Williams Baptist College*; Second: Veronica Rodriguez, *U of O*; Third: Daniela Gramajo, *U of O*; Fourth: Maria Flores, *Williams Baptist College*; Fifth: Margaret Eckart, *Hendrix College*

**Internet Application Programming**- First: Brock McVay, *North Arkansas College*

**Job Interview**- First: Leyla Tucker, *U of O*; Second: Diana Acquire, *U of O*; Third: Stacey Smith Simons, *North Arkansas College*; Fourth: Nayr DeLeon, *U of O*; Fifth: Marty Dicus, *North Arkansas College*

**Justice Administration** -First:Jesse Wilcoxson, *ASU - Mt. Home*; Second: Daniel Tom, *South Arkansas Community College*; Third: Jordan Hanson, *South Arkansas Community College*; Fourth: Jian Peng Teoh, *U of O*

**Local Chapter Annual Business Report** – First: *SAU*; Second: *North Arkansas College*; Third: *South Arkansas Community College*; Fourth: *ASU - Mt. Home*; Fifth: *U of O*

**Macroeconomics**- First: Mark Yawson, *Williams Baptist College*; Second: Josh Maza, *SAU*; Third: William Krose, *Harding University*; Fourth: Sheila Muchiti, *SAU*; Fifth: Derrick Williams, *Southeast Arkansas College*

**Management Analysis & Decision Making**-First: Lay Hoong Yap, Marivi Davila, *U of O*; Second: Ben Parker, Dona Vincent, *North Arkansas College*; Third: Katy Niskern, Jaime Flores, *U of O*; Fourth: Kia Xiong, Anita Vang, *UA - Fort Smith*; Fifth: Sheila Taylor, Victoria Reed, Marcee Holly, *South Arkansas Community College*

**Management Concepts** - First: Edie Klein, *North Arkansas College*; Second: Lisa Kearney, *Southeast Arkansas College*; Third: Carlos Rodriguez, *U of O*; Fourth: Ashley Talley, *SAU*; Fifth: Daniela Gramajo, *U of O*

**Marketing Analysis & Decision Making** - First: Emily Crow, Sarah Cook, Derrick Cornell, *North Arkansas College*; Second: Ashley Talley, *SAU*; Third: Kendra Partee, Mark Yawson, *Williams Baptist College*; Fourth: Lea Chenoweth, *SAU*; Fifth: Leonie Gomez, Tyler Smith, *U of O*

**Marketing Concepts** - First: Shelly Keith, *SAU*; Second: Grant Toms, *SAU*; Third: Lindsey Steiger, *UA - Fort Smith*; Fourth: Claudia Agüero, *U of O*; Fifth: Erica Greer, *Harding University*

**Microeconomics** – First: Marcos Melendez, *U of O*; Second: John Pounders, *Harding University*; Third: Jeremy Brown, *UA - Fort Smith*; Fourth: Grant Toms, *SAU*; Fifth: Siew Moon Eng, *U of O*

**Networking Concepts**- First: Aaron Bueg, *North Arkansas College*; Second: Amy Woraphotimuke, *U of O*; Third: Samantha Reed, *U of O*; Fourth: Jeremiah Hewitt, *South Arkansas Community College*; Fifth: Jordan Hanson, *South Arkansas Community College*

**Network Design**- First: Dexter Lawrence, Jasmine Muhammad-Bay, Robert Freeman, *South Arkansas Community College*; Second: Aaron Bueg, Trilby Hampton, *North Arkansas College*; Third: Andy Hayden, Vitaliy Dymna, *Williams Baptist College*

**Project Management** -First: Su Sun Low, *U of O*; Second: Marivi Davila, *U of O*

**Public Speaking** -First: Derek Cash, *Hendrix College*; Second: Lary Walker, *UA - Fort Smith*; Third: Kristina Setzer, *North Arkansas College*; Fourth: Sheila Muchiri, *SAU*; Fifth: Cassandra Brown, *UAM Crosssett*

**Sales Presentation**- First: Ashley Keymer, *North Arkansas College*; Second: Ty Jones, *Williams Baptist College*; Third: Deborah Poyner, *North Arkansas College*; Fourth: Elizabeth Snoddy, *U of O*; Fifth: Liporchia Cobbs, *UAM Crosssett*

**Small Business Management Plan**- First: Rachel Burchfield, Shane Stolz, *Williams Baptist College*; Second: Valerie Hampton, *North Arkansas College*; Third: Rushawn Engleton, Leonie Gomez, *U of O*

**Sports Management & Marketing** – First: John Phillips; *U of O*; Second: Maria Flores, *Williams Baptist College*; Third: Ivan Chavez, *U of O*; Fourth: Ricardo Milla, *U of O*; Fifth: Su San Low, *U of O*

**Statistical Analysis** – First: Jeremy Brown, *UA - Fort Smith*; Second: Zi Jian Khor, *U of O*; Third: Justin Daubert, *Williams Baptist College*; Fourth: Daniel Bustos, *U of O*; Fifth: Sarah Han-negan, *SAU*

**Telecommunications** – First: Robert Freeman, *South Arkansas Community College*; Second: Phoung Do, *U of O*

**Website Development** – First: Siew-Moon Eng, Attawan Wona-photimuke, *U of O*; Second: Beck Russell, Tony Russell, *North Arkansas College*

**Word Processing** – First: Kaitlyn William, *U of O*; Second: Bobbie Smith, *South Arkansas Community College*; Third: Kimberly Sayavongsa, *UA - Fort Smith*; Fourth: Amanda Wood, *ASU - Mt. Home*; Fifth: Courtney Neikir, *South Arkansas Community College*

**Administrative Services** – First: Amy Garner, *South Arkansas Community College*; Second: Derrick Cornell, *North Arkansas College*; Third: Cathy Lewis, *South Arkansas Community Col-*

*lege*; Fourth: Amanda Renard, *UACCM*; Fifth: Kristina Setzer, *North Arkansas College*

**Business English**- First: Ann Brown, *ATU – Ozark*; Second: Jennie Harris, *South Arkansas Community College*; Third: Amy Garner, *South Arkansas Community College*; Fourth: Connie Cates, *UACCM*; Fifth: Lisa Howard, *North Arkansas College*

**Business Math**- First: Josh Maza, *South Arkansas Community College*; Second: Brittany Mize, *North Arkansas College*; Third: Linda Spencer, *ATU – Ozark*; Fourth: Edie Klein, *North Arkansas College*; Fifth: Dexter Lawrence, *South Arkansas Community College*

**Chapter Theme Display: Multimedia**- First: *UA - Fort Smith*; Second: *North Arkansas College*

**Chapter Theme Display: Scrapbook** – First: *South Arkansas Community College*; Second: *ASU - Mt. Home*; Third: *SAU*; Fourth: *U of O*

**Computerized Accounting** – First: Nina Huddleston, *ASU - Mt. Home*; Second: Juleen Banning, *North Arkansas College*; Third: Sandra Bailey, *North Arkansas College*

**Machine Transcription** – First: Marla Benson, *South Arkansas Community College*; Second: Amanda Renard, *UACCM*

**Medical Transcription**- First: Bobbie Smith, *South Arkansas Community College*; Second: Cathy Lewis, *South Arkansas Community College*; Third: Victoria Reed, *South Arkansas Community College*

**Open Events**

**Advertising**- First: William Greene, *UA - Fort Smith*; Second: Abigail Nietert, *UA - Fort Smith*; Third: Shea Tackett, *UA - Fort Smith*; Fourth: Jessica Sheffield, *Williams Baptist College*; Fifth: Courtney Sublett, *Williams Baptist College*

**Business Etiquette**- First: Jessica Sheffield, *Williams Baptist College*; Second: Rachel Burchfield, *Williams Baptist College*; Third: Cathy Lewis, *South Arkansas Community College*; Fourth: Kendra Partee, *Williams Baptist College*; Fifth: Brooke Gage, *Williams Baptist College*

**Business Principles** – First: William Greene, *UA - Fort Smith*; Second: Ricardo Milla, *U of O*; Third: Tamara Reno, *UA - Fort Smith*; Fourth: Jeremy Brown, *UA - Fort Smith*; Fifth: Shane Stolz, *Williams Baptist College*

**Computer Operating Systems** – First: Brock McVay, *North Arkansas College*; Second: Rachel Hoff, *ASU - Mt. Home*; Third: Adam Choate, *South Arkansas Community College*; Fourth: Patrick Lee, *U of O*; Fifth: Vitaliy Dymna, *Williams Baptist College*

**Organizational Behavior** – First: Geral Vasquez, *U of O*; Second: Jeremy Brown, *UA - Fort Smith*; Third: Carlos Rodriguez, *U of O*; Fourth: Derek Cash, *Hendrix College*; Fifth: Sarah Smith, *South Arkansas Community College*

**Strategic Management** – First: Rushawn Engleton, *U of O*; Second: Geral Vasquez, *U of O*; Third: Nayr de Leon, *U of O*; Fourth: Brandon Barron, *U of O*; Fifth: Marivi Davila, *U of O*

**Who's Who in PBL** – First: Kristina Setzer, *North Arkansas College*; Devan Phelps, *UA - Fort Smith*; Lisa Howard, *North Arkansas College*; Kayla Wright, *SAU*; Lindsey Steiger, *UA - Fort Smith*; Adam Choate, *South Arkansas Community College*; Derrick Cornell, *North Arkansas College*; Aaron Carroll, *ASU*; Ashton Peters, *UA - Fort Smith*; Candyce McCann, *SAU*

**Arkansas PBL Member of the Year**-First: Lindsey Steiger, *UA - Fort Smith*

**Adviser of the Year**- First: Traci Hughes, *SAU*; Amanda Bradford, *Southeast Arkansas College*

**Businessperson of the Year** - First: William Schwartz, *North Arkansas College*

**Largest Increase in Local Chapter Membership** - *Arkansas Baptist College*

**Largest Local Chapter Membership – Collegiate** - *Arkansas Baptist College*

**Largest Local Chapter Membership – Associate**- *South Arkansas Community College*

**Largest Recruitment of Professional Members** - *North Arkansas College*

**Sweepstakes – Collegiate** - *U of O*

**Sweepstakes – Associate** - *North Arkansas College*

**Gold Chapter** - *South Arkansas Community College*

**Gold Chapter** - *ASU - Mt. Home*

**Gold Chapter** - *North Arkansas College*

**Gold Chapter** - *SAU*

**Gold Chapter** - *U of O*

**Gold Chapter** - *UA - Fort Smith*

**Career & Membership Achievement Program**

**Executive Level** - Lindsey Steiger, *UA - Fort Smith*; Huy Do, *U of O*; Adam Choate, *South Arkansas Community College*



**Medical Spelling** - First: Madison Troedel, *Gravette High School*; Second: Cory King, *Vilonia High School*; Third: Alexandra Vega, *Gravette High School*

**Dental Spelling** - First: Carrie Hooten, *Vilonia High School*; Second: Janina Reimers, *Gravette High School*; Third: Sydney Graham, *Gravette High School*

**Medical Terminology** - First: Aswini Rajan, *Bentonville High School*; Natalie Nichols, *Marion High School*; Kristin Spurrier, *Quitman High School*

**Dental Terminology** - First: Paige Ingram, *Quitman High School*; Second: Sam Shoemaker, *Bentonville High School*; Third: Natalie Martin, *Cabot High School*

**Medical Math** - First: Hayden McAfee, *Gravette High School*; Second: Karen Stout, *National Park Community College*; Third: Matthew Davis, *Gravette High School*

**Concepts of Healthcare** - First: Christopher Cowqur, *Gravette High School*; Second: Connor Houtchens, *Gravette High School*; Third: Kellie Johnson, *Quitman High School*

**Human Growth & Development** - First: Abby Halford, *Conway High School*; Second: Ernesto Guerra, *Gravette High School*; Third: Callie Youngblood, *National Park Community College*

**Nutrition** - First: Saranya Prathibha, *Bentonville High School*; Second: Jennifer Brown, *Conway High School*; Third: C.J. Uzick, *National Park Community College*

**Pathophysiology** - First: Caleb Williams, *Conway Career Center*; Second: Corey Milligan, *UACC-Batesville*; Third: Taylor Vance, *Bentonville High School*

**Pharmacology** - First: Brittany Scott, *Gravette High School*; Second: Colton Moorman, *Gravette High School*; Third: Catherine Goode, *Conway High School*

**Physical Therapy** - First: Jenna Brown, *Gravette High School*; Second: Preston Englant, *Vilonia High School*

**Emergency Medical Technician** - First: Laura Bunn, Kinzie Bean, *National Park Community College*; Second: Tommy McKown, Lilly Nash, *Conway Career Center*; Third: Stephanie Doak, Allissa Imre, *Conway Career Center*

**First Aid/Rescue Breathing** - First: Charles Graham, *Gravette High School*; Second: Patrick Gullick, *Gravette High School*

**CPR/First Aid** - First: Makayla Morrison, Tajhe Turner, *Gravette High School*; Second: Ethan McKenzie, Brittany Walling, *Gravette High School*; Third: Chelsa House, Quinton Eden, *Gravette High School*

**Nursing Assisting** - First: Tori Bonner, *Rogers High School*; Second: Christina Crenshaw, *Gravette High School*; Third: Kristy Bridges, *Gravette High School*

**Sports Medicine** - First: Vanessa Moore, *Gravette High School*; Second: Byron Fair, *Jonesboro Area Technical Center*; Third: Jordan Hinsley, *Conway Career Center*

**CERT** - First: Bailey Nease, Adam Roberts, *Gravette High School*; Second: Katie Miller, Barbara Horne, *Williford High School*; Third: Darrick Strzelecki, Ashley Bohannon, *Gravette High School*

**Veterinary Assisting** - First: Rylee Mullins, *Mammoth Springs High School*; Second: Jessica Shue, *Quitman High School*; Third: Casey Russell, *Gravette High School*

**Medical Photography** - First: Stacie Gunderman, *River Valley Vo-Tech*; Second: Christine Carmichael, *Gravette High School*; Third: Krista Fauber, *Marion High School*

**Extemporaneous Health Poster** - First: Shelbie McCoy, *Cabot High School*; Second: Chris Mays, *National Park Community College*; Third: Mathew Garner, *Jonesboro Area Technical Center*

**Personal Care** - First: Gabriella Booker, *Jonesboro Area Technical Center*

**Forensic Medicine** - First: Tori Brasko, Taylor Sullivan, *Conway High School*; Second: Mackenzie Wallace, Sarah Beth Malone, *Gravette High School*; Third: Raul Guerra, W. Grant Gibbons, *Gravette High School*

**Extemporaneous Writing** - First: Kendra Keyes, *UACC-Batesville*; Second: Mia Patterson, *Quitman High School*; Third: Shannon Thorpe, *Bentonville High School*

**Job Seeking Skills** - First: Madeline Sims, *Springdale High School*; Second: Teddy Shelby, *Gravette High School*

**Prepared Speaking** - First: Rebecca Bramlett, *Conway High School*; Second: Laura Ashlynn Skaggs, *Springdale Har-Ber High School*; Third: Paige Evans, *ASUS Area Career Center*

**Home Health Aide** - First: Kassy Holland, *Gravette High School*; Second: Emily Root, *Gravette High School*; Amanda Crosby, *Gravette High School*

**Researched Persuasive Speaking** - First: Brandee Munn, *National Park Community College*; Second: Sarah Martinez, *National Park Community College*; Third: Scott Tyson, *National Park Community College*

**Dental Assisting** - First: Christa Allred, *River Valley Vo-Tech*; Second: Catie Staton, *Jonesboro Area Technical Center*; Third: Dallas Bauta, *Gravette High School*

**Career Health Display** - First: Ankur Pradham, Hari Vasudevan, *Bentonville High School*; Second: Lindsey Wilson, Chelsea Tubb, *Rogers High School*; Third: Kacie Null, Kayla Miller, *Cabot High School*

**Public Service Announcement** - First: Allyson Williams, Daniel Noudaranoung, Jessica Toomer, *Springdale Har-Ber*; Second: Halea Anthony, Keith Black, Emily Walker, Alex Scheck, Ashlee Neal, *National Park Community College*

**Medical Reading** - First: Brianna Williams, Emily Sander, Kaci Wiley, *Conway Career Center*; Second: Tabitha Davis, Sarah Montique, Kelly Rankin, *Conway Career Center*

**Creative Problem Solving** - First: Chris Clinard, Ethan Espe, Jessica Mounce, *Springdale High School*; Second: Whitney Blaeuer, Ashley Conrad, Michael Davis, Katie Howard, *Cabot High School*

**HOSA Bowl** - First: *Marion High School*; Second: *Conway High School*; Third: *River Valley Vo-Tech*

**HOSA SLOGAN WINNER**

*Jonesboro Area Technical Center*

**PIN DESIGN WINNER**

*Cabot High School*

**OUTSTANDING CHAPTER RECOGNITION**

*Conway High School, Tuckerman High School*

**HOSA WEEK RECOGNITION**

*Tuckerman High School, Quitman High School, Conway High School, Conway Area Career Center*

**NATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT RECOGNITION**

*Jonesboro Area Technical Center*

**CERTIFICATE OF MERIT**

*Quitman High School*



**Applied Technology** - Junior: Amber Sanders & Sylvia Zavala, *Annie Camp Junior High*; Senior: Faith Newton & Sarah Waddell, *Harrison High School*

**Career Investigation** - Junior: Tori Horton, *Harrison Junior High*; Senior: Kyle Byers, *Murfreesboro*

**Chapter Service Project-Display** - Junior: Joseph Greenway & Cody Piggott, *Monticello Middle*; Junior: Sarah Angeloni & Meghan Scholtens, *Berryville*; Senior: Abigail Burasco & Tanya Hankins, *Elkins*; Senior: Kyla Berry, *Bentonville*

**Chapter Service Project-Manual** - Junior: Samantha Miller & Kayla Sanders, *Coleman Junior High*; Junior: Leslie Ackley, Alyssa Boozer & Brittany Simmons, *Nashville Junior High*; Senior: Makenzie Bond & Rachel Flemon, *Valley View*; Senior: Haley Quest, Kayti Cline & Ashley Myers, *Maynard*

**Chapter Showcase-Display** - Junior: Kelsey Banks & Bethany Tyner, *Annie Camp Junior High*; Junior: Jessy Mills & Brent Caswell, *Siloam Springs Middle*; Senior: Heather Cole & Lauren Hatcher, *White Hall*; Senior: Katie Kunz, Lettie Rico & Elizabeth Snyder, *Elkins*

**Chapter Showcase-Manual** - Junior: Monisa Poole, Dominique Thompson & Danielle Washington, *Nashville Junior High*; Junior: Emily Leonard, *Monticello Middle*; Senior: Shayna Duffy, Piggott; Senior: Shelby Felts & Kristina Ray, *Valley View*

**Early Childhood** - Occupational: Cheri Farris, *Pine Bluff*

**Entrepreneurship** - Junior: Ashton Dawson, *Bentonville*; Senior: John Allen & Jennifer Outlaw, *Harrison*

**Focus On Children** - Junior: Chelsea Cope, Clancy Crook & Cassie Lynch, *Bergman*; Senior: Rebecca Wells, Josh Rowe & Kholetta White, *Rose Bud*

**Illustrated Talk** - Junior: Nancy Purnell, Ashley Scott & Kayla Sparks, *Nashville Junior High*; Senior: Andrew Lawrence, Malory Mann & Chris Sparks, *Berryville*

**Job Interview** - Senior: Kaylyn Turner, *Harrison High School*;

**Life Event Planning** - Senior: Kathrin Rogers, Brittany Wood & Lindsay Nickell, *Farmington*

**National Programs In Action** - Junior: Mekenzie Hada & Sarah

McCallie, *Yellville-Summit*; Senior : Shayna Whiteside & Ajanae Richards, *Pine Bluff*

**Parliamentary Procedure** - Junior: Staci Vaughan, Elayna Villines, Logan Kelley, Megan Ricketts, Danielle Pomatto, Nicole Henderson & Summer Salazar, *Jasper*; Senior: Shelby Dunlap, Jordan Holt, Randi Villines, Autumn Reddell, Cassidy Brasel & Morgan Vaughan, *Jasper*;

**Recycle and Redesign** - Junior: Sarah Mills, *Siloam Springs Middle*; Senior: Tamar Marlow, *Hope*

The following FCCLA advisors received special recognition at the state conference and will be receiving national recognition in Nashville in July.

**Spirit of Advising** - Deborah Knox, *Beebe High School*

**Master Advisor** - Linda Benton, *Prescott High*; Sheri Deaton, *White Hall High*; Nena Edmonds, *Annie Camp Junior High*;

Cheryl Henriques, *West Memphis High*; Kristen Mote, *Bald Knob High*; Julie Reedy, *Rose Bud High*; Kimberly Sartain, *Concord High*; Sue Ward, *Mansfield High*; Bobbie Weiss, *Bentonville High*

**Advisor Mentor** - Susan Baker, *Greenbrier High*

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cally disadvantaged Arkansans get the training and education they need to compete in the high-demand, high-skill, high-wage economy of the 21st century. We'll have more information about the Arkansas Works initiative in future newsletters.

There's going to be an exciting change coming to our agency. Beginning July 1, it will be known as the Arkansas Career Education Department. The name change passed during the last legislative session, and the new name is meant to help our agency be more identifiable. We are in the planning phases of changing the agency's name. The change won't have any effect on agency employees as we continue to work on the transition to a new title.

We're greeting another change coming to the agency with mixed emotions. On July 1, we will bid a fond farewell to the Federal Surplus Property (FSP) section. FSP has become an amazingly successful operation under the guidance of Jim Smith, Charlie Brown and all of the other FSP team members who have helped the section run on a day-to-day basis. Because of the dedicated and capable staff and management, FSP will have a surplus of more than \$2 million when the section is transferred to the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management (ADEM). While this is a bittersweet departure, we only wish the ADEM staff continued success and the best of luck as they take the reins.



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