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Workforce Cabinet Agencies Hold Cross-Training

Directors and administrators from each of the state agencies that make up the Governor's Workforce Cabinet met on May 25 for a cross-training session aimed to better explain each

agency's duties and missions.

The cross-training, held in the newly christened Jack Justus Conference Room at Arkansas Rehabilitation Services' central office, was attended by agency directors, program administrators and other staff from the Department of Career Education (ACE), the Department of Education, the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, the Department of Higher Education, the Arkansas Association of Two-Year Colleges, the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services and the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority.

"We are here today to

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Agency directors welcome cross-training session participants. (l-r) Dr. Tom Kimbrell, commissioner, Department of Education; Dr. Ed Franklin, director, Arkansas Association of Two-Year Colleges; Maria Haley, executive director, Arkansas Economic Development Commission; Dr. Jim Purcell, director, Department of Higher Education; Dr. John Ahlen, president, Arkansas Science and Technology Authority, and Bill Walker, director, Arkansas Department of Career Education.



Lamar Davis, Governor Beebe's liaison to the Workforce Cabinet, tells participants that the cross-training session is a priority for the governor.

Arkansas's Top 25 GED Scorers Honored at State Capitol

The 25 highest scorers on Arkansas's General Educational Development (GED®) Tests were honored at a ceremony in the Old Supreme Court Room in the State Capitol in April. Governor Mike Beebe, Arkansas Department of Career Education (ACE) Director William L. "Bill" Walker, Jr. and Arkansas Department



Governor Beebe poses with top GED scorers.

of Higher Education Director Dr. Jim Purcell were on hand to offer their personal congratulations.

"The awards ceremony is a very special event for adult education in Arkansas because the top 25 GED scorers in Arkansas for 2009 are recognized for their outstanding accom-

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Director's Update

William L. "Bill" Walker, Jr.

Director

Arkansas Department of Career Education

School may be out for the summer, but things around the Arkansas Department of Career Education (ACE) are just as busy as ever.

I'm proud to report that renovation work at the Arkansas Career Training Institute (ACTI) in Hot Springs is moving forward as scheduled. On June 23 Governor Beebe participated in a 50th anniversary celebration and symbolic groundbreaking ceremony for the infrastructure improvements provided through state general improvement funds from the state legislature and federal stimulus funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

This funding is going to directly enhance the living and learning conditions at ACTI so that Arkansans with disabilities have opportunities to become college or career ready and to prepare themselves for good jobs. These students will soon be writing their own history. We're building on a legacy of service, and we're truly creating a "Center of Excellence" and providing a future of progress.

Thanks to the state and stimulus funding, we will be able to provide much-needed repairs and replacements of roofs, heating and air conditioning units, electrical systems and security and communications systems.

Kudos go to everyone associated with the ACTI project. I'd like to especially thank ACTI Administrator Cissy Rucker and her entire staff for the hard work they do every day and for making the June 23 cel-

ebration a huge success. Commissioner Robert Treviño and Rodney Chandler, who is serving as liaison for the ACTI renovation project, also have dedicated themselves to making this project a reality, and I greatly appreciate their efforts.

The Arkansas Works college and career coaches will be continuing their hard work with the new five-week ACT Summer Academy. They will assist rising juniors, rising seniors and high school graduates who score a 17 or 18 on the ACT test in English, reading, math, and/or science and are eligible for ACT remedial instruction. The summer program will be administered at 12 sites in the geographic area served by Arkansas Works. Certified secondary teachers or college faculty will teach the courses, and college and career coaches will offer assistance with marketing, student registration, instruction, program management and monitoring of student participation and progress.

The Summer Academy will provide workshops and ACT remedial instruction to help students succeed on the ACT test, as well as in secondary education and beyond. Workshops will include events addressing college and career planning and English, reading, math and science.

At the conclusion of the Summer Academy, students will take the ACT or an equivalent exam. Students returning to secondary programs will use their test results to guide their academic studies. It is our hope to help all of the students we touch get

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Recognizing Our ACE Staff

Staff Members Honored at State FFA Convention

The Honorary State FFA Degree is the highest honor the organization can bestow upon a nonmember.

The Honorary State FFA Degree is awarded to nonmembers for their *continued and unyielding support and assistance to FFA members and the State FFA Association*. Each recipient has encouraged FFA members to develop their potential for **premier leadership, personal growth, and career success**.

This year, Administrative Specialist Marinell Coleman, Associate Director of Workforce Training Sandra Porter, and Agricultural and Science Technology Education and Instruction Coordinator Bart Draper each receive an Honorary State FFA Degree. The following individuals were also honored: Steve Anderson, Hot Springs; Greg Cole, Little Rock; Lewis Diggs, Centerpoint; Will Feland, Cabot; Bill Fleet, Lititz, Penn.; Mark Kaufman, Dermott; Gary Kinder, Jonesboro; Bryan Kuntz, Fayetteville; Glen Manchester, Russellville; Allison, McEwan, Little Rock; Dale Poag, Manila; Allen Stewart, Wickes; Randy Veach, Manila; Dr. Lalit Verma, Fayetteville.

(Clockwise from upper right) **Marinell Coleman, Bart Draper and Sandra Porter** receive their honorary state FFA degrees from Nicole Foster, state reporter.





What You Should Know

Assistive Technology at Work (AT@Work)

Barbara Gullett, Rehabilitation Program Manager

When Does a Computer Become Assistive Technology?

We have reached a time when computers are a way of life. The information super highway – Twitter, Facebook, e-mail, worldwide web and computers - is a major avenue for the completion of schoolwork and employment tasks. However, for many people with disabilities, access to any computer is a major barrier. So how does ICAN/AT @ Work break through this computer-age barrier and create access for your clients?

Issue – Mary Sue Jones is a 44-year-old female who has been diagnosed with reflex sympathetic dystrophy (RSD) in both wrists. Ms. Jones is a secretary in a large office that she shares with other co-workers. She uses the computer for much of the day. The RSD is a result of the repetitive motion from performing her job. She is able to type or use the mouse for only 10 minutes before her hands and forearms begin to swell. She comes to you for help, but where do you go for solutions?

What ICAN/AT @ Work Offers – We are your resource for assistive technology and assistive technology accommodations. We provide assessments and consultations in all areas of assistive technology at work, school and home.

Request an Assessment by an AT @ Work Evaluator – For Ms. Jones' assessment, an AT @ Work evaluator borrowed various computer access technologies from the ICAN Assistive Technology Lab. During Ms. Jones' assessment, different positions and adaptations for typing were tested. The evaluator and Ms. Jones first tried a pointer held by a cuff in her palm to type so that her forearm remained in a neutral position. This still resulted in swelling and pain. At this point she discussed the neck pain she was experiencing when using the keyboard. Next Ms. Jones tried using a trackball with her hand and

an on-screen keyboard, followed by a foot switch with extended keyboard. There were concerns about the practicality of both these approaches, as well as concern that the repetitive motion of her ankle on the foot switch might lead to repetitive motion problems with her foot. Next a head-controlled interface worn on a band attached to her head was tested, along with the on-screen keyboard. Again, Ms. Jones began to experience pain after a short period of time. Finally, the most appropriate AT system was successfully identified – voice recognition software, forearm supports and the wave keyboard.

Assessment Results – Upon completion of the functional assessment, the evaluator develops a report stating the findings and provides you, the counselor, with recommendations and vendor information for computer modifications. When possible, the AT @ Work evaluators will suggest that the ARS client come to the ICAN assistive technology lab for the assessment. Why? It gives clients a chance to try out numerous technologies during the assessment.

Other Examples of Computer Access Technologies

Mouse: Left- or right-hand mouse; vertical; wireless; contour bar; head tracking such as Accu-Point

Keyboard: Foldable; large letters; multiple colors for low vision; half keyboard; position adjustable

Software: Magnification; Screen Reader; Inspiration & Kurzweil for learning disabilities

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Senior Management Team

SMT Update

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I recently had the opportunity to attend the National Association of State Directors of Career and Technical Education Consortium (NASDCTEc) spring meeting where the group's leaders rolled out the new vision for career and technical education (CTE). This bold new vision, entitled *Reflect, Transform, and Lead: A New Vision for Career and Technical Education*, sets a clear view of where CTE should and must be positioned in order to prepare CTE students for the 21st-century job market. The following five key principles form the basis for this new vision:

- ▶ **CTE** is critical to ensuring that the United States leads in global competitiveness.
- ▶ **CTE** prepares students to succeed in further education and careers.
- ▶ **CTE** is a results-driven system that demonstrates a positive return on investment.
- ▶ **CTE** is delivered through comprehensive programs of study aligned to the National Career Clusters frameworks.
- ▶ **CTE** actively partners with employers to design and provide high-quality, dynamic programs. (NASDCTEc, 2010)

It is my belief that this vision and its five key principles provide a clear roadmap as to where Arkansas CTE should be positioned in the 21st century. As we continue to strengthen our CTE programs and improve our inservice opportunities for CTE teachers, we should

incorporate this newly developed national CTE vision into all of our planning. In addition to this new vision, we should also continue to incorporate the work developed several years ago by the United States departments of Labor and Education, called the Secretary's Commission on Achieving Necessary Skills (SCANS), into our CTE programs. The basic skills that were identified in this report provide a strong view of the competencies and skills that workers must have to succeed in the workplace. The results of that study were published in a document entitled *What Work Requires of Schools: A SCANS Report for America 2000*. That report was based on three basic foundations:

- ▶ **Basic Skills:** core academic skills needed to be successful in a job, which include the listening and communications skills
- ▶ **Thinking Skills:** skills needed to think creatively, make decisions and solve problems in the workplace
- ▶ **Personal Qualities:** qualities such as responsibility, self-esteem, sociability, self-management, integrity and honesty

Although this document was published several years ago, these key foundations continue to be relevant in this 21st-century world.

A recent publication by the National Center on Education and the Economy, *Tough Choices or Tough Times, The Report of the New Commission on the Skills of the American Workforce*, offers the

following assessment of why CTE across the country must continue to evolve from its earlier vocational beginnings:

The best employers the world over will be looking for the most competent, most creative and most innovative people on the face of the earth and will be willing to pay them top dollar for their services. This will be true not just for the top professionals and managers, but up and down the length and breadth of the workforce. Those countries that produce the most important new products and services can capture a premium in world markets that will enable them to pay high wages to their citizens. (as cited in Partnership For 21st Century Skills, 2008)

If our goal as a state is to provide a higher standard of living for all of our citizens, then we must equip our future workforce with the 21st-century skills that they will need. Arkansas CTE is positioning itself to provide these essential skills so that our future workforce can compete effectively in the world market.

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ARS Helps City of Searcy Host Deaf Awareness Day

The city of Searcy has a number of deaf citizens who have expressed frustration with difficulties they are having in communicating their basic concerns and needs to city officials, particularly those within the emergency response system and Searcy Fire and Rescue. To better serve the deaf community, the city hosted Deaf Awareness Day Friday, April 30, at the Carmichael Community Center. Arkansas Rehabilitation Services (ARS) assisted the city with the three sessions comprising the program. The three sessions were

- ☞ **“It’s a Deaf, Deaf World!”** (presented by ARS representatives and volunteers from the Harding University Dactylology Club)—In this simulation activity, the participants role-played scenarios in which they pretended to be deaf and had to communicate their concerns and needs to different business managers.
- ☞ **“Technology and Relay Services”** (co-presented by staff from ARS and Arkansas Relay Services)—This session included a demonstration of various technology commonly used by persons who are

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Conference Rooms Renamed in Honor of Jack Justus

A delegation of senior staff from the Department of Career Education traveled to Searcy May 25 to present former State Board of Career Education Chairman Jack Justus with the plaque that will hang outside of the main conference rooms in the Luther S. Hardin Building at #3 Capitol Mall and the Arkansas Rehabilitation Services Division’s central office at 525 W. Capitol Avenue.

Justus, who had served as board chairman since 1998, retired earlier this year for health reasons. In addition to his service with the State Board of Career Education, Justus devoted more than 40 years to Arkansas’s farm community through his work with the Arkansas Farm Bureau and the Co-operative Extension Service.

In presenting the plaque, Director William L. “Bill” Walker said that the lives of countless Arkansans had been positively impacted by Justus’s contributions to education and to agriculture. “Mr. Justus always had the best interests of Arkansas’s students at heart and has left a legacy of service for all of us to strive to emulate,” Director Walker said.



Presenting the plaque were (l-r) Rod Duckworth, Charlie Brown, Marion Fletcher, Carl Daughtery, Mr. Justus, Director Walker, Jim Smith, Bob Treviño, and John Davidson.

State Board of Career Education meets at Ouachita Technical College

Newly elected State Board of Career Education (SBCE) Chairman Phil Taylor presided over his first meeting as chair at the June 2 board meeting hosted by Ouachita Technical College (OTC) in Malvern. OTC President Dr. Barry Ballard welcomed board members to the campus and presented an overview of OTC's programs, including the high school career center and the adult education program. The board was treated to a special presentation by national FFA president Levy Randolph (right), who was attending the state FFA Convention at Camp Couchdale.



Middle Schoolers Explore Careers in Poster Contest

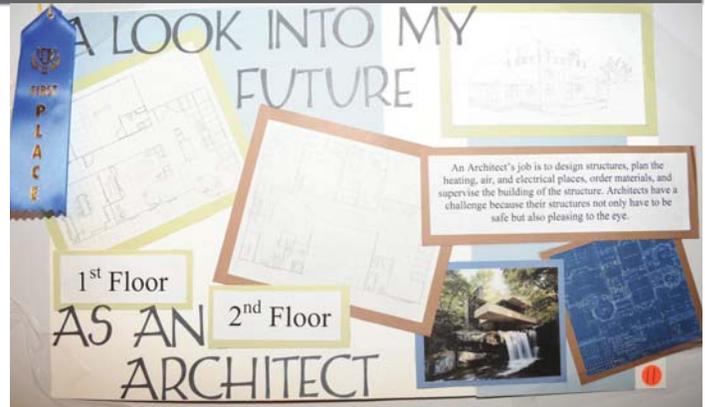
More than 50 seventh- and eighth-grade career orientation students from across Arkansas have offered up an artistic look into their futures.

The students participated in a statewide poster contest themed "A Look into My Future" sponsored by the Department of Career Education (ACE) and the Arkansas Career Orientation Teachers Association. From game designers to zoologists, these middle-schoolers used paint and paper, crayon and cardboard to tell a complex story of what each intends to be "when they grow up."

Five ACE staffers served as

judges and rated the entries based on five criteria: following guidelines, spelling, grammar and neatness, graphic representation, creativity and interpretation of theme.

"I am so glad I don't judge the posters because in my book they are all winners and deserve a prize," said Administrative Specialist Dede Crowder. "The students really out-



First Place poster by Rebecca Sturdivant of Batesville

did themselves this semester." Following is a list of the 10 top entries:

Place	Student	School	Teacher	Place	Student	School	Teacher
1st	Rebecca Sturdivant	Batesville JHS	Charlotte Diemer	6th	Justin Coker	Hoxie HS	James Treadwell
2nd	Christopher Erwin	Carl Stuart MS (Conway)	Tammy McCollum	7th	Kelly Ashlock	Hector HS	Rhonda Jacobs
3rd	Austin Murray	Piggott HS	Penny Veal	8th	Courtney Briswalte	Cabot JHS	Carla Hendrix
4th	Sheldon Millsap	Hoxie HS	James Treadwell	9th	Eva Beshears	Chaffin JHS (Fort Smith)	Cindy Allen
5th	Lexi Cunningham	Cabot JHS	Carla Hendrix	10th	Grant Smith	Hamburg JHS	Bettye Dillard

STUDENTS FINISH SEVENTH IN WORLD IN ORACLE COMPETITION

Daniel Moix, who teaches computer science classes at the Arkansas School for Math, Sciences and the Arts (ASM-SA), has made a worldwide name for himself.

Moix's team of students was recently awarded best in the nation and seventh place

in the world in the 2010 Oracle Academy Global Data Modeling Competition. The seventh-place finish was the highest awarded to any team from the United States, with Romanian students finishing in the top two spots and third place going to China.

The finish was announced when Oracle Academy released the results of its annual data modeling competition in which students submit database design proposals addressing a particular problem. It was ASMSA's fifth year to compete.

"What Daniel Moix and these students have accomplished is just remarkable," Arkansas Department of Career Education Deputy Director for Career and Technical Education John Davidson said. "For a high school program to accomplish what they've accomplished is praise not only to the hard-working students, but also the instructors who helped them reach this high honor."

Data modeling is the design phase of creating a database. The designers take into account the business needs of their clients after interviews, site visits and primary source documents. The model is a blueprint that the database programmers work from when creating the database for the client.

"It is a pleasure working with

some of the sharpest students in Arkansas," Moix said. "They truly are world-class. When I got the call from Oracle, I couldn't wait to share the news with my students. They worked very hard on this project,

emy institutions worldwide and challenges student teams to analyze business requirements and develop a data model, a sophisticated process that is typically taught in the university setting and is critical to building database systems.

The Oracle Academy supports more

than 300,000 students in 80 countries and partners with universities, schools, districts and ministries that believe in early career preparation.



and I am so happy to see their efforts recognized."

The annual Oracle Academy competition is open to Oracle Acad-

Harrisburg Agriscience Teacher to Participate in Ambassador Academy

Harrisburg teacher Morgan Ruff is among 24 specially selected agricultural education teachers from across the United States who will spend a week at Chesapeake Farms in Chestertown, Md., this summer learning how to incorporate inquiry-based instruction and higher-level science principles into existing agriculture curricula. Sponsored by DuPont and supported by Lab Aids, the National Agriscience Teacher Ambassador Academy is scheduled for July 11-16 and will focus on the scientific side of agriculture, including physics, food safety issues and environmental issues such as biofuels and renewable energy resources.

Participating teachers will study key agriscience issues and receive many resources, ideas and techniques to integrate into their classrooms, including a variety of literacy strategies. They will also tour the Delaware Biotechnology Institute and DuPont

Labs. Upon completion of the academy, each teacher will serve as part of a national network of Agriscience Teacher Ambassadors working with their peers to integrate science education into the agriculture classroom. This fall, these teachers will deliver workshops at the national FFA convention in Indianapolis, Ind., and at the national conference of the National Association of Agricultural Educators.

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Morgan Ruff

Waldron Students Take First Place at Ford-AAA Auto Skills Challenge

Two Waldron High School students were named Arkansas's best high school automotive technicians after winning the Arkansas Ford/AAA Student Auto Skills National Quality Care Challenge at the Mark Martin Museum in Batesville April 24.

Johnny Willingham and Kel Martin competed against nine other two-person teams in the hands-on repair contest. Lance Brigance is the instructor of the winning team of Willingham and Martin. The contest was sponsored by the Arkansas Department of Career Education (ACE), Ford and AAA.

Willingham and Martin repaired a "bugged" 2010

Ford in less than 79 minutes. The vehicle was rigged not to start and had ignition troubles, inoperable lights, blown fuses and other problems that affected the smooth performance of the engine.

As winners of the state contest, Willingham and Martin will receive their choice of scholarships totaling more than \$30,000 from four technical schools. The students also will receive scholarships to participate in Ford's ASSET program, which includes continued education in automotive technology and a paid apprenticeship with a Ford dealership.

The Waldron team and their instructor also won an all-expenses-paid trip to Dearborn, Mich., to represent Arkansas at the national championship where they will compete against 49 other state champions for additional prizes and scholarships.

"These highly skilled students can help meet the growing need nationwide for qualified automotive technicians," said ACE Education and Instruction Manager for Skilled and Professional Sciences Ray Winiacki. The students participating in the student auto skills competition represent the kind of technicians needed to service today's complex vehicles. They not only have technical ability but are also skilled in advanced computer diagnostics."

Rounding out the top three teams at the state competition were the second-place finishers of Kamron DePriest and Michael Hargrave, representing the Saline County Career Center, and the third-place team of Luke Johnson and Steven Schatzl, representing the National Park Technology Center in Hot Springs. Joey Bowman is the instructor of the Saline County Career Center team, and Devon Dever is the instructor of the National Park Technology Center team.



(l-r) Malcolm Barrett, Ford Motor Co.; Waldron High School students Johnny Willingham and Kel Martin; Larry Brigance, instructor; and Dave Martin, Ford Motor Co. The Arkansas champions now travel to Dearborn, Michigan, to compete against 49 other state champions for national honors.

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"Mr. Ruff is obviously one of Arkansas's best agriculture educators, and we have dedicated and highly qualified ag teachers in every corner of the state," said Marion Fletcher, state education and instruction manager for agricultural science and technology.

"Mr. Ruff and ag teachers everywhere are constantly introducing new and exciting methods of science education into their classes. The Ambassador Academy will give him hands-on laboratory experiences that he can share with his students in Harrisburg and throughout Arkansas."

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help achieve something that has always been a vision of Governor Beebe's administration, for the staff of each of the cabinet agencies to be more knowledgeable about what the other agencies do," ACE Director William L. "Bill" Walker, Jr. said. "We want all of our agencies to be able to assist the citizens we serve and be able to answer questions or know which agency to send them to when questions arise."

Each agency director and members of his or her staff spent approximately 45 minutes outlining the divisions and responsibilities of their agency.

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The ONYX by Freedom Scientific

For students, professionals and others with macular degeneration, retinitis pigmentosa or other forms of vision loss, the ONYX provides a magnification solution in an easy-to-carry, self-contained package. It will fit in any classroom,

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Three Ways to Magnify

The ONYX offers three distinct views – *distance view*, *document view* and *self view*.

- ◇ Distance view allows objects from across the rooms or auditoriums to be seen in sharp focus.
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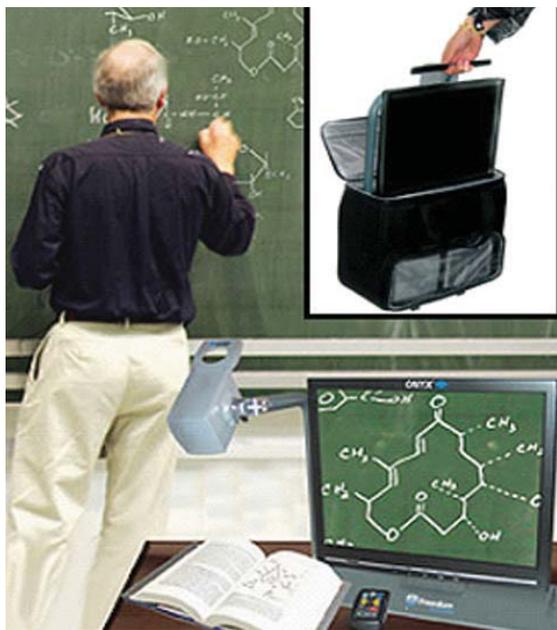
Other Features

- ◇ A choice of full-color mode, enhanced black-on-white, enhanced white-on-black, yellow-on-blue or yellow-on-black
- ◇ A range of brightness adjustments to eliminate glare and enable viewing in low light
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working or writing under the camera.

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- ◇ Adjustable monitor height and tilt.

Stop by the ICAN Technology Center to see how the ONYX works or go to the web page at www.ar-ican.org, Web ID# 27648 or Web ID # 27602.



Dates to Remember July

July 4 - 8

National FCCLA Convention
Chicago, Illinois

July 8

**Governor's Commission on
People with Disabilities
Scholarship Reception**
Governor's Mansion/Little Rock

July 9 - 12

National PBL Convention
Nashville, Tennessee

July 12 - 16

**Youth Leadership Forum for
Students with Disabilities**
University of Central AR/Conway

July 15 - 16

**Annual Career Guidance
Conference**
Hot Springs Convention Center

July 14 - 17

National FBLA Convention
Nashville, Tennessee

August

August 1 - 3

**Annual Association for Career
and Technical Education
(ACTE) Conference**
Hot Springs Convention Center

October

October 20 - 23

National FFA Convention
Indianapolis, Indiana

State SkillsUSA Championships Sets Another High Standard

Arkansas SkillsUSA held another successful Leadership and Skills State Championships at the Hot Springs Civic and Convention Center April 12-14, and Governor Mike Beebe was on hand for the second straight year to witness the flurry of activity.

Before touring the competition, which covered the entire floor of the convention center, Governor Beebe spoke at the Instructors' Awards Banquet.

"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 we'd have to have 15-20 years ago," the governor said.

"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," said Governor Beebe. "You are creating that quality workforce that allows us to be an attractive place where companies want to come."

Themed "Champions at Work," this year's event featured secondary and postsecondary students participating in 75 different events.

The Arkansas State Championships also enjoyed enormous support from business and industry partners. A large contingent of business and industry partners were on hand to judge student competitions and also showed their support for SkillsUSA and career and technical education in Arkansas by donating \$28 million in equipment, prizes and services during the championships.

"That shows how good these

competitors are," said State SkillsUSA Advisor Jeff Parks. "For the carpentry competition, the sponsors gave students new saws, hammers, tape measures and other things they can take on the job as soon as they graduate. They see the competition as a good investment. They know students here will be job-ready the day they leave school."

Event gold medalists earned an opportunity to compete at the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference scheduled for June 20-25 in Kansas City. Secondary gold medal winners earn more than a trip to Kansas City; they get a head start on college. High school SkillsUSA State Championships gold medalists are eligible for tuition-free scholarships to 20 participating Arkansas two-year colleges. Those who win gold medals at the national level will be eligible for scholarships made possible through SkillsUSA partnerships.

"This year's SkillsUSA Championships were some of the most competitive ever," said Department of Career Education Director William L. "Bill" Walker, Jr. "These students show what career and technical education can do, and that's prepare Arkansas students for the high-skill, high-demand, high-wage jobs of the global economy of the 21st century. The overwhelming participation of the business and industry community bears that out. These are the students who are going to both succeed and excel in their futures because of the training they've received."

Turn the page for scenes from this year's championships, and see page 25 for competition results.

Dedication to Excellence Reaps Rewards



ACTI Happenings

ACTI Patient Realizes Prom Dream



(l-r) Brianna Jones models her prom dress to physical therapist intern Alicia Freeman and physical therapist Marty Lynch.

For many girls, attending the high school prom is all about the dress. For 17-year-old Brianna Jones, attending the prom was about so much more.

On January 14, 2010, Brianna's life changed forever. Her vehicle began to hydroplane on a wet road. She was severely injured after she lost control and crashed into a culvert. The accident damaged her spinal cord and left her in a coma for two weeks. For the next two months, Brianna underwent several surgeries and therapy at Arkansas Children's Hospital.

Upon her admission to the hos-

pital at the Arkansas Career Training Institute (ACTI) March 22, one of Brianna's goals was to attend her high school prom. She was determined not to let her wheelchair, body jacket or neck collar hold her back. Over the next few weeks, Brianna worked hard, and with the help of physical therapist Marty Lynch and physical therapist intern Alicia Freeman, Brianna achieved her goal. She attended the Emmet High School prom in April.

Brianna is now able to walk with a walker and the assistance of one person. She has even been able to practice dance techniques. Some family friends helped Brianna find a prom dress for her big night,

but her body jacket and neck collar still had to be worn on top of her dress. Again, Brianna's therapists were there to help her with a few extra accessories to coordinate her body jacket and neck collar with her gown. Any fashion expert will tell you, no outfit is complete without the proper accessories!

Brianna's story exemplifies the saying, "Life is not how you survive the storm, but how you dance in the rain." Four months ago, while she was lying in the hospital, Brianna's goal of going to prom seemed hopeless. However, thanks to her strong will, hard work and determination, she was able to achieve her goal – Emmet High School Prom 2010.

Arkansas Career Training Institute students seated, from left, Leroy Gilder, Luccas McMahon and Kerey Hayes, and standing, from left, Lawrence Stringer, Chris Maranto, Rocky Stone, instructor David Morrow and Bryan Williams, gather around a playhouse they built and helped paint for the annual Splash of Red dinner and charity auction April 24 at Oaklawn Park. The building materials were donated by C.J. Horner. The paint was donated by Farrell Calhoun. The playhouse was auctioned off at Splash of Red, with the proceeds going to Arkansas Children's Hospital.



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Apprenticeship Spotlight on Larry Baxter

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Larry Baxter has a wide variety of education, training and experience. After high school he attended Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, where he was enrolled in the business program. Larry completed his bachelor's degree in business at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. After graduating from college, Larry worked for several construction-related businesses, including Graybar.

At some point after college and while working, Larry made some unwise personal decisions and as a consequence, spent several years in prison. During the interview, we did not dwell on the details of his conviction and imprisonment. He has served his time and what happened afterward is the focus of the interview.

Larry became interested in becoming an electrician after his release. He said that two days after his release, he was faced with some very tough decisions about what he was going to do. Since he was nearing his fifties and had a criminal record, his prospects did not look very promising. It was at this point he saw a job listing in the newspaper for an apprentice electrician. He had some knowledge about the craft of electrician and the construction industry from his former work experience, as well as some experience he attained while in prison. He said that fortunately, or by divine intervention, the contractor who had the job opening was willing to give him a chance in spite of his history.

Since becoming an apprentice, Larry has made the most of his opportunities and excelled in his training. In addition, the contractor who hired him has delegated much of the day-to-day business operations to Larry because of his degree and his skill in working with people. Larry is driven toward success, and in addition to



Larry Baxter

his electrical work, owns a garage door installation business. He says he likes the varied schedule of his work and the fact his past does not determine his future.

He stated, "To be successful you have to be able to adapt to change quickly, visualize what the finished job will look like and work in adverse conditions."

In the near future, Larry will become a journeyman electrician and will work toward becoming a master. He also hopes to eventually own his own general contracting business. He credits working as an apprentice as the inspiration for this goal.

"Apprenticeship gives you many opportunities to work with other skilled professionals," he said. "You work closely with them at the jobsite, and you build close friendships. You know first-hand the quality of their workmanship and the people you can depend on to do a quality job."

Larry plans on utilizing these relationships as the foundation on which to build his future contracting business. He said he also looks forward to giving other people the chance to prove themselves by giving them the same opportunity he had.

Larry plans on giving back to the community and trade. He intends to renovate houses in local neighborhoods. He also has considered teaching in an electrical apprenticeship school because he has enjoying working as a substitute teacher. He thinks his life experiences would enhance his ability to mentor apprentices.

Larry was very complimentary of the staff of Arkansas Construction Education Foundation and the training he received. In the Apprenticeship Office, we are proud of Larry and happy to see how apprenticeship was an integral part of his making the most out of his second chance.

FCCLA IN THE NEWS



Monticello Middle School Honored Nationally

The Monticello Middle School Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) chapter has achieved two national recognitions.

The program was honored at the FCCLA National Conference in Chicago as the 2010 National Families First middle school winner and also as the 2010 National Student Body middle school winner. Kristal Young, the school FCCLA advisor, accepted the award and \$1,000 for each at the national meeting.

"This is a really big deal," FCCLA State Advisor Suellen Ward said. "To have a school win two national awards is great because it's hard to even win one national award. Kristal Young is a great advisor and is really active with her students."

Student Body is an FCCLA national peer education program that

helps young people learn to eat right, be fit and make healthy choices. Its goals are to help young people make informed, responsible decisions about their health; to provide youth opportunities to teach others; and to encourage the development of healthy lifestyles, as well as communication and leadership skills.

Monticello Middle School won the Student Body award for its project, titled "Fizz'ics of Fitness." The project provides relevant fitness and nutritional information to students at the school and is a collaboration of students, teachers, coaches and an after-school program.

Families First is an FCCLA national peer education program through which youth gain a better understanding of how families work and learn skills to become strong family members. Its goals are to help youth

become strong family members and leaders for today and tomorrow and to strengthen the family as the basic unit of society.

Monticello Middle School's award-winning project is titled "Smokin' Hot" and is designed to provide fire safety information to children. Through the project, fire safety skills are taught to children on their level so they will not be afraid of firemen should an emergency situation arise. The students visited local fire departments to gain knowledge about fire safety and passed the information to local elementary and pre-schools. The FCCLA chapter also wrote grants to purchase smoke detectors for needy families.



Gravette Wins Inaugural Culinary Event

The Gravette High School culinary arts team of Megan Galvan, Jacob Scott and Victor Vang represented the state at the FCCLA National Conference in Chicago as the state's first participant in the event.

The Gravette team beat out teams from North Pulaski and Flippin in the event, which was held at Pulaski Technical College-South in May.

"The culinary arts event has been at the national level for quite a while but we have never done it before because of space, and really, the fear of the unknown," FCCLA State Advisor

Suellen Ward said. "We mentioned it to teachers this year, and Jamie Higgins at Pulaski Tech, a former FCCLA student from Heber Springs, agreed to help us."

For the competition, the team prepared a menu which included Cobb salad, pesto-stuffed chicken breast, confetti pasta and lemon tarts with chantilly cream.

The teams had 60 minutes to prepare the meal and then had to present two plates to the evaluators, who judged on appearance, taste and temperature. The teams then had 15 minutes to clean their work stations.

"We learned some things and that's part of the process of starting something new," Ward said. "On the whole, everything went great."



Arkansas Rehabilitation Association Conference Stays

The Arkansas Rehabilitation Association (ARA) and Arkansas Rehabilitation Services (ARS) held their annual Spring Training Conference May 26 -28 at the Arlington Hotel in Hot Springs.

The conference theme, "Staying Ahead of the Game: Technology, Innovation, and Top Notch Service Delivery," appropriately highlighted the focus of the discussions, guest speakers and workshops. In more than two dozen training topics—ranging from "Technology Assisted Job Seeking Skills Training as Related to Ethics" to "Best Practices for Rehabilitation Counselors: Blending Theory and Practice" to "Liberia, Inc: System 7 Framework Overview"—participants received a wide range of information to apply to the workplace.

"The sessions weren't just for counselors or just for support staff; there was something for everyone," said Deborah Wooten, 2009-2010 ARA president. Wooten said she was encouraged by this year's increase in ARA membership to 313.

In addition to training covering the ARS application process and case management needs, visual and hearing impaired issues were

addressed in "Low Vision and Blindness: Dispelling the Myths," and "TAP: A Resource for Arkansans Facing Telecommunications Barriers."

Opening ceremonies were kicked off with a welcome by Arkansas Department of Career Education Director William L. "Bill" Walker and ARS Commissioner Robert Treviño. ARS Chief of Field Services Carl Daughtery presented tenure and retirement plaques to ARS staffers achieving these milestones.

Keynote Speaker Chuck Lobosco addressed relevant issues in the field of rehabilitation. A long-time advocate for people with disabilities and AIDS/HIV-related illnesses, Lobosco has worked on public health education and training programs and currently manages the Upstate Ryan White Care Networks and HIV Case Management Training programs in the state of New York.

Also sharing expertise during the week's general sessions was Kathy West-Evans, national director of business relations for the Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation (CSAVR), who spoke on the importance of creating busi-

"Ahead of the Game"



ness partnerships for best vocational outcomes, urging participants to "Deliver what you commit to." Michael O'Brien, Ed.D., director of the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitative Services addressed the group, suggesting that at some point every participant should reconnect to those desires and aspirations that initially led to his or her dedication to the rehabilitation field.

During the Scholarship Awards Banquet recognizing students aspiring to careers in rehabilitation services, Wooten said, "It is once again clear that the future of rehabilitation will be in excellent hands as evidenced by the commitment of these students."

Grateful for all the hard work of the volunteers, committee members, and workshop presenters, Wooten also offered "a big 'thank you' to the ARS administration for its continued support of the efforts of ARA to put on a great training tool that agency staff can utilize in their jobs."

Turn the page for more conference news.

Counselor & Support Staff of the Year named at ARA Conference



Pictured left: 2009 Counselor of the Year Lorraine Miller (left) from the Fayetteville office, passes the title on to 2010 recipient Sarah Cabello, counselor at the Arkansas Career Training Institute in Hot Springs.

Pictured right: JoAnn Martz (left) presents the 2010 Support Staff of the Year plaque to Pam Rochelle, administrative specialist in the Monticello office.





Jalicia Da'Carol Wyatt



Violet Jordan

**2010
ARA
Scholarship
Recipients**



Whitney Holloway



Lisa Thompson



Rosilyn Sanders

The following students were recipients at the annual Scholarship Banquet held May 27 during the Arkansas Rehabilitation Association/Arkansas Rehabilitation Services Spring Training Conference for their dedication to the field of rehabilitation and their commitment to future service.

DANNY McKISSIC SCHOLARSHIP: Jalicia Da'Carol Wyatt is a senior majoring in rehabilitation science at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. After graduation in May 2011, Wyatt plans to attain a master's



Judson McDaniel

degree in counseling and Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC) certification.

R. LEWIS URTON SCHOLARSHIP: Violet M. Jordan is a senior majoring in rehabilitation science at Arkansas Tech University at Russellville, with a major focus in vocational rehabilitation and a secondary emphasis area in corrections.

COMMISSIONER'S SCHOLARSHIP: Whitney N. Holloway is a first-year occupational therapy student at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway and hopes to eventually earn a doctorate in occupational therapy or health administration.

VINCENT H. BOND SCHOLARSHIP: Lisa A. Thompson is a full-time graduate student majoring in rehabilitation counseling at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and hopes to complete an advanced degree program in order to achieve the goals she has set for her future.

E. RUSSELL BAXTER SCHOLARSHIP: Rosilyn Sanders is a first-year graduate student enrolled at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock pursuing a master's degree in rehabilitation counseling. Sanders' plans are to become a certified rehabilitation counselor as well as a licensed psychological counselor.

BUTCH BARNES SCHOLARSHIP: Judson Clark McDaniel is a second semester full-time student in the rehabilitation counseling program at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. An Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran, McDaniel believes his experiences will benefit him as a counselor to those future veterans returning home.

ARKANSAS ASSOCIATION OF MULTICULTURAL REHABILITATION CONCERNS (AAMRC): Chasity J. White (not pictured), who was attending her graduation from McClellan High School in Little Rock on the evening of the banquet, received a \$500 book scholarship. White will be attending Henderson State University in the fall.



Deborah Wooten and Dr. Tresvil Pack

Receiving the annual **President's Award** from outgoing ARA President Deborah Wooten was Becky Hartley, who chaired the conference's decorating committee. Wooten cited Hartley as "always being ready to help whenever I called her during the planning stages."



Becky Hartley

Wooten concluded her year as president following Friday's final meetings and luncheon by **passing the gavel** to 2010-2011 ARA President **Tresvil Pack, Ph.D.** Pack is currently an assistant professor of rehabilitation counseling at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

Staying Ahead of the Game: Technology, Innovation & Top Notch Service Delivery

**ARA/ARS Spring Training
Conference
May 26 - 28, 2010
Hot Springs, Arkansas**



Training



Fellowship



Recognition of Success



FFA Convention Features Governor, National President

Over 1,000 FFA members representing 165 high schools invaded the FFA's Camp Couchdale near Hot Springs June 1-4 for the 83rd annual Arkansas State FFA Convention.

This year's convention theme, "Lead Out Loud," showcased the high standards of success achieved by students who wear the blue corduroy jackets. The convention featured four days of competitions, recognitions and guest speakers, including a visit and message from Arkansas Governor Mike Beebe, who attended the event for the third consecutive year.

"It was a very successful conference once again," said Marion Fletcher, state FFA advisor and education and instruction manager for agricultural science and technology. "We had great attendance and reviews from FFA members, advisors, parents and other guests. It was wonderful to see that so many young men and women have the poise to conduct themselves properly as they develop great leadership skills."

The highlight of the convention was a visit from Governor Beebe, who took extra time to visit with students, take photos, shake hands and meet the FFA members.

"His message to the students and advisors was very timely and educational and important," Fletcher said. "Governor Beebe is very passionate about agriculture and what it means to this state, and he recognizes the roles young people play in the future of the state's agriculture."

"I was very pleased the governor was able to come back this year. Many of the students never dreamed they would be able to shake the hand of our governor, and Governor Beebe taking the extra time to meet and greet was extra special."

Beebe gave a passionate speech about the importance of agriculture in

today's workforce, the impact of agriculture on the state's economic development and the importance of being persistent and keeping one's eye on his or her goals.

"Don't give up," Beebe told the FFA audience. "You can achieve all you want to achieve by working hard and staying focused on what you want for your future."

"It was very significant to have our governor attend the FFA Convention for the third year in a row," ACE Director William L. "Bill" Walker, Jr. said. "His presence and message were very inspiring."

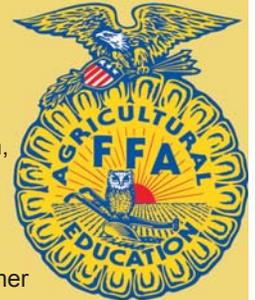
ACE Associate Director for Workforce Training Sandra Porter, Administrative Specialist Marinell Coleman and Education and Instruction Coordinator Bart Draper were three of 16 who received Honorary State FFA Degrees.

Special guests included Levy Randolph, the 2009-2010 national FFA president. Randolph, who is from Hemet, Calif., spent the week interacting with Arkansas FFA members. He gave an energetic message on the second day of the convention. Other speakers included Bill Fleet, interim executive director for the National FFA Foundation and Sean Glenn, also known as "The Attitude Guy," a motivational speaker.

New state officers were also elected during the convention. They include Heather Leding, Springdale Har-Ber, president; Andrew Haggard, Searcy, Eastern District vice president; Logan McCourtney, Mena, Southern District vice president; Amanda Crangle, Bismarck, Northwest District vice president; Andrew Hawthorne, Searcy, secretary, and Jace Tilley, Centerpoint, reporter.

2010 National Delegates Selections

Victoria Maloch, Emerson
Clayton Harlon, Searcy
Brittany Richert, Lincoln



Amanda Bacon,
Springdale Har-Ber

2010 Stars Over Arkansas

Arkansas Star Famer

Dustin Dixon,
Siloam Springs

Arkansas Star in Agribusiness

Jaret Smith, Springdale
Har-Ber

Arkansas Star in Ag Placement

Renee Rood, Springdale
Har-Ber

State Convention Proficiency Awards

Agricultural Education, Placement

Dillon Garr, Springdale
Har-Ber - Gold

Agricultural Sales, Placement

Renee Rood, Springdale
Har-Ber - Gold

Beef Production, Entrepreneurship

Jaret Smith, Springdale
Har-Ber - Gold

Breanna Reynolds, Star City
- Silver

Robbie Myers,
Siloam Springs - Bronze

Beef Production, Placement

Heather Leding, Springdale
Har-Ber - Gold

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Governor Beebe looks on as his granddaughter, Victoria Taylor, a member of Searcy's FFA, sang for the audience.



Arkansas Collegiate Business Students Compete at State PBL Conference

The Arkansas chapter of Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) held its Spring Leadership Conference themed “Get the Edge” in April at Little Rock’s Airport Holiday Inn.

More than 250 college business students from schools all over the state met for officer elections, seminars and competition in 65 events.

“This is one of the most competitive conferences we’ve ever had,” said PBL state advisor Peggy Wakefield. “These students are passionate about their education and their events. The winners will represent Arkansas well at the National Leadership Conference.”

Students who placed first and second in each national event qualified to participate in the PBL National Leadership Conference July 9-12 in Nashville, Tenn. There was some concern that the organization might have to reschedule its national meeting because of heavy flooding that plagued downtown Nashville earlier this spring, but clean-up proceeded on schedule, and Arkansas’s PBL members will be able to join their peers from across the country at the summer meeting.

Turn to page 22 for a list of event finalists and their schools.

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Diversified Agriculture Production, Entrepreneurship

Katie Davis, Greene County
Tech II - Gold

Diversified Crop Production, Entrepreneurship

Justin Barr, Greene County
Tech II - Gold

Diversified Crop Production, Placement

Dylan Throesch,
Pocahontas - Bronze

Diversified Livestock Production, Entrepreneurship

Amanda Bacon, Springdale
Har-Ber - Gold
Cody Griffin, Greene County
Tech II - Silver

Equine Science, Entrepreneurship

Lensey Watson, Decatur -
Bronze

Poultry Production, Entrepreneurship

Kayley Lynn Rose Phillips,
Springdale Har-Ber - Silver

Poultry Production, Placement

Josh Grimsley, Springdale
Har-Ber - Gold

Sheep Production, Entrepreneurship

Justin Bacon, Springdale
Har-Ber - Gold

Lensey Watson,
Decatur - Bronze

Small Animal Production Care, Entrepreneurship

Erica Nicole Bowman,
Har-Ber - Silver

Specialty Animal Production, Entrepreneurship

Skyler West, Greene County
Tech II - Silver

Swine Production, Entrepreneurship

Katie Davis, Greene County
Tech II - Gold

Turf Grass Management, Placement

Colby Wilson, Springdale
Har-Ber - Silver

CDE winners

FFA Creed

Will Pohlman, Prairie Grove

Prepared Public Speaking

Jade Hallibruton, Hamburg

Extemporaneous Public Speaking

Dillon Garr, Springdale Har-Ber

State Opening/Closing Ceremonies

Mena

State Parliamentary Procedure

Newport

Agricultural Communications

Greenbrier (Ashton Martin, Madison Synco, Heather Wilcox, Savannah Snowden, Hayley Russaw)

Agricultural Issues

Mountain Home (Travis Greenwald, Elysia Bushey, Jacob Zappa, Brandy Cooper)

Agricultural Mechanics

Lafayette County (Jason Clark, Jess Clark, Mark Mitchell, Nick Hollis)

Agronomy

Western Grove (Kelsey Smith, Tish Lowery, Brandon Rogers, Abbie Lane)

Dairy Foods

Ouachita (Ian Burroughs, Mack Ivy, Luke Huneycutt, Hayden Smith)

Electricity

Greenbrier (Joseph Black, Greg Zinn, Jessica

Nichols, T.J. Tapley)

Farm Business Management

Greenbrier (Steven Dean, Alex Erbach, Calvin McNabb, Brannon Daniels, Landon Belote)

Floriculture

Greenbrier (Haven Cardin, Madison Johnston, Bailey Smithson, Amanda Gustafson)

Food Science

Lincoln (Kayleen Rush, Cassy Ramsey, Ellie Morales, Josh Baird)

Forestry

Hermitage (Steven Ferrell, Jacob Johnston, Austin Ross, Hunter Vickers)

Horse

Midland (Hunter Davidson, Jacinda Melton, Laken Power, Colby Thomas)

Land

Ouachita (Ryan McDaniel, Logan Wells, Sam May, Douglas Cole)

Livestock

Hermitage (Jacie Sweeney, Katie Richard, Dustin Brown, Jessica Sutherland)

Meats

Harrison (Gavin Pannell, Lauren Reading, Chelsea Copple, Stuart Estes)

Nursery Landscaping

Emerson (Megan Cummings, Samantha Pharr, Shelby McWilliams, Kayla Samples)

Poultry

Delight (James Stone, Sera Snow, Haley Holcomb)

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plishments,” said Janice Hanlon, ACE’s administrator for the state GED program. “In 2009, 8,657 individuals took the tests and 7,274 passed, which reflects an 84 percent pass rate in Arkansas. The national rate stands at about 70 percent. Our adult education centers throughout the state do an excellent job preparing students for the tests.”

The top 2009 graduate is 19-year-old Mark Joslin, who tested through North Central Career Center in his hometown of Leslie. Joslin plans to further his education in automotive service technology.

The top 10 GED scorers will be offered Second Effort scholarships from the Department of Higher Education in the amount of \$1,000 each year for four years. The scholarships will be awarded contingent upon legislative approval.

Ninety-seven percent of colleges accept GED credentials for undergraduate admission, and a recent survey showed that 95 percent of employers viewed the credential positively in corporate hiring. All 50 states use GED tests to measure the academic knowledge and award equivalency diplomas to residents who did not complete high school. Arkansas is one of only two states nationwide that do not charge a fee to take the GED test.

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deaf and an explanation of how to use telecommunications relay services when communicating with deaf individuals.

👂 **“Use of Interpreters”** (presented by ARS representatives)—In this session, the participants learned about the appropriate uses of interpreters, levels of certification and obtaining the services of interpreters.

Searcy Mayor Brenda LaForce expressed her appreciation in a letter to ARS Learning and Evaluation Center Rehabilitation Program Coordinator Joyce Scott.

“The ‘Deaf, Deaf World’ workshop was a richly rewarding experience and a tremendous success. I want to express my appreciation to you and the other presenters for your hard work in making this endeavor a success,” Mayor LaForce said.

“This workshop provided us with a new perspective and information on how to better communicate with our deaf citizens. Those attending now have a new awareness of the frustrations and difficulties that our deaf neighbors are confronted with daily. This training will assist in opening up the lines of communication, especially when providing us with new avenues of support.”

Fayetteville Spotlights CTE Students and Programs

With national attention focused on a redesigned Elementary and Secondary Education Act, President Obama has challenged states to better prepare students for college and career readiness. The Fayetteville School District has long recognized the need for both academics and career exploration as part of every student’s high school experience. Ninety percent of Fayetteville’s career and technical education (CTE) students pursue further education after graduating from high school.

Fayetteville’s CTE program continues to evolve—pre-engineering was added as a new program of study this year with 200 junior high students participating. The agriculture program will expand into agribusiness and marketing next year with a planned pathway for the exploration of teaching on the horizon for 2011.

Ninety career CTE students were recognized

in May for their completion of a three-year program of study. In a ceremony attended by students, parents, teachers and Fayetteville High School administrators, seniors who majored in agriculture, business and marketing, family and consumer sciences or television production and film received copper-and-white graduation cords and official program-of-study completer certificates.

Career and technical education is a growing program in Fayetteville, with 2,953 students participating during the spring semester alone. Broken down by grade levels, there were 652 seventh-graders, 618 eighth-graders, 378 ninth-graders, 426 tenth-graders, 450 eleventh-graders and 428 twelfth-graders taking at least one CTE course. Many juniors and seniors took two or three courses. Congratulations to these students for recognizing the need for college and career readiness!

Career and Technical Student Organizations State Conference Championships



Phi Beta Lambda (PBL)



Accounting Analysis & Decision Making – 1. Ching Wong/UA - Fort Smith; 2. Tiffany Howton, ASU – Jonesboro; 3. Siew Moon Eng, U of O; 4. Meagan Ponsiego, U of O; 5. Patrick Lee, U of O. **Accounting for Professionals** – 1. Tiffany Howton, ASU – Jonesboro; 2. Jeremy Brown UA - Fort Smith; 3. Lay Hoong Yap, U of O; 4. Nana Bawa, SAU; 5. Siew Moon Eng, U of O. **Accounting Principles** - 1. Juleen Long/North Arkansas; 2. Tshiring Gurung, SAU; 3. Tricia Driver, Williams Baptist; 4. Lindsay Given, SAU; 5. Julee Pratt, ASU – Beebe. **Business Communication** - 1. Valerie Hampton/North Arkansas; 2. Janine Armstrong, U of O; 3. Delsi Ku, U of O; 4. Tramayne Webster, UACCM; 5. Jennie Harris, Southark. **Business Decision Making** – 1. Brandon Barron, Tony Fernandez, Marcos Melendez, U of O; 2. Jeremy Smith, Nicholas Williams, UCA

Business Ethics – 1. Tiffany Pickett, Mari Pinedo, Lauren Taylor, Williams Baptist; 2. Betty Wade, Haley Breedlove, North Arkansas; 3. Derrick Cornell, Lisa Dicus, North Arkansas; 4. Randy Briggs, Abigail Nietert, UA - Fort Smith, Janine Armstrong, Zach Doty, U of O. **Business Law** – 1. Lauren Pendleton, UA - Fort Smith, 2. Marsha Hayes, UA - Fort Smith; 3. Dehora Cook, UA - Fort Smith; 4. Nicholas Williams, UCA; Tiffany Pickett, Williams Baptist; **Business Presentation** – 1. Jane Van, UA - Fort Smith; 2. Dahlaria Pimentel, Elise Snoddy, U of O; 3. Karen Loria, Suhele Paz, U of O; 4. Samantha Moreau, North Arkansas; 5. Lacreia Billings, UA - Fort Smith. **Client Service** - 1. Pam Hilliard, Southark; 2. Sharon Nelson, UAMCTC; 3. Jason Lovell, North Arkansas; 4. Tammy Clark, SAU; 5. Sky Tapp, Pulaski Tech. **Community Service Project** – 1. Phillip Johnson, Jessica Pate, U of O; 2. Sarah Cook, Lisa Dicus, Haley Breedlove, North Arkansas; 3. Marla Benson, Kristen Hansen, Sarah Smith, Southark, 4. Addie Acuff, ASU - Mt. Home; 5. Dehora Cook, Abigail Nietert, Tamara Reno, UA - Fort Smith

Computer Applications – 1. Delsie Ku, U of O; 2. Bobbie Smith, Southark; 3. Diane Voigt, North Arkansas; 4. Teresa Pottorff, North Arkansas; 5. Adreina Perez, U of O. **Computer Concepts** – 1. Noah Moses, Southark; 2. Rachel Hoff, UCA; 3. James Trowbridge, North Arkansas; 4. Sherry Briggs, Southark; 5. Austin Campbell, North Arkansas. **Computer Game & Simulation Programming** – 1. J Logan, North Arkansas; **Contemporary Sports Issue** – 1. Neal Smith, UA - Fort Smith; 2. John Phillips, U of O; 3. Michael Breedlove, UA - Fort Smith; 4. Andrew Todd, ASU; 5. Justin Hawkins, Williams Baptist. **Cyber Security** – 1. Bobby Freeman, Southark; 2. Susan Low, U of O.

Database Design & Applications - 1. Vitaly Dymna, Williams Baptist; 2. Adam Chote, SAU; 3. Manuel Ruiz, U of O; 4. Qianwen Chen, ASU. **Desktop Publishing** – 1. Marla Benson, Kayla Whately, Southark; 2. Jennie Harris, Sarah Smith, Southark; 3. Brittany Jerry/Hannah Colvin, Southark; 4. Zyanya Sanchez/Lyda Rodriguez, U of O; 5. Debbie Cook/Kristin Phatthong, UA - Fort Smith. **Digital Video Production** - 1. Jared King, Hendrix College; 2. Andy Hayden, Elizabeth Fehr, Williams Baptist. **Economic Analysis & Decision Making** - 1. Marcos Melendez, U of O; 2. Luis Roldan, U of O; 3. Payton Place, UA - Fort Smith; 4. Meagan Ponsiego, U of O; 5. Dana Broad, UA - Fort Smith. **Emerging Business Issues** - 1. Eric Carles, Phuong Do, Mayra Hoch, U of O; 2. Josia Cotner, Payton Place, UA - Fort Smith; 3. Derrick Cornell, Ben Parker, North Arkansas; 4. Jay Henard, Lauren Jennings, Southark; 5. Stephaine Longley, Josh Rogers, UA - Fort Smith

Financial Analysis & Decision Making - 1. William Greene, UA - Fort Smith; 2. Suhelen Paz, U of O; 3. Neal Smith, UA - Fort Smith; 4. Jordan Remagen, UA - Fort Smith. **Financial Concepts** – 1. Travis Bolton, UA - Fort Smith; 2. April Hamilton, UA - Fort Smith; 3. Lauren Pendleton, UA - Fort Smith; 4. Cassie Strothcamp, ASU; 5. Brody Belk, Williams Baptist. **Financial Services** – 1. Anthony Tahan, UA - Fort Smith; 2. Tamara Reno, Ching Wong, UA - Fort Smith. **Free Enterprise Project** - 1. Valerie Smith, Kayla Wright, SAU; 2. Phillip Johnson, Patrick Lee, U of O. **Future Business Executive** - 1. Tamara Reno, UA - Fort Smith; 2. Lacreia Billings, UA - Fort Smith; 3. Marty Dicus, North Arkansas; 4. Dana Broad, UA - Fort Smith; 5. Aaron Carroll, ASU

Future Business Teacher – 1. Gracia Velasquez, U of O. Help Desk – 1 Terri Smith, North Arkansas; 2. Rachel Hoff, UCA; 3. Angust Wong, U of O; 4. Kayla Casey, U of

O; 5. Adam Choate, SAU. **Hospitality Management** – 1. Jordan Remagen, Shea Tackett, UA - Fort Smith; 2. John Phillips, U of O; 3. Valerie Hampton, Tribly Hampton, North Arkansas; 4. Amilee Hampton, Jaaziel Hampton, North Arkansas; Robbin Phillips, Ginger Thomas, UAMCTC. **Human Resource Management** - 1. Travis Bolton, UA - Fort Smith; 2. Jessica Blair, Rose Carter, North Arkansas; 3. Felishia Jonson, Jessikah Kelly, UAMCTC; 4. David Holcombe, Edie Klein, North Arkansas; 5. Shawna Hawkins, John Le, UA - Fort Smith. **Impromptu Speaking** - 1. Claudia Rucchio, UA - Fort Smith; 2. Leylia Tuckler, U of O; 3. Mike Slider, U of O; 4. Lary Walker, UA - Fort Smith; 5. Randy Briggs, UA - Fort Smith.

Information Management - 1. Shelley Keith, SAU; 2. Katie Niskern, U of O; 3. Daniel Tom, Southark; Carlos Rodriguez, U of O; 4. Jessikah Kelley, UAMCTC. **International Business** – 1. Abigail Nietert, UA - Fort Smith; 2. Wendy Gu, U of O; 3. Gillskeyra Tejada, U of O; 4. Lucia Saravia, U of O; 5. Carmylena Rodriguez, U of O. **Job Interview** – 1. Nina Huddleston, ASU - Mt. Home; 2. Mayra Hoch, U of O; 3. Cassie Strothcamp, ASU; 4. Jamar Cunningham, ASU; 5. Mollie Dykes, SAU. **Justice Administration** – 1. Jordan Hanson, Southark; 2. Daniel Mickle, UA - Fort Smith; 3. Samantha Reed, U of O; 4. Sky Tapp, Pulaski Tech. **Local Chapter Annual Business Report** – 1. Southark; 2. U of O; 3. ASU - Mt. Home; 4. SAU; 5. North Arkansas. **Macroeconomics** - 1. Shayna Gatzke, UA - Fort Smith; 2. Mark Yawson, Williams Baptist; 3. Patrick Corder, Williams Baptist; 4. Josiah Cotner, UA - Fort Smith; 5. Do Chuong, U of O.

Management Analysis & Decision Making - 1. Sarah Cook, Sondra Dailey, North Arkansas; 2. Danita McEntire, Aliesha Wells, UA - Fort Smith; 3. Anthony Tahan, UA - Fort Smith; 4. Jessica Blair, Rose Carter, Ashley Grinder, North Arkansas; 5. Laura Hoffman, Joey Hughes, Karen Loria, U of O. **Management Concepts** – 1. Shelley Keith, SAU; 2. Marsha Hayes, UA - Fort Smith; 3. Sarah Cook, North Arkansas; 4. Naima Lopez, U of O; 5. Henry Arauz, U of O. **Marketing Analysis & Decision Making** - 1. Laura Hoffman, Joey Hughes, Amy Wonaphotimuke, U of O; 2. Jaime Flores, Ruth Garcia, Mike Slider, U of O; 3. Lisa Dicus, Ben Parker, North Arkansas; 4. Brooke Gage, Brad Harris, Lauren Taylor, Williams Baptist; 5. Danita McEntire, Anita Vang, Kia Xiong, UA - Fort Smith. **Marketing Concepts** - 1. Keyona Clayton, ASU; 2. Justin Daubert, Williams Baptist; 3. Tricia Driver, Williams Baptist; 4. Kristi Canada, SAU; 5. Henry Arauz, U of O. **Microeconomics** - 1. Shayna Gatzke, UA - Fort Smith; 2. William Greene, UA - Fort Smith; 3. Kevin McKinlay, Southark; 4. Tshiring Gurung, Southark; 5. Nathan Simon, ASU - Beebe

Networking Concepts - 1. Bobby Freeman, Southark; 2. Dexter Lawrence, Southark; 3. Jasmine Harris, Southark; 4. Avis Nirwan, U of O; 5. Austin Campbell, North Arkansas. **Network Design** - 1. Jasmine Harris, Noah Moses, Southark; 2. Matt Mitchell, Mark Yawson, Andy Hayden, Williams Baptist; 3. James Trowbridge, Travis Weidenfeller, North Arkansas. **Parliamentary Procedure** - 1. Bethany Crawford, Andrew Lane, Nick Rice, Sara Skoot, Megean Wilcoxon, ASU - Mt. Home. **Project Management** - 1. April Hamilton, UA - Fort Smith; 2. Aliesha Well, UA - Fort Smith; 3. Daniel Tom, Southark; 4. Brittany Jerry, Southark; 5. Ricardo Milla, U of O. **Public Speaking** - 1. Valeri Smith, SAU; 2. Matt Wise, SAU; 3. Haley Murray, North Arkansas; 4. Claudia Rucchio, UA - Fort Smith; 5. Haley Breedlove, North Arkansas

Sales Presentation - 1. Brad Harris, Williams Baptist; 2. Josh Rogers, UA - Fort Smith; 3. Brittany Christian, UA - Fort Smith; 4. Diana Aguirre, U of O. **Small Business Management Plan** - 1. Susan Low, Amy Wonaphotimuke, Lay Hoong Yap, U of O. **Sports Management & Marketing** - 1. Andrew Todd, ASU; 2. Justin Daubert, Williams Baptist; 3. Justin Hawkins, Williams Baptist; 4. Andrea Logos, U of O; 5. Jaime Flores, U of O. **Statistical Analysis** - 1. Jeremy Brown, UA - Fort Smith; 2. Kevin McKinlay, Southark; 3. Bobbie Smith, Southark; 4. Joshua Brown, UA - Fort Smith; 5. Ashley Brown, Southark. **Telecommunications** - 1. Matthew Mitchell, Williams Baptist; 2. Dexter Lawrence, Southark; 3. Zach Doty, U of O; 4. Terri Smith, North Arkansas; 5. Julee Pratt, ASU - Beebe

Website Development - 1. Danny Adams, Vitaly Dymna, Williams Baptist; 2. Hannah Colvin, Lauren Jennings, Kayla Whatley, Southark; 3. Tony Fernandez, Patrick Lee, U of O. **Word Processing** - 1. Christina Shatswell, North Arkansas; 2. Amanda Renard, UACCM; 3. Tyler Brown, Southark; 4. Johnessa Belcher, ATU – Ozark; 5. Tramayne Webster, UACCM. **Administrative Services** - 1. LaSandra Malone, Southark; 2. Barbara Hill, Southark; 3. Tramayne Webster, UACCM; 4. Justin McAlphin, Southark; 5. Charlene Passmore, UACCM. **Business English** - 1. Tramayne Webster,

UACCM; 2. Amanda Wood, ASU - Mt. Home; 3. Lisa Sipes, Southark; 4. Brittany Jerry, Southark; 5. Amanda Renard, UACCM. **Business Math Purchased-1.** Kevin McKinlay, Southark

Business Math - Crystal Tatro, North Arkansas; 2; Ashley Brown, Southark; 3. Charlene Passmore, UACCM; Andrew Lane, ASU - Mt. Home. **Chapter Theme Display-Multimedia** - 1. Kouhoua Yang, UA - Fort Smith; 2. Charlene Passmore, UACCM; 3. Paul Barron, North Arkansas. Chapter Theme Display: **Scrapbook** -1. Bethany Crawford, ASU - Mt. Home; 2. Serena Cannon, Southark; 3. Karen Loria, Suhelen Paz, U of O. **Computerized Accounting** - 1. Traci Owen, Southark; 2. Marla Benson, Southark; 3. Natalie Harris, Southark; 4. Charlene Passmore, UACCM. **Machine Transcription-** 1. Marla Benson, Southark; 2. Cathy Lewis, Southark; 3. Kelly Jones, Southark. **Medical Transcription** - 1. Traci Owen, Southark; 2. Lisa Sipes, Southark; 3. Sarah Smith, Southark; 4. Allison Wilson, Pulaski Tech

PBL Facts Test - 1. William Harris, SAU; 2. Derrick Cornell, North Arkansas; 3. Sarah Cook, North Arkansas; 4. Jennie Harris, Southark; 5. Valerie Hampton, North Arkansas. **Advertising** - 1. William Greene, UA - Fort Smith; 2. Claudia Rucchio, UA - Fort Smith; 3. Randy Briggs, UA - Fort Smith; 4. Lauren Taylor, Williams Baptist; 5. Bobby Freeman, Southark. **Business Etiquette** - 1. Matthew Mitchell, Williams Baptist; 2. Traci Owen, Southark; 3. Sky Tapp, Pulaski Tech; 4. Alison Wilson, Pulaski Tech; 5. Jane Van, UA - Fort Smith. **Business Principles** - 1. Ashley Jones, UA - Fort Smith; 2. Shayna Gatzke, UA - Fort Smith; 3. Rachel Hoff, UCA; 4. Jeremy Brown, UA - Fort Smith; 5. Dana Broad, UA - Fort Smith. **Computer Operating Systems** - 1. Rachel Hoff, UCA; 2. Noah Moses, Southark; 3. Danny Adams, Williams Baptist; 4. Adam Choate, SAU; 5. Matthew Mitchell, Williams Baptist.

Leadership - 1. Shawna Hawkins, UA - Fort Smith; 2. Katy Niskern, U of O; 3. Shayna Gatzke, UA - Fort Smith; 4. Samantha Reed, U of O; 5. Claudia Rucchio, UA - Fort Smith. **Organizational Behavior** - 1. Katy Niskern, U of O; 2. Monica Linares, U of O; 3. Marsha Hayes, UA - Fort Smith; 4. Travis Bolton, UA - Fort Smith; 5. Shawna Hawkins, UA - Fort Smith. **Strategic Management** - 1. Zyanya Sanchez, U of O; 2. Aviscenna Nirwan, U of O; 3. August Wong, U of O; 4. Neal Smith, UA - Fort Smith; 5. Laura Hoffman, U of O. **Who's Who in PBL** - 1. Mayra Hoch, U of O; 2. Marla Benson, Southark; 3. Lacreia Billings, UA - Fort Smith; 4. Tyler Brown, Southark; 5. Aaron Carroll, ASU; 6. Derrick Cornell, North Arkansas; 7. Valerie Hampton, North Arkansas; 8. William Harris, SAU; 9. Noah Moses, Southark; 10. Charlene Passmore, UACCM; 11. Weston Wright, SAU; 12. Tamara Reno, UA - Fort Smith; 13. Sarah Smith, Southark; 14. Betty Wade, North Arkansas.

Arkansas PBL Member of the Year - 1. Marla Benson, Southark; 2. Tamara Reno, UA - Fort Smith. 3. Valerie Smith, SAU. **Adviser of the Year** - 1. Gerald Plumlee, SAU; 2. Latisha Settlege, UA - Fort Smith. **Adviser Service Award** - 1. Latisha Settlege, UA - Fort Smith; 2. Joel Rossmailer, U of O; 3. Traci Hughes, SAU. **Businessperson of the Year** - 1. Bill Lovell, North Arkansas; 2. Randy Hendricks, Southark; 3. Johnny Key, ASU - Mt. Home. **Largest Increase in Local Chapter Membership** - 1. Philander Smith College; 2. ASU - Heber Springs; 3. ASU; 4. SAU - Tech; 5. UA - Fort Smith.

Largest Local Chapter Membership - Collegiate - 1. U of O; 2. UA - Fort Smith; 3. SAU; 4. Arkansas Baptist; 5. Williams Baptist. **Largest Local Chapter Membership - Associate** - 1. Southark; 2. North Arkansas; 3. SAU - Tech; 4. ASU - Mt. Home; 5. UACCM. **Largest Recruitment of Professional Members** - 1. UA - Fort Smith; 2. Southark; 3. SAU; 4. ASU - Mt. Home. **Sweepstakes - Collegiate** - UA - Fort Smith. **Sweepstakes - Associate** - Southark.

Gold Chapters - ASU - Mt. Home; Southark; North Arkansas; SAU. **Career & Membership Achievement Program Executive Level** - Aaron Carroll, ASU; Sara Skoot, ASU - Mt. Home; Amanda Renard, UACCM; Cathy Lewis, Southark; Marla Benson, Southark; Toni Dixon, Southark.

SkillsUSA Championship 2010 Winners Results



3-D Visualization & Animation - Secondary : 1st Team #3, Western Arkansas Technical Center, Brendon Glidden, Serena Vanderford; 2nd Team #2, Springdale High School, Kenny Intharath, Bradley Ponder; 3rd Team #1, Springdale High School, Edgar Barrales, Yescenia Ruiz. Postsecondary: 1st Team #500, University of Arkansas at Fort Smith, Dusten Jameson, Christopher Venable. **Advertising Design - Secondary**: 1st ; Metropolitan Career & Technical Center, Terrence Johnson; 2, Northeast Arkansas Career & Technical Center, Delicia Brown; 3, Western Arkansas Technical Center, Allyson Lovell. **Postsecondary**: 1, University of Arkansas at Fort Smith, Lois Labuda, 2, University of Arkansas at Fort Smith, Mai Thao; 3, University of Arkansas at Fort Smith, Brittany Dawson. **American Spirit - Secondary** 1st Team #1, Conway Area Career Center, Kenya Robinson, Miriah Robinson; 2nd Team #2,

SEACBEC, Tyler Ashcraft, Brittanie Smith; 3rd Team #3, Greenland High School, Mickey Prather, Sara Wilhite. **Architectural Drafting - Secondary**: 1, Bentonville High School, Cody Teague; 2, Rogers High School, Chris Carroll; 3, Springdale High School, Luis Alfredo Serrano. **Postsecondary**: 1, University of Arkansas at Fort Smith, Joel Cloud; 2, Northwest Technical Institute, Randy Peoples; 3, University of Arkansas at Fort Smith, Aaron West. **Audio Production -Secondary** : 1st Team #5, Cabot High School, Taylor May, Zack Smith; 2nd Team #2, Cave City High School, Holly Presley, Damien Snyder; 3rd Team #6, Cabot High School, Nathan Hail, Shelby Styron.

Auto Parts Specialist - Secondary : 1, Jacksonville High School, Brandon Hidalgo; 2, Pulaski Technical College-Saline County, Amanda Buehler; 3, Ouachita Area High School Career Center, Zach Green. **Postsecondary** : 1, South Arkansas Community College, Dexter Lawrence; 2, Arkansas Technical University-Ozark Campus, Corey Podoll; 3, Arkansas Technical University-Ozark Campus, Harold Haney. **Automotive Refinishing Technology - Secondary**: 1, Conway Area Career Center, Hunter Lively; 2, Northark Technical Center, Jorge Ramirez; 3, Conway Area Career Center, Lukas Pittman. **Postsecondary**: 1, Arkansas Technical University-Ozark Campus, Garrison DeArmond; 2, Arkansas Technical University-Ozark Campus, Hoyt Linthacum; 3, Pulaski Technical College, Joseph Behr. **Automotive Service Technology - Secondary**: 1, South Arkansas Community College, Jordan Camp; 2, Jacksonville High School, Nolan Hidalgo; 3, Ouachita Area High School Career Center, Matthew Hathcock. **Postsecondary**: 1, South Arkansas Community College, Dakota Tucker; 2, Arkansas Technical University-Ozark Campus, Robert Fox; 3, Arkansas State University Searcy, Lucas Henson. **Aviation Maintenance Technology -Secondary**: 1, Rich Mountain Community College, Roger Judkins; 2nd , SAU Tech Career Academy, Kendal Rowe; 3, Texarkana Area Vocational Center, Tony Dagostino. **Postsecondary**: 1, SAU Tech Career Academy, Michael Garich; 2, SAU Tech Career Academy, Aaron Keahey; 3, SAU Tech Career Academy, Daniel Castleberry. **Basic Health Care -Secondary**: 1, Magnolia High School, Marisha Smith; 2, Magnolia High School, Amber Hodnett; 3, SAU Tech Career Academy, Derico Walker. **Broadcast News Production - Secondary**: 1st Team #5, Cabot High School, Erin Loraditch, Devyn Machado, Taylor Pannell, Dylan Seaton; 2nd Team #7, Cave City High School, Haley Bell, Whitney Bell, Haley Haynes, Jessica Kennedy; 3rd Team #8, Cabot High School, Blake Gunter, Jordan Kinsey, Dalton Madding, Kelsey Schumacher. **Cabinetmaking - Secondary** : 1, Eureka Springs High School, Stefan Reding; 2, Conway Area Career Center, Quentin Worm; 3, National Park Community College, Steven Bonas. **Postsecondary**: 1, North Arkansas College, Kevin Storie; 2, Cossatot Community College U of A, Kilonji Benson; 3, Cossatot Community College U of A, Tracy Mogran. **Carpentry -Secondary**: 1, Northside High School, Jeff Grimmer; 2, Eureka Springs High School, Kolton Johnson; 3, Eureka Springs High School, Luke Dodrill. **Postsecondary**: 1, Cossatot Community College U of A, William Brewer; 2, North Arkansas College, Elmer McFarland; 3, North Arkansas College, Melvin Binam. **Chapter Business Procedure -Secondary**: 1st Team #5, Springdale High School, Katharine Arthurs, Dominique Bonilla, Amanda Hornway, Danielle Pena, Lauren Webb, Cassie Zimmerman; 2nd Team #3, Corning High School, Rachel Beeman, Alexandria Edwards, Martine Huffman, Sara Stormes, Corey Wheatley, Dakota Wilson; 3rd Team #1, Springdale High School, Cindy Caceres, Jose Escobar, Orland Martinez, James Rorie, Guadalupe Soto. **Chapter Display -Secondary**: 1st Team #2, Northeast Arkansas Career & Technical Center, Ashley Schulze; 2nd Team #3, Cave City High School, Brooklyn Brinkley, Brandon Gillihan, Lindsey Wooldridge; 3rd Team #4, Greenland High School, David Mansell, Brian Velasco. **Postsecondary**: 1st Team #500, Northwest Technical Institute, Michael Collins, Jesse Parker

CNC Milling Technology -Secondary: 1, Area Career & Technical Center-Russellville, Sean Hendron; 2, Rogers Heritage High School, Michael McCullum, 3, Northeast Arkansas Career & Technical Center, Scott West. **Postsecondary**: 1, Mid-South Community College U of A, Tom Jordan; 2, Northwest Technical Institute, Tyler Bowen. **CNC Turning Technology -Secondary** 1, Area Career & Technical Center-Russellville, Nathaniel Lutz; 2, Northeast Arkansas Career & Technical Center, David Needham; 3, Rogers Heritage High School, Christopher Montenegro. **Postsecondary**: 1, Mid-South Community College U of A, Jacob McHaffey; 2, Northwest Technical Institute, Anthony Barnett, 3, Northwest Technical Institute, Andrew Judy. **Collision Repair Technology -Secondary** :1, Conway Area Career Center, Zach Harvey; 2, Pulaski Technical College-Saline County, Cruz Eslick; 3, Conway Area Career Center, Kelli Emerson. **Postsecondary**: 1, Pulaski Technical College, Ryan Strickland, 2, Arkansas Technical University Ozark Campus, Brian White; 3, Arkansas Technical University Ozark Campus, Jerry Odom. **Commercial Baking -Secondary**: 1, Metropolitan Career & Technical Center, Marlisha Phillips; 2, Metropolitan Career & Technical Center, Thomas Allen; 3, Area Career & Technical Center-Russellville, Amanda Barker. **Postsecondary**: 1, Pulaski Technical College Culinary School, Xandra Sharp; 2, Pulaski Technical College Culinary School, Mary Tanguay; 3, Pulaski Technical College Culinary School, Loren Sturtevant. **Community Service -Secondary**: 1st Team #6, Springdale High School, Andrea Alaniz, Stephanie Duarte, Tania Martinez; 2nd Team #1, Northeast Ark. Career Center, Ryan Brown, Larry Givins, Shelby Jones; 3rd Team #2, Texarkana Area Vo. Center,

Tamara Cherry, Erika Daniels, Jaylan Howard

Computer Maintenance Technology –Secondary: 1, Mid-South Community College U of A, Alan Kronberger; 2, Cossatot Community College, Sean Semple ; 3, Sylan Hills High School, Kris Lilley. **Postsecondary:** 1, University of Arkansas at Fort Smith, Dennis Guzman; 2, Mid-South Community College U of A, Clarence Holder; 3, Crowley's Ridge Technical Institute, Scott Miller. **Computer Programming – Secondary:** 1, Western Arkansas Technical Center, Sebastian Bossarte; 2, Western Arkansas Technical Center, Spencer Crum. **Postsecondary:** 1, Arkansas Technical University Ozark Campus, David Smith. **Cosmetology – Secondary:** 1, Career Academy of Hair Design Siloam Springs, Kelcie Lawson; 2, Sylan Hills High School, Cherelle Roby; 3, Metropolitan Career & Technical Center, Andrea Plummer. **Postsecondary:** 1, Arkansas Technical University Ozark Campus, Sabra Odum; 2, Arkansas Technical University Ozark Campus, Tasha Hall; 3, Pulaski Technical College-Saline County, Isabel Cortez. **Cosmetology Novice –** 1, Conway Area Career Center, Corrina Hamilton; 2, Conway Area Career Center, Latrice Freeman; 3, Conway Area Career Ct., Thomas Credit. **Crime Scene Investigation –Secondary:** 1st Team #4, Springdale High School, Haley Allen, Ana Garcia, Jackie Sandoval; 2nd Team #8, National Park Comm. College, John Anderson, Tyler Ellsworth, Jessica Wilson; 3rd Team #9, National Park Comm. Col., Kambri Burton, Jessica Daily, Amber Huffman. **Criminal Justice – Secondary:** 1, National Park Community College, Dylan Taylor; 2, National Park, Community College, Misty Cox; 3rd National Park Community College, James Lyon.

Culinary Arts – Secondary : 1, Area Career & Technical Center Russellville, Brittini Hooper; 2, Metropolitan Career & Technical Center, Lemond Barton; 3, Metropolitan Career & Technical Center, DeOnti Bousquet. **Postsecondary:** 1, Pulaski Technical College Culinary School, Tyrone Fox; 2, Pulaski Technical College Culinary School, Matt Martinez; 3, Pulaski Technical College Culinary School, Richard Lindsey. **Customer Service – Secondary:** 1, Area Career & Technical Center-Russellville, Zack Needham; 2, Dumas High School, Janae Fisher; 3, Pulaski Technical College Saline County, Alex Chenault. **Diesel Equipment Technology (Truck) –Secondary :** 1, Mid-South Community College U of A, James Allensworth; 2, Huntsville High School, Nicholas Melson; 3, Mid-South Community College U of A, Joey Boone. **Postsecondary:** 1, Northwest Technical Institute, Isaac Lynch; 2, Northwest Technical Institute, Patrick Hrdlicka; 3, Mid-South Community College U of A, Walter Brown

Diesel Equipment Technology (Farm) – Secondary: 1. Mid-South Community College U of A, Allen Witcher; 2. Mid-South Community College U of A, Darius Key; 3. Jacksonville High School, Calvin Carter. **Postsecondary:** 1. University of Arkansas Hope, Keith Morton, Keith Morton; 2. University of Arkansas Hope, Bruce Perry; 3. Northwest Technical Institute, James Hayworth. **Electronics Technology – Secondary:** 1. Western Arkansas Technical Center, Jaron Robison; 2. ; Northark Technical Center, Gage Rice; 3. Bentonville High School, Garret Dulle. **Postsecondary:** 1. University of Arkansas Fort Smith, Maverick Frazier; 2. Arkansas Technical University Ozark Campus, William Vance; 3. Arkansas Technical University Ozark Campus, Jacob Gilham

Extemporaneous Speaking – Secondary: 1. Cave City High School, Sarah Winston; 2. Texarkana Area Vocational Center, Beau Smithey; 3. Heber Springs High School, Spencer Craddock. **Postsecondary:** 1. University of Arkansas at Fort Smith, Matthew Montgomery. **First Aid/CPR – Secondary:** 1. Ouachita Area High School Career Center, Rebecca Acuff; 2. Ouachita Area High School Career Center, Mary Moder; 3. Phillips Community College Stuttgart, Jordan Meanor. **Food & Beverage Service – Postsecondary:** 1. Pulaski Technical College Culinary School, Heath Halter; 2. Pulaski Technical College Culinary School, Jennifer Allen; 3. Pulaski Technical College Culinary School, Haley Hamby. **Graphic Communications – Secondary:** 1. Newport High School, Derek Bright; 2. Greenland High School, Lucas Grogan; 3. Metropolitan Career & Technical Center, Leon Randle. **Postsecondary:** 1. Arkansas Career Training Institute, Charlie Graves; 2. Arkansas Career Training Institute, Jermaine Whitmore; 3. Arkansas Career Training Institute, Jarari Felton. **Health Knowledge Bowl – Secondary:** 1. Team #14 Western Arkansas Technical Center, Allison Kelley, Shelbi Moore, Jessica Souvatdy, Courtney Speaks; 2. Team #11 Cabot High School, Katelynne Chastain, Callie Hawkins, Sidney Owens, Mckenzie Schultz; 3. Team #12 River Valley Technical Center, Devin Cornwell, Jacob Ellis, Ashleigh Giovannini, Taylor McElroy. **Postsecondary:** 1. Team #501 University of Arkansas at Fort Smith, Leah Beckum, Katie Sexton, Kerri Thompson, Nue Vang; 2. Team #500 Ouachita Technical College, Ginger Day, Kurt Gordon, Audra Hulin, Kelcy Stuart.

Health Occupations Professional Portfolio – Secondary: 1. Pulaski Technical College Saline County, Christa Phillips; 2. Pulaski Technical College Saline County, Sara Yaw; 3. Cabot High School, Kayleigh Hunter. **HVACR – Secondary:** 1. Northeast Arkansas Career & Technical Center, Derric Lowe; 2. Northark Technical Center, Clinton Zeller. **Postsecondary:** 1. Arkansas Technical University Ozark Campus, Justin Gatewood; 2. Arkansas Technical University Ozark Campus, Garry Sanders; 3. Arkansas Technical University Ozark Campus, James Francis. **Industrial Motor**

Control – Postsecondary: 1. Crowley's Ridge Technical Institute, Devin Files; 2. University of Arkansas Hope, Gus Kisselburg; 3. University of Arkansas Hope, Dyran Gulley. **Internetworking – Secondary:** 1. Hope High School, Bennett Black; 2. Paragould High School, Hunter Riggs; 3. Paragould High School, Daniel Howard. **Postsecondary:** 1. University of Arkansas at Fort Smith, Michael Short; 2. Mid-South Community College U of A, Devin Lovell; 3. Arkansas State University Marked Tree, John Dickson Jr. **Job Interview – Secondary:** 1. National Park Community College, Neva Randel; 2. Cave City High School, Megan Graddy; 3. Rogers High School, Tyler Blount. **Postsecondary:** 1. Arkansas Career Training Institute, Ada Davis; 2. Northwest Technical Institute, Kenneth Wilson; 3. Arkansas Technical University Ozark Campus, Tiffany Burke.

Job Skill Demonstration A— Secondary: 1. National Park Community College, David Gavin; 2. Jacksonville High School, Mike King; 3. Pulaski Technical College Saline County, Amberly Compton. **Postsecondary:** 1. Ozarka College, Roman Mabes. **Job Skill Demonstration Open – Secondary:** 1. Cave City High School, Garrett Tuggle. **Major Appliance Technology – Postsecondary:** 1. Crowley's Ridge Technical Center, Jared Brown; 2. Crowley's Ridge Technical Center, Micah Collier; 3. Crowley's Ridge Technical Center, Blake Goodson. **Marine Service Technology – Postsecondary:** 1. National Park Community College, Dustin Wray; 2. National Park Community College, Charles Day. **Masonry – Secondary:** 1. Eureka Springs High School, Ryan Ramberg; 2. Northark Technical Center; Daniel Morgan, 3. Eureka Springs High School, Matthew McGehee. **Postsecondary:** 1. North Arkansas College, John Eddy.

Medical Assistant – Postsecondary: 1. Ouachita Technical College, Connie Pedron. **Medical Math – Secondary:** 1. Western Arkansas Technical Center, Lidiana Quezada; 2. Ouachita Area High School Career Center, Jimmy Bell; 3. Magnolia High School, Jennifer May. **Medical Terminology: Secondary:** 1. Metropolitan Career & Technical Center, Amanda Klipp; 2. Northark Technical Center, Amber Jones; 3. SAU Tech Career Academy Fordyce, Haylie Owens. **Postsecondary:** 1. Ouachita Technical College, Rhoda Washington. **Medical Transcription – Postsecondary:** 1. Ouachita Technical College, Tyler Porterfield. **Motorcycle Service Technology – Secondary:** 1. Texarkana Area Vocational Center, Cody Bellamy; 2. Jacksonville High School, Michelle Collins; 3. SEACBEC, Carthen Doster. **Postsecondary:** 1. Pulaski Technical College, Alex Barlow; 2. Pulaski Technical College, Gibson Harris. **Nail Care – Secondary:** 1. Pulaski Technical College Saline County, Kendra Wicker, 2. Career Academy of Hair Design Springdale, Hilary Williams; 3. Conway Area Career Center, Dalena Thai. **Postsecondary:** 1. Pulaski Technical College Saline County, Anny Smith; 2. Pulaski Technical College Saline County, Tekoa Storey; 3. North Central Vocational Center, Kayla Worthing.

Nurse Assistant – Secondary: 1. Western Arkansas Technical Center, Diandra Thomas; 2. Northark Technical Center, Brooke Hatfield; 3. Ouachita Area High School Career Center, Cristal Duenas. **Occupational Health & Safety Single – Secondary:** 1. Team #2 Cabot High School, Chase Berg, Kimberly Hicks, Jeffrey Wooding; 2. Team #1 Greenland High School, Jeff Price, Sarah Shelley. **Opening & Closing Ceremonies – Secondary:** 1. Team #4 Career Academy of Hair Design Rogers, Dominique Douthit, Nicole Engler, Gabby Garcia, Kimberly Howk, Kate Kearney, Casey Kennedy, Martha Rivera; 2. Team #7 Arkansas School for the Deaf Tiarra Hopson, Ctiera James, Rick Gray, Shawn Portier, Rocio Sotelo, Kiara Young; 3. Team #13 Rogers High School, Matt Bell, Rocio Caldera, Mariano Perez, Sarah Ross, Grant Schommer, Pamela Vargas, Spencer Wicker. **Postsecondary:** 1. Team #502 Pulaski Technical College Saline County, Amanda Campbell, Jennifer Howard, Shekinah Linton, Nick Mathews, Whitney Scoggins, Kayla Skinner, Nick Yarberry; 2. Team #503 Northwest Technical Institute, John Barragan, Levi Cops, Jose Orellana, Matthew Hendricks, Christopher Jones, Davone Valentin, Tikeigh Walker. **Outstanding Chapter – Secondary:** 1. Team #1 Pulaski Technical College Saline County, Daisy Ubiles, Amber Wilson; 2. Team #3 Pulaski Technical College Saline County; Tara Martinez, Elizabeth Murphy; 3. Team #4 Pulaski Technical College Saline County Jessica Carter, Meridith Williams. **Postsecondary:** 1. Team #500 Pulaski Technical College Saline County, Carol Barnett, Magan Clements, Laura Phifer.

Photography – Secondary 1. Conway Area Career Center, Matthew Friant, 2. Conway Area Career Center, Michelle Evans; 3. Jacksonville High School, Casey Tyson. **Pipe Welding – Secondary** : 1. Western Arkansas Technical Center, Steven Hernandez; 2. Arkansas State University Searcy, Lane Covington; 3. Arkansas State University Searcy, Crockett Cates. **Postsecondary:** 1. Greater Little Rock Area JAC, Christopher Hill; 2. Arkansas State University Searcy, Johnny Robbins, 3. Arkansas State University Searcy, Austin Williams. **Plumbing – Secondary:** 1. Eureka Springs High School, Will Hamblin; 2. Marion High School, Chris Meyer; 3. Eureka Springs High School, Kevin Crawford. **Postsecondary:** 1. Greater Little Rock Area JAC, Jerry Fox; 2. Greater Little Rock Area JAC, Jered Otts; 3. North Arkansas College, Gilbert Mason. **Power Equipment Technology – Secondary:** 1.

Ouachita Area High School Career Center, J.D. Schreiner; 2. Huntsville High School, Hueston Foster; 3. Huntsville High School, Ryan Boyd. **Postsecondary:** 1. Pulaski Technical College, Terry Parsons; 2. Pulaski Technical College, Daniel Cole; 3. Pulaski Technical College, Gerald Arnold. **Precision Machining Technology – Secondary:** 1. National Park Community College, Carter Weston; 2. Area Career & Technical Center-Russellville, Matthew Soliz; 3. National Park Community College, Brock Westerman. **Postsecondary:** 1. University of Arkansas Hope, Joey Osborn; 2. University of Arkansas Hope, Jeremy Miller; 3. Northwest Technical Institute, Robert Dolan.

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on track academically, avoid remediation in college and graduate on time.

Arkansas Works Associate Director Sonja Wright-McMurray and ACE Deputy Director for Career and Technical Education John Davidson have worked extremely hard to develop the ACT Summer Academy, and I'd like to thank them, as well as all of our college and career coaches, for their continued hard work on behalf of Arkansas's students.

The Arkansas Rehabilitation Services (ARS) Division is streamlining its computer systems in order to revolutionize its service delivery and case management processes. We are presently in the middle of a four-step implementation process for the new Libera case management software. Once the Libera system is fully integrated, everyone will quickly realize its usefulness and benefit.

We are busy training representatives from each of the 19 ARS field offices statewide on the Libera system, which transforms lengthy and time-consuming paperwork for clients and cases – everything from case files, to billing, to reports – into electronic files that can be easily viewed, printed and transferred throughout the agency with the click of a button.

The implementation of the software and training ARS employees is an enormous undertaking, and I want to express my appreciation to Commissioner Treviño and Chief of Field Services Carl Daugherty for their hard work.

Over the next few weeks, members of Arkansas's Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs) will be travelling across the country to compete and represent our state at their respective national conferences. These students have already proven themselves to be highly capable and highly skilled after impressive showings at the state CTSSO conferences in the spring; now they are going to go head-to-head against the nation's best. As always, I have the utmost confidence in Arkansas's students and I know our state will be proudly represented.

Win or lose, CTSSO conferences show career and technical education (CTE) students at their best. Our students work hard to hone and perfect their skills. Our teachers continue to demonstrate commitment and dedication to helping those students day after day, year after year, reach pinnacles such as the national conferences. Congratulations to all of our national competitors. I know you'll make us proud again this year.



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