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King, Beebe Address State JAG Conference Beebe Announces Internship Program

Just when it looked like the Jobs for Arkansas's Graduates (JAG) program couldn't gain any more momentum, it gets even bigger. Such was the case during the JAG 2010 Student Leadership Conference in Little Rock March 17-18.

The conference featured Martin Luther King, III, as a guest speaker, and King sung JAG's praises.

"The JAG program is telling you just be the best at what you do," King said. "Just be somebody. What's most important is that we make a contribution to someone beyond ourselves."

In his address to JAG students, King explained the importance of resilience and community.

"Bend but don't break," said King. "We hear about the great success stories in America – never the failures. With every success, there is a failure. It's critical to learn from that. I hope some of you will become business owners. There is not enough emphasis on entrepreneurship. Have a dream and make it happen.

"You are a reflection of your community. Kids in your community want to emulate you. Share your career information in your community. We must do our jobs well."

Governor Mike Beebe, who serves as the vice chair



Representatives from the Arkansas Career Training Institute (ACTI) posed with Martin Luther King, III (center). Pictured left to right is Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Instructor and JAG Specialist Sharyn Spiva, JAG students David Peck and Randy Rose, and Business Education Instructor and JAG Specialist Sandra Dunn.

of Jobs for America's Graduates, stressed relevance in his remarks to the students.

"JAG is about making education relevant to kids who may not have it made available to them so easily, Beebe said. "Skills taught in the educational system are relevant to whether you'll have options and how

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ACE/ARS OFFICES MOVE TO NEW LOCATION IN LITTLE ROCK

Below left: The Arkansas Rehabilitation Services Division's central administrative offices are now located at 525 West Capitol Avenue in downtown Little Rock. Also moving into the new facility were the Department of Career Education's



communications and human resources offices. The new facility features an auditorium for meetings. **Right:** The State Board of Career Education met at the new facility April 1. ACE Director Bill Walker (right) updates the Board, while newly elected chairman Phil Taylor looks on.



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Director's Update

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In my time as the Director of the Arkansas Department of Career Education (ACE) I've been fortunate to meet and befriend countless extraordinary people. Jack Justus, who served on the State Board of Career Education (SBCE) for 13 years and had served as the board's chairman since 1998, was one of those people. He is a man I am honored to call a friend, mentor and role model. It was a bittersweet moment when I was informed of his decision to retire from the SBCE.

Mr. Justus is a man of character and action who changes things for the better everywhere he goes. He is universally admired, and his monumental achievements are recognized by all. Mr. Justus' knowledge and wisdom have impacted more Arkansans than we'll likely ever know. He not only served as our board chairman, but he also worked tirelessly for the farm community of this state for more than 40 years.

When I first came to the Department of Career Education, I found Mr. Justus to be wealth of knowledge and good counsel. Career and technical education, adult education and education for persons with disabilities are where they are today because of his unflinching dedication to this agency and the Arkansans that it serves. On a personal note, I will forever be grateful for all that I have learned from Jack Justus, for his wisdom, and for the unfailing support and assistance he has given me and this agency throughout the years. I wish him nothing but the best during his retirement and assure him that he will

be sorely missed.

The chairman's seat has been placed in equally qualified hands. The State Board of Career Education elected Phil Taylor of Jonesboro, who served as vice chairman under Jack Justus, as its new chairman and former state Senator John Riggs, IV, as vice chair. I have the utmost confidence in these gentlemen and congratulate them on their new positions.

Two more men I admire are Martin Luther King, III and Governor Mike Beebe, and we were fortunate enough to have both on hand during our Jobs for Arkansas' Graduates (JAG) Student Leadership Conference in Little Rock this March. Governor Beebe announced a \$420,000 grant provided through a partnership of the Governor's Office and the Department of Workforce Services and Director Artee Williams, to create a JAG internship program designed to give JAG students real-life, wage-earning career experiences during high school. Much of the credit for the success of this conference and the achievements of the JAG program is due to JAG Program Coordinator Marylene Tate, and I wish to thank her for her efforts on behalf of JAG.

As always, this time of the year is very busy for all of our career and technical student organizations, with state leadership conferences underway from March until June. I really enjoy attending these conferences, and I'm always inspired by the dedication, skill and poise these students display as they compete. The conferences truly are a chance

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Workshop Introduces ARS Staff to Libera System

A new case management system aimed to better align Arkansas Rehabilitation Services (ARS) with today's technology will soon become reality.



By the end of the year, a new case management system will be used by ARS to streamline the steps necessary to serve clients. The new system is being developed by Libera, Inc., of Jamestown, New York, a government contractor and software development company. Representatives from the company held a three-day workshop March 29-31 to go over the specifications of the new system and how it will be customized to ARS needs.

"I think the new case management software system will revolutionize the agency," ARS Program, Planning, Development and Evaluation Manager Randy Parker said. "Although it will take a lot of work to implement, ultimately it will save time on paperwork and increase time for counseling. I think that it will improve client services tremendously."

The system will transform lengthy and time-consuming paper trails on clients—from case files, to billing, to reports—to electronic files that can easily be viewed, printed and transferred throughout the agency.

"Just being electronic and how we will be able to retrieve files alone will help us become more effective as an agency," ARS Chief of Field Services Carl Daughtery said. "This will help us with billing and even with audits. Auditors will be able to look at everything elec-

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Dr. Stephanie Hobson, vice president of Libera, Inc. (left), discusses the system with (l-r) ARS Associate Director Randy Parker and Chief of Field Services Carl Daughtery.

Aerospace Summit Focuses on Growing, High-Wage Industry in Arkansas

Continuing to build strong relationships and strengthening the lines of communication between the state's two-year colleges and members of the aerospace industry were the main goals of the first Governor's Aerospace Summit held March 18 at the Hot Springs Convention Center.

The conference brought together nearly 200 industry leaders, government officials, and educators to speak candidly about the future of the aviation and aerospace industries in Arkansas. The event was organized by the Arkansas Association of Two-Year Colleges (AATYC) Aerospace Training Consortium. The Department of Career Education was one of the summit sponsors.

The summit was highlighted by a passionate keynote address from Governor Mike Beebe, who said that the state's two-year colleges are working hard to build partnerships with the aerospace industry that will benefit Arkansas's future.

"Aerospace is a great example of higher education and industry working together," Beebe said. "These kinds of partnerships will ensure that our two-year colleges help create a 21st-century workforce that will provide rewarding careers for Arkansans, and attract well-paying, high-quality jobs to our state."

Artee Williams, director of the Department of Workforce Services, made opening remarks. William "Bill" Walker, Jr., director of the Department of Career Education, introduced Governor Beebe.

"The Aerospace Summit is a prime example of a number of the state's agencies coming together and working together and reaching out to colleges and industries to help achieve the goals of Governor Beebe's administra-

tion," Director Walker said. "When we all work together great things will continue to happen in this state."

Industry leaders, including John "Denny" Holliday of Lockheed Martin, John Miller of Dassault Falcon Jet, Ethan Benso of the Canadian Consulate General, and Ben Quevedo of Aviation Repair Technologies, served as summit panelists and speakers. Professor Edmond Davis, author and professor of history at Arkansas Baptist College, presented a summary of the 100-year history of Arkansas aviation, beginning with the first documented flight in Arkansas in 1910.

ACE Program Manager for Apprenticeship Jonathan Bibb played an important role in the round-table discussions during the afternoon part of the summit. He talked at length with industry and educational leaders about how utilizing the apprenticeship programs could impact all areas.

"The summit brought together business and industry representatives, apprenticeship providers, higher education institutions, state agencies, and a host of other organizations to discuss the past of aerospace and how we will prepare for the future of this segment of the state's economy," Bibb said. "Business and industry representatives stressed the importance of a solid foundation in applied academics, as well as experience using hand tools. They stated there is a growing demand for skilled craftspeople in aerospace, and this

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Above (l-r): Department of Workforce Services Director Artee Williams, Arkansas Association of Two-Year Colleges Director Dr. Ed Franklin, ACE Director Bill Walker, Senator Shane Broadway and Department of Higher Education Director Dr. Jim Purcell lend their support to the summit. **Right:** Governor Mike Beebe delivers the keynote address.





What You Should Know

Arkansas Kidney Disease Commission

Jim Moreland

Associate Director for Special Programs

New Program Manager Named

In March, the Arkansas Kidney Disease Commission (AKDC) welcomed Katrina Betancourt as its new program manager. She joins Administrative Specialist Helen Cobb on the AKDC program staff.

Katrina grew up in Maryland and graduated from the University of Maryland in 2003 with a bachelor's degree in kinesiological science. Following graduation, she managed and supervised a habilitation facility for individuals with developmental disabilities. Katrina moved to Arkansas in 2006 and began working for Conway Regional Health Systems developing and maintaining an exercise prescription program for special populations. In 2009, she earned a master's degree in kinesiological science and physical education from the University of Central Arkansas. Katrina is also a registered clinical exercise physiologist – a certification she earned from the American College of Sports Medicine.

Kidney Beginnings: Live Program Held

The AKDC partnered with the American Association of Kidney Patients (AAKP) and the University of

Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) Nephrology Department to host *Kidney Beginnings: Live* on March 6. Held in the I. Dodd Wilson Auditorium at UAMS, the educational program was designed for anyone with diabetes or hypertension, as well as for individuals recently diagnosed with reduced kidney function who want to prevent or delay the onset of End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD). ESRD requires kidney dialysis or transplantation.



Program Manager Katrina Betancourt (left) and Helen Cobb, the department's administrative specialist, team up to serve clients of the Arkansas Kidney Disease Commission.

The seminar featured three presenters who discussed kidneys and how they function, management of conditions that can lead to Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD), side effects and challenges of CKD, diet management and nutrition and services available to CKD and ESRD patients, including financial assistance and insurance support. Approximately 40 individuals attended the event.

Special thanks goes to the AAKP for organizing the event, Representative Linda Tyler for providing opening remarks and presenters Andrea Easom and Diane Campbell from UAMS and Kim Hunter from Arkansas Nephrology for the great success of the colloquium. As part of the event, a Governor's Proclamation from Governor Mike Beebe was presented in recognition of World Kidney Day on March 11.

JACK JUSTUS RETIRES FROM SBCE CHAIRMAN POSITION; NEW CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN ELECTED

Jack Justus, a member of the State Board of Career Education (SBCE) for the past 13 years and chairman of the board since 1998, has retired from the board.

Department of Career Education Director William L. "Bill" Walker, Jr. told SBCE members of Justus's decision at April 1 meeting.

"Mr. Justus has meant so much to this board, this agency and the people of this state," Director Walker said. "We are sad to see him step down from the board, and we are working on ways we can honor him in the near future for his many years of dedication."

Justus has over 40 years of service to the farm com-



Jack Justus

munity through the Arkansas Farm Bureau and the Cooperative Extension Service. He served as executive vice president of the Farm Bureau from 1982 to 1997. He is a native of Boone County and graduated with honors from the University of Arkansas with a bachelor's degree in agriculture. In 1997, the University of Arkansas College of Agriculture, Food, and Life Sciences named him an Outstanding Alumnus, and he was

also honored in 1996 with Progressive Farmer's "Man of the Year Award in Arkansas Agriculture."

With the retirement of Justus, a new SBCE chairman and vice-chairman were elected by the board. Phil Taylor, who has been a member of the board for 13 years and vice-

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Phil Taylor



John Riggs

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is where registered apprenticeship and secondary career and technical education can have a huge impact on the future of aerospace in Arkansas."

One of the speakers during the Aerospace Training Consortium Panel was Karen Breashears of National Apprenticeship Training Foundation (NATF), who gave an overview of the development of the Youth Apprenticeship Demonstration Grant for Aerospace.

"NATF was approved at the beginning of the school year to develop a youth apprenticeship program for the aerospace industry," Bibb said. "Based on their preliminary work, NATF is developing prerequisite training for youth apprentices, a recruitment plan and collaborating

with partners from the Arkansas Association of Two-Year Colleges and other higher education institutions across the state. This will allow young people age 16 and older to start their careers in the aerospace industries while gaining training that will articulate with postsecondary training provided by institutions across the state."

The U.S. Department of Labor granted \$2.9 million to the AATYC Aerospace Training Consortium in 2008 to launch the Flying into the Future project to expand aviation and aerospace skills training in Arkansas. Consortium accomplishments include acquiring state-of-the-art equipment to train hundreds of students, the addition of eight FAA-licensed instructors and new scholarship programs at four col-

leges with airframe and powerplant programs. The consortium is also considering the development of a new two-year aerospace engineering technician degree and has begun planning for a national model for youth and adult apprenticeships.

According to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, aviation and aerospace was Arkansas's No. 1 value-added export in 2009, with exports totaling more than \$1.67 billion. Arkansas's aerospace industry employs more than 12,000 people, and there are more than 130 aerospace-related companies in the state. As a result of the high skill level of workers, average earnings are higher in the aerospace sector than in most other industries.

Har-Ber High School Students Produce TV Commercials

Big things have been happening with the Har-Ber High School TV production program in Springdale, and the rest of the state is beginning to take notice.

The program was recently selected by the Arkansas Department of Career Education (ACE) to produce a series of commercials aimed at explaining the importance of the college and career success initiative, Arkansas Works, to the state's Hispanic community.

"Governor (Mike) Beebe was interested in having a high school program produce these commercials," Har-Ber TV production instructor Trent Jones said. "I spoke with representatives at the Department of Career Education, showed them what we were capable of and they gave us a chance."

Jones, who has led the program since Har-Ber opened as Springdale's second high school five years ago, said his students have already completed two ads, and others are

in the works.

"Because of the high Hispanic population in that part of the state, the Har-Ber students were able to produce the commercials in both Spanish and English," said ACE Office of Career Guidance, Exploration, and Preparation Program Manager Ray Henson. "The Har-Ber program has been one of the top programs in the state as far as implementing the program of study and being so successful with it."

The Arkansas Works commercials aren't the only ones the Har-Ber students have on the air. Fox, CBS and NBC affiliates in northwest Arkansas and the River Valley are running Har-Ber-produced spots for the city of Springdale encouraging citizens to respond to the 2010 Census. There's also a music video collaboration highlighting the school's literacy programs and a piece about the importance of the ACT test.



Students Seth Biazio and James Crisp hold the boom mic and spotlight on the talent.

I wanted the kids to have more of an option than just broadcasting," Jones said. "In a lot of schools they only teach news broadcasting. I wanted the kids to have more of an outlet for the hundreds of jobs that are out there. I pushed my students to shoot commercials, music videos and other spots. The more we did, the more professional they started to look. The more professional [the work] looked, the more I'd sell them. We had a nice body of work, and we could go out and sell them. People are starting to recognize our students and their hard work."

The training the Har-Ber students are gaining is propelling them to consider careers in the broadcasting field.

"I've had college professors tell me that my students are coming into their programs already at the sophomore and junior levels of knowledge," Jones said. "I have students working their way through college and others who have forgone college and are now working at TV stations."

"It's all a very humbling feeling. We are very pleased with where we are."

Northwest Arkansas's Fox TV affiliate, KNWA, was so impressed with Har-Ber's work that KNWA invited Jones and students Seth Biazio and Madison Helm to the TV studio for a special five-minute interview highlighting the program.

"When I became a teacher,



Student James Crisp holds the boom mic as instructor Trent Jones directs the talent.

ACE Awards \$2 Million in CTE New Program Start-Up Grants

The Arkansas Department of Career Education (ACE) has awarded 53 public schools a total of more than \$2 million in new program start-up grants for career and technical education programs. The schools are the recipients of 62 separate grants.

ACE awards the grants annually for schools to purchase equipment to create new career and technical education (CTE) courses or programs of study. Grant applications are competitively scored on criteria relating to program goals, student benefits, employment opportunities, school facilities, employment opportunities and course demand.

“The funding provided through this effort will assist CTE programs in helping students achieve the skills

they need to be successful in further postsecondary training or in future careers,” said Career and Technical Education Division Associate Director Rod Duckworth.

The funding from the grants is available to the recipient schools after July 1.

“The only way for our nation to remain competitive is to ensure that more Americans have a better education,” ACE Director William L “Bill” Walker, Jr. said. “It is only through education and creating new, vital and necessary courses and programs of study that Arkansas can ensure more children and even adults in our state will have access to high-skill, high-demand and high-wage employment.”

Below is a list of schools that received grants and the new programs of study or courses to be funded.

School	Course	Grant Amount	School	Course	Grant Amount	School	Course	Grant Amount
<i>Alma HS</i>	Marketing Technology	\$39,312.50	<i>Hall HS</i>	EAST/Workforce Technology	\$21,250.00	<i>Monticello HS</i>	Teaching & Training	\$24,905.00
<i>Alma HS</i>	Medical Professions Education	\$44,908.90	<i>Harrisburg HS</i>	Consumer Services	\$61,680.25	<i>Monticello HS</i>	Accounting	\$39,312.50
<i>Arkadelphia HS</i>	JAG	\$18,593.75	<i>Hazen HS</i>	Digital Communications	\$49,193.60	<i>Morrilton HS</i>	Marketing Technology	\$39,312.50
<i>Bearden HS</i>	Ag. Power, Structural & Tech. Systems	\$73,267.45	<i>Hillcrest Jr./Sr. HS</i>	Criminal Justice	\$37,570.00	<i>Nettleton HS</i>	Television	\$54,468.00
<i>Beebe HS</i>	Teaching & Training	\$30,855.00	<i>Hot Springs HS</i>	Photography	\$12,082.75	<i>Ozark HS</i>	EAST/Workforce Technology	\$12,750.00
<i>Bentonville HS</i>	Medical Professions Education	\$44,908.90	<i>Hot Springs HS</i>	Digital Communications	\$60,243.75	<i>Pangburn HS</i>	Digital Communications	\$49,193.75
<i>Bentonville HS</i>	Drafting & Design – Architectural CADD	\$77,690.00	<i>Izard Co. Cons. HS</i>	EAST/Workforce Technology	\$12,750.00	<i>Paragould Jr. HS</i>	Pre-Engineering	\$42,935.91
<i>Booneville HS</i>	JAG	\$18,593.75	<i>Jacksonville HS</i>	Photography	\$12,082.75	<i>Ramay Jr. HS</i>	Pre-Engineering	\$22,950.00
<i>Bryant HS</i>	Teaching & Training	\$22,737.50	<i>Jacksonville HS</i>	Marketing Technology	\$39,312.50	<i>River Valley Tech Center</i>	Cosmetology	\$62,075.50
<i>Cabot HS</i>	Medical Professions Education	\$44,908.90	<i>Kirksey Middle School</i>	Computer Tech: Intro	\$39,312.50	<i>Riverside HS</i>	Nat. Resource/ Env. Service System Career Comm.	\$3,987.78
<i>Camden Fairview HS</i>	Banking	\$39,312.50	<i>Kirksey Middle School</i>	Keyboarding	\$39,312.50	<i>Rogers Heritage HS</i>	Audio, Video & Film Tech	\$23,120.00
<i>Camden Fairview HS</i>	Pre-Engineering	\$100,517.31	<i>Lakeside HS</i>	Workplace Readiness	\$20,655.00	<i>Rogers Heritage HS</i>	Marketing Technology	\$39,312.50
<i>Camden Fairview HS</i>	Pre-Engineering	\$42,935.91	<i>Lamar HS</i>	JAG	\$18,593.75	<i>Siloam Springs HS</i>	Career Comm. Audio, Video & Film Tech	\$35,317.50
<i>Cave City HS</i>	Child Care Guidance, Mgmt & Services	\$18,147.50	<i>Lavaca HS</i>	Construction Technology	\$24,063.50	<i>SouthArk Career Center</i>	Cosmetology	\$62,075.50
<i>Cedarville HS</i>	JAG	\$18,593.75	<i>Lead Hill HS</i>	Horticulture	\$50,386.22	<i>Springdale HS</i>	JAG	\$14,641.25
<i>Clarksville HS</i>	Securities & Investments	\$39,312.50	<i>Lingle Middle School</i>	Computer Tech: Intro	\$39,312.50	<i>Sylvan Hills HS</i>	Internship	\$19,167.50
<i>Delight HS</i>	JAG	\$18,593.75	<i>Lingle Middle School</i>	Computer Tech: Intro	\$39,312.50	<i>Tuckerman HS</i>	Horticulture	\$50,386.22
<i>Fayetteville HS East</i>	Pre-Engineering	\$100,517.31	<i>Magnet Cove HS</i>	EAST/Workforce Technology	\$12,750.00	<i>West Memphis HS</i>	JAG	\$18,593.75
<i>Fordyce HS</i>	Digital Communications	\$49,193.75	<i>Malvern HS</i>	JAG	\$18,593.75	<i>West Side HS</i>	Digital Communications	\$49,193.75
<i>Gurdon HS</i>	Workplace Readiness	\$17,340.00	<i>Melbourne HS</i>	Criminal Justice	\$37,570.00	<i>Western Yell Co. HS</i>	JAG	\$18,593.75
			<i>Mid-South CC Tech Cent.</i>	Welding	\$41,883.75	<i>Woodland Jr. HS</i>	Pre-Engineering	\$22,950.00

Recognizing Our ACE Staff



Boyle Wheels to Second-Place Finish in Little Rock Half Marathon

Arkansas Governor's Commission on People with Disabilities Executive Director Leonard Boyle (pictured right) made a dream come true when he finished the Little Rock half marathon March 7.

Boyle is confined to a wheelchair, but his disability never dampened his love of marathoning, which was sparked three years ago when he served as a torch bearer during a race celebrating the 50th anniversary of the integration of Little Rock's Central High. Unfortunately, he was sidelined by an injury shortly thereafter and couldn't compete. A torn rotator cuff kept him out of the Little Rock Marathon until this year.

"I have to use my hands to run," Boyle said. "I use a hand-crank chair to race and couldn't run without my hands."

This year, Boyle was healthy but didn't have the hand-crank chair he needed to participate in the race until fate intervened. Boyle's daughter, Tanjare Wilson, and the Pulaski County Democratic Party saw his determination and rigid training schedule and helped him buy the hand cycle he needed to race. He was ready to go. There was one thing missing – an Arkansas Rehabilitation Services (ARS) decal. But ARS Commissioner Robert Treviño quickly let Boyle affix



Leonard Boyle races in his hand-crank chair.

that to his chair.

"That was just another way to motivate me to do my very best," Boyle said. "The agency put me over the top along with my grandkids, the ARS employees that cheered me on along the way – and when I passed the Governor's Mansion and saw Governor Beebe point at me, that gave me my second wind."

Boyle's second wind paid off. He finished in second place in the hand-crank category in only his second half-marathon with a

time of two hours, 14 minutes and 39 seconds.

"My coach wanted me to finish in three or three-and-a-half hours," Boyle said. "I told him, 'You'll be standing there by yourself.' I don't think he's going to argue anymore."

Boyle said finishing under the time he set for himself wasn't the only goal he accomplished.

"I think I raised awareness for people with disabilities with the number of people talking about the nerve I had and partying around me at the finish," Boyle said. "It's an indescribable feeling to cross the finish line. My phone rang all night with congratulations. It was a lot of fun, but it was a huge challenge, and I'm glad I could inspire others. I'm not finished yet. I'm already training for next year."

Save the date for the annual ARA/ARS Conference!

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you'll be able to use them later. You don't want to settle for one job you may not like. With education you get to pick and choose."

That ability to pick and choose led the Governor to announce a \$420,000 grant funded jointly through the Governor's Office and the Department of Workforce Services to create a JAG internship program to begin in the fall semester. Under the leadership of Director Artee Williams, DWS has partnered with ACE on several such initiatives to provide youth and adults with relevant career planning information. The new internship program will allow students to acquire real-life job experience in a field that interests them while they are still in high school. Students will earn wages for their work in the internship program.

"You'll be able to take your educational experience and marry it with your work experience to see if it's a career field you want to pursue," Beebe said. "More importantly, you'll find out if it's a career you don't want to pursue. Money's important, but it's not as important as doing something you enjoy doing."

Currently there are 1,452 Arkansas students enrolled in 74 JAG programs.



Above left: Conference keynote speaker Governor Mike Beebe is welcomed by state JAG program manager Marylene Tate. **Above right:** Special guest speaker Martin Luther King, III (second from right) is joined by (l-r) Artee Williams, AR Department of Workforce Services director; David Russell, Verizon vice president of external affairs/southwest region; and ACE Director Bill Walker.

ACE Participates in Town Hall Meeting



(l-r) ARS Commissioner Robert Treviño, ACE Director Bill Walker, ACE Deputy Director for Adult Education Jim Smith, and state Representative Darrin Williams answer questions at a town hall meeting held April 6 in Little Rock.

Department of Career Education (ACE) senior staff took part in a town hall meeting on education and workforce development resources, hosted by state Representative Darrin Williams, on April 6 at the Dunbar Community Center in Little Rock.

ACE Director William L. "Bill" Walker, Jr., along with Deputy Director for Career and Technical Education John Davidson, Deputy Director for Adult Education Jim Smith and Arkansas Rehabilitation Services Commissioner Robert Treviño joined other ACE staff members at the event, which also included representatives from the Arkansas Department of Higher Education and the Department of Workforce Services.

Before a standing-room only crowd, representatives from each agency explained what programs the agency has to offer Arkansans and then took questions from the audience on topics ranging from scholarships, to unemployment benefits to services for people with disabilities.

"We are appreciative that Representative Williams invited us to take part in such a worthwhile event," Director Walker said. "Anytime you have the opportunity to interact with the public and show what our agency has to offer, it's a very positive thing."

Senior Management Team

SMT Update

Carl Daughtery
Chief of Field Services
Arkansas Rehabilitation
Services Division



Let me begin by thanking all the employees of the Arkansas Rehabilitation Services (ARS) Division. We have been charged with the distinct pleasure of providing services to individuals with disabilities. I want to commend our employees for doing an outstanding job in delivering our services. ***I have established three priority objectives for the field program in 2010: creating partnerships with other agencies, recognizing employees for outstanding performance and increasing successful closures by 8 percent.***

First, ARS is involved in developing new partnerships and collaborations with other agencies to increase our services to people with disabilities. I'm very excited about our new pilot project with the Public Employee Claims Division. ARS is coordinating efforts to assist in the early return to work of individuals whose physical or mental condition has impacted their job performance or of those who have sustained on-the-job injuries and are currently on medical or disability leave. ARS may provide assessments, counseling or specific accommodations.

Employers can retain productive workers, provide access to technical expertise and customized accommodation cost and reduce recruiting cost. ARS is also partnering with Jefferson Comprehensive Care System Inc (JCCSI), a non-profit community health care provider with clinics in rural Arkansas. These clinics have the mission of providing primary health care and

related health education and social services to improve the quality of life for those living in medically underserved areas. The outreach counties include Arkansas, Ashley, Chicot, Desha, Drew, Jefferson, Lincoln, Prairie, Lonoke and Pulaski counties.

ARS has assigned vocational counselors to each county to provide information about vocational rehabilitation services, assessment and job placement. JCCSI will host several training sessions at a May conference covering AIDS awareness and chronic diseases.

I'm very excited about a future partnership with The Work Number, an employment verification service, to determine eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), food stamps and Medicaid. The Work Number provides up-to-date wages, income history, names of employers and residency information. This service is an asset to our program and will help the field staff locate our clients and increase successful closures.

Secondly, I strongly feel that employee recognition is important for morale in the field program. For the first time, ARS vocational rehabilitation counselors and secretaries received plaques and certificates for providing outstanding service to clients. Additionally, the top-producing districts with successful closures received pictured certificates of all their employees. Congratulations to District II, which leads all districts with 405 successful closures, District III followed with 401

successful closures, and District V-S had the third most successful number of closures with 386.

Finally, this year the agency has a goal to increase our successful closures by 8 percent. Last year, the field program had 2,361 successful closures. Our target number this year is 2,549. The field program has experienced significant turnover in counselors and support staff; however, I'm very confident that we can accomplish our goal. I have asked all managers to post district goals in each office and to monitor and measure monthly success.

For many years, placement has been a major problem in the field program. This year, I have taken a strong look at solving this issue. Last year, our field program had placement support in only three districts. This year, we will have placement in seven districts. My goal is to have a placement person in each district to assist counselors with successful closures. Rodney Chandler is doing a remarkable job leading this project, and we will continue to explore strategies to help secure competitive employment.

As we move forward with acquiring new computers and a new case management system, our workload ahead is massive. It's going require training, great communication and, most importantly, teamwork. In order to achieve success in the field program, we must first embrace change.

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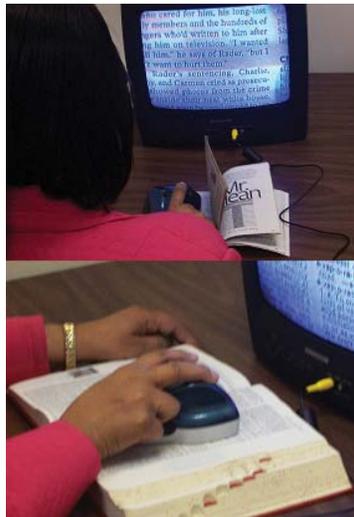
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The DR-200 ezRead™ from Carson Optical transforms a television into a visual aid. The ezRead™ is placed directly on top of reading material to display the magnified image in full color on the television screen. The device connects to the television in seconds using the supplied 10-inch video cable. Internal LED illumination ensures that the image on screen is bright and easy to read. The ezRead™ is ideal for those with low vision or macular degeneration. It operates with three AAA batteries or a supplied 10-inch A/C power adaptor and is UL Listed.

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The DR-200 ezRead™ is priced at \$99.95 through Carson Optical. Increasing Capabilities Access Network (ICAN) has several ezReads available for loan. Interested individuals can go to the website at www.ar-ican.org to reserve one or stop by the Technology Center at 26 Corporate Hill in Little Rock. Other technologies to assist persons with low vision can be viewed at the Technology Center. The toll-free phone number is 800-828-2799. Item #51277.



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tronically. They won't have to pull files or worry about losing files. Our current system is very outdated, and this new system will be something that will benefit everyone."

Daughtery said the first step of a four-step implementation procedure was scheduled for late April. The target date for full implementation is sometime this fall.

"Our counselors are going to have to be patient going in," Daughtery said. "We aren't going to rush this being implemented. Libera will provide plenty of webinars and training. There is nothing for any employees to be afraid of. We will take the time to properly and patiently train everyone to make sure everyone understands what we're doing. Once this new system is being used, everyone will quickly realize the benefits of it."

ARS management, staff and a group of district managers took

part in the Libera workshop, and all came away impressed and excited.

"Once implemented, I think Libera will save our staff so much valuable time that was spent on paperwork and recordkeeping," ARS Commissioner Robert Treviño said. "This will allow our counselors more time serving clients and being out in the field. It's a win-win situation for our entire agency."

District I-North Manager Carol Ethridge, who has been with ARS 21 years, agrees.

"I'm so excited about this new system. It will be so much more counselor-friendly," Ethridge said. "The current system is really slow sometimes, and this new system has so many advantages and will be so much easier to access. I know my office is ready to start learning. We're eager and excited."

Libera President Dr. Al Cacchini, Vice President Dr. Stephanie Hobson and Project Manager Erica

Brooks led the workshop.

"Our approach has been to provide worker-based architectures that expedite information-gathering and administrative reporting," Dr. Cacchini said. "Over the last 17 years, we have developed and refined proven solutions by balancing worker needs, administrative functions and regulatory reporting."

"We know that our technology is helping thousands of people and that this mission is supported by the belief in our values and in our commitment to help others."

Libera works with agencies nationwide and recently helped the New York State Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped earn a 2009 "Best of New York" award for a consumer information system application it developed.

"This is a massive project, and it's very important how we implement it," Daughtery said. "We're ready."

CTE Students Celebrate Attainment

Nearly 700 high school seniors who successfully completed career and technical education (CTE) programs of study gathered March 18 at the Arkansas State University Convocation Center to celebrate their achievements and to look to their futures.

The students received certificates recognizing them for successfully completing CTE programs of study. They are the first in the state to receive these certificates of attainment. Act 1376 of 2009 established the certificate program as a way to recognize students and provide them with a credential that might prove helpful in applying for job or in applying for admission to or advanced placement in postsecondary career education or training programs, including apprenticeships.

The certificates were presented as part of the day's event, which was entitled "The Modern Workplace." The event was sponsored by the Arkansas Department of Career Education (ACE), the Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) and Crowley's Ridge Educational Service Cooperative (CRESC). Students recognized at the event represented 26 schools from across northeast Arkansas, and many had also earned industry certifications and/or Arkansas Career Readiness Certificates (CRCs) indicating that they have prepared themselves for success in the workplace.

Attending the event were 50 industry representatives, who took the opportunity to meet with the students to discuss the students' futures. Students not



Students from Newport celebrate their successful completion of CTE programs at recognition ceremonies held at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro March 18.

wanting to enter the workforce immediately had an option as well, as numerous postsecondary institutions were in attendance.

ACE Associate Director Rod Duckworth advised the students to keep their eyes wide open.

"I encourage you to travel," Duckworth said. "Do everything you can to learn more every day. Keep learning. Just because you've achieved a certain level in your education doesn't mean that you've stopped learning. It's critical that you take every opportunity you're given to learn."

Crowley's Ridge CTE Coordinator Kathi Turner announced several financial awards made to educational institutions in CRESC service area.

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to glimpse into the future of the state's and nation's workforce – and the future looks bright. I want to congratulate all of the students for their hard work, and I also want to thank the ACE state advisors and the advisors and teachers from each of the schools that participated. The students owe you all a huge debt of gratitude for everything you do, and the skills you are giving them are priceless.

The Arkansas Rehabilitation Services (ARS) Division is preparing to implement a new electronic case management system that will allow us to serve our clients better and more efficiently. The system is expected to be fully implemented by early fall. Likewise we are in the process of purchasing roughly 200 new laptop and desktop computers for our 19 field offices located across the state. This new technology will enable our counselors to become even more accessible to the Arkansans they serve and will increase their abil-

ity to connect their clients with employment and educational opportunities.

Lastly, ARS Commissioner Bob Treviño and I are in the process of holding a series of town hall meetings with ACE employees statewide as a means of opening the lines of communications and listening to your concerns. We've received much valuable input, and I assure you that we're going to answer your questions and do everything we can to respond to your concerns. We will follow up on every question, concern and problem that you bring to us. The best way to improve the way this agency works is to listen to you, and it is my commitment to do exactly that.

It's been a busy period for the Department of Career Education, and we always have bigger and better things ahead of us. I thank each of you who works in the agency for your efforts to improve the quality of life for the people that we serve.

ARS District Offices See Impact of Economy on Clients

While Arkansas Rehabilitation Services' District I includes one of the state's largest field offices, as well as two of the smallest, issues in the northwest and River Valley parts of the state continue to echo the main issue all areas are facing – unemployment.

District I-North

"Like everyone else, the economy and the current job market has really affected our clients," District I-North Manager Carol Ethridge said.

Ethridge, who was a counselor in the Fayetteville Field Office for 17 years before becoming a district manager four years ago, oversees the Fayetteville office, which is second in size only to the Pulaski County office. The office, which is located in the heart of state's fastest-growing area, has seven counselors and is responsible for Washington, Benton, Madison and Carroll counties.

In retrospect, District I-North's Harrison office has only two counselors and spans a primarily rural area of Boone, Searcy, Baxter, Marion and Newton counties.

"The Fayetteville office has constantly grown since I've been here," Ethridge said. "We have a lot of foot traffic in that office. We're on the Fayetteville bus route, and things are always busy and challenging.

"Harrison is smaller. We have counselors covering areas not as populated from Mountain

Home and Marshall, and they have to put in a lot of extra work as far as job placements go."

Despite the differences in geography, Ethridge said Harrison office counselors Teresa Rotkowski and Pam Koehler each have approximately 150 clients. That's the about the same number each of the seven counselors – Joe Butler, Amy Jones, Cathy Thomas, Lorraine Miller, Edward Hansford, Arlis Young and Shannon Gitchel – in the Fayetteville office have.

"That's quite a caseload, considering when I started as a counselor 21 years ago, I had three clients," Ethridge said.

District I-South

After a long stint as a field counselor herself, Linda Rose was named manager of the District I-South manager in October. She oversees the offices in Fort Smith, Booneville and Russellville.

"It's been challenging," she said. "I've just tried to get to know everyone, the area and really develop a strong relationship with all of the staff. You really have to multi-task."

The largest office in District I-South is the Fort Smith office, which includes five counselors– Beverly

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Fayetteville Field Office Staff

Below: (front row, l-r) Admin. Specialist Stephanie Flohr, Admin. Specialist Sue Hovey, Counselor Lorraine Miller, Counselor Cathy Thomas, District I-N Manager Carol Ethridge, Admin. Specialist Judy Merryman, Counselor Shannon Gitchel, Admin. Specialist Lynda Kennedy; (back row, l-r) Counselor Paul Hickerson, Counselor Eddie Hansford, Admin. Specialist Arleen Curtis, Counselor Arlis Young, Counselor Bonnie O'Boyle, and Counselor Joe Butler. Not pictured: Counselor Amy Jones and RIDAC Psychological Examiner Littia Hitz.



Harrison Field Office Staff

Above: (l-r) Administrative Specialist Beth Van Wieren; Counselor Teresa Rotkowski; Admin. Specialist Caterina Matheny, , and (inset) Pam Koehler, Counselor.



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Fort Smith Field Office Staff



Above: (Front row, l-r) Counselor Judy Newton, Admin. Specialist Charley Montenegro, Counselor Erica Olson, Counselor Sherry Muck, and intern Kayla Todd. (Back row, l-r) Counselor Larry Seifert, Counselor Jim Barnes, Admin. Specialist Kathy Crawford, Admin. Specialist Debbi Hollingshead, RIDAC Psychological Examiner Debbie Lanham, and Counselor Beverly Lindgren.

Russellville Field Office Staff



Above: (l-r) Counselor Jim Spragins, District I-S Manager Linda Rose, Counselor Janis Taylor, Admin. Specialist Barbara Metcalf and Counselor Amanda Paterak

Booneville Field Office Staff



Above: (l-r) Admin. Specialist Glenda Catlett, Counselor Jim Patterson, and Admin. Specialist Carolyn Odom.

Lindgren, Sherry Muck, Larry Seifert, Judy Newton and Paul Hickerson – to serve Sebastian and Crawford counties.

The Booneville Field Office has two counselors – Erica Olson and Jim Patterson – and includes Franklin, Logan and Scott counties. The Russellville field office has three counselor positions, although only two are currently filled, and includes Conway, Pope, Johnson, Yell and Perry counties. The two Russellville counselors are Jim Spragins and Janis Taylor.

District I-North and District I-South also include members of Rehabilitation Initial Diagnosis and Assessment of Clients (RIDAC), Office of the Deaf and Hearing Impaired (ODHI) and Supported Employment/Independent Living.

“This economy has just been harder, and it makes our jobs harder,” Rose said. “If you just look at our numbers, it may not show the effort my staffs are giving. It’s just tough right now.”

ARS Chief of Field Services Carl Daughtery understands the issues the economy is creating for all of the field offices. He’s also confident of the abilities of Ethridge and Rose.

“Carol and Linda were both counselors before becoming district managers, and they both have a strong background and understanding of what we do and how to do it,” Daughtery said. “I’m very confident in their leadership and their ability. Both of them have offices in some of the less populated areas of our state where companies and factories have shut down. It’s very challenging.”

State Board of Career Education Chairman Jack Justus Honored for 4-H Work

The Board of Directors of the Arkansas 4-H Foundation recently honored retiring board member Jack Justus for his years of service to 4-H in Arkansas. Justus was instrumental in obtaining matching grant funds for the construction of the Donald W. Reynolds Continuing Education wing at the C.A. Vines 4-H Center in Ferndale, which was completed in 2003.

Justus also served as longtime chairman of the State Board of Career Education.

“Mr. Justus is truly one of the most hard-working and steadfast supporters of the 4-H program in Arkansas,” said Arkansas 4-H Foundation Executive Director Dr. Brad Davis. “When he agreed to take the job as foundation general manager, it was just meant to be part-time work.

“Jack made it a full-time commitment and the more than 130,000 youth in 4-H programs around the state are the better for it. Our proclamation is a small way of saying thanks for his big efforts.”

ACTI Happenings

Survivor Winner Addresses ACTI's 177th Commencement Service

Members of the 177th graduating class of the Arkansas Career Training Institute (ACTI) in Hot Springs learned to outwit, outplay and outlast during their commencement service April 2.

The students were treated to a keynote address from Natalie White, an Arkansas native who was the \$1 million winner of last season's CBS reality series *Survivor*. White discussed her experiences on the program and encouraged the graduates to achieve their goals and dreams through hard work, perseverance and determination.

"You will be faced with obstacles and setbacks," White said. "This is when you're going to realize your goals. Dig deep. Work hard and believe in yourself."

This class featured 38 graduates from 23 Arkansas cities who specialized in 16 separate career disciplines. Arkansas Rehabilitation Services Commissioner Robert Treviño thanked the students for their hard work and dedication.

"You're the reason we're here," Treviño said. "Life-

long learning is like a trip through the desert. It won't always be easy, but each step you take will be another arrow in your quiver of knowledge."

This service was the year's first; the next is scheduled for December. Previously, ACTI held three commencement ceremonies each year.

The following is a list of the members of the 177th graduating class at ACTI:

Auto Collision Repair (Dan Crossley & David Tunncliff, Instructors) – ***#Corey Robinson**, Hot Springs; **Automotive Maintenance Technology** (Wayne Thomas, Instructor) – **Jonathan Brown**, Hot Springs; **Jake Carmical**, Gentry; **Automotive Partsman** – **Jessica**

Montgomery, Pangburn; **^Albert Poe**, Hot Springs; **Business Education** (Sandra Dunn, Instructor) – ***Michelle Hampton**, Wilmont; **Certified Nursing Assistant** (Sharyn Spiva, Instructor) – **^Kassundra Denise Baker**, Hot Springs; **Tommy Lee Caldwell**, Eudora; **Tashz-eri La'Cole Cleveland**, Pine Bluff; ***Christopher Davidson**, Benton; **Nina Sturgeon**, Greenbrier; **Johana Taylor**, Oxford; **^Sha'Coya Chell'a Williams**, Fort Smith.

Construction Technology (Nick Avery & David Morrow, Instructors) – ***Simeon Hildreth**, El Dorado; **^Thomas Jacobs**, Crossett; **Cosmetology** (Jennifer Bal-

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177th Commencement
Arkansas Career Training Institute
Hot Springs, Arkansas

- photo courtesy of Bobby Jines

FBLA State Conference Offers Students Chance for Fun & Learning



State FBLA President Laney Ward from Smackover (center) poses with Governor Mike Beebe and ACE Director Bill Walker during the organization's leadership conference.

four different locations: the Doubletree Hotel, the Robinson Center, the Peabody Hotel and the Statehouse Convention Center.

"This conference gives students a wide variety of business competitions that are co-curricular activities to what they are learning in the classroom," said state FBLA Advisor Peggy Wakefield. "The competitions included job interview, management decision making, sports management and network design.

It was good competition and a valuable learning experience for our students."

The conference featured a special keynote address from Governor Mike Beebe, the first visit to the conference by a the state's governor since Governor Clinton attended in 1984. Beebe commended the students on their hard work and their choice to commit to business edu-

cation early. He also noted Arkansas's progress in improving the quality of education.

"There used to be a joke going around where [Arkansans] would say, 'Thank God for Mississippi,'" Beebe said. "We don't have to say that anymore. Arkansas's educational system is the tenth best in the country. And we're used to being near the bottom in per-capita income, but we're getting better there, too. That's because of students like you who are pursuing their dreams, getting good educations, and finding good, high-paying jobs. I won't rest until we're in the top ten [in per capita income]."

The final day of the conference featured the FBLA March of Dimes Wonderwalk fundraiser. Students walked from the Doubletree Hotel to the Clinton Library. Walk organizers

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DECA Students Hold State Conference in Rogers



Nearly 500 Arkansas DECA (formerly Distributive Education Clubs of America) members got the opportunity showcase their skills at the organization's State Career Development Conference March 3-4 in at the John Q. Hammons Center in Rogers. "Live, Learn, and Lead" was the theme of this year's conference, which was apt for the students who joined DECA to improve their education and career opportunities in marketing, management and entrepreneurship.

Arkansas Department of Career Education (ACE) staffers Paula McGill, Peggy Wakefield, Ginger Fisher and Jim Brock, who also serves as DECA state director, were on hand to make sure the event went off with-

out a hitch as the students competed in 38 team and individual events. The top three finishers in each event qualify to participate in the DECA International Career Development Conference in Louisville, Kentucky, in late April.

"It always makes us really proud to see how hard the students work," Brock said. "The kids put their hearts and souls into these competitions and it's an honor to be associated with them and with DECA."

Results from the 2010 DECA State Career Development Conference are available on page 23.

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Members Bring State Leadership Conference to Little Rock



More than 1,400 FCCLA students and advisors from schools across Arkansas filled Robinson Center and the DoubleTree Hotel in Little Rock March 16-17 for the student organization's annual state leadership conference and Students Taking Action with Recognition (STAR) Events.

The conference was themed "Take the Challenge: Be a Hero" and was geared toward helping the student members – all of whom are studying family and consumer sciences – focus on the basics of building and balancing family, career and community. In addition to the competitive STAR events that highlight each FCCLA conference, each student and chapter was encouraged to participate in community, state and national service projects.

This year's FCCLA national service project is entitled "Dig It" and benefits The Children's Miracle Network.

FCCLA chapters statewide collected funds for the charity that helps support pediatric hospitals and clinics. Arkansas FCCLA helped raise more than \$12,000. The top three chapters raised more than \$6,000 and were presented plaques at the conference by a representative of Arkansas Children's Hospital.

"The conference belongs to the students and I heard it was one of the best ones ever," said Suellen Ward, ACE program manager for family and consumer sciences. "Everyone had fun and it was well attended. One of the main points made was the importance of

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Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) Students Remember Late Student at State Conference



HOSA officers greet the crowd on opening day (l-r): Kacie Null, Katie Howard, Kaleb Bivens, Whitley Blaeuer and Bethany Ballard.

Approximately 400 students representing 18 secondary and postsecondary schools across Arkansas were at the Hot Springs Convention Center March 11-12 to compete at the Health Occu-

pations Students of America (HOSA) State Leadership Conference, but there was one noticeable absence.

Each of the students, advisors and supporters wore a black-and-orange patch with the number 56 on their lapels. The patch was a memorial to Gravette HOSA member and football player Casey Russell, who passed away at age 17 last September from a staph infection in his back.

Casey's 61 fellow HOSA members from Gravette rallied in memory of Casey and left the conference with 31 medals – more than any other school.

"We were all out there doing it for Casey," said Gravette's Adam Roberts. "We know he would have medaled. We had to keep up his expectations."

The rest of the HOSA competitors used Casey's death as a cause to spread the word about HOSA, which is the only student organization dedicated to healthcare career training. Casey's mother, Lori, and

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Keynote speaker Natalie White encourages graduates.

isle & Veronica Shelton, Instructors) – ***Justin Radford**, Stamps; **Casie Strickland**, Benton; ***Kylie Walker**, Ozark; **Environmental System Services** (Janice McMahon, Instructor) – **^Timothy Wadkins**, Hot Springs; **Food Service** (Curtis Faulkner, Instructor) – **^Samantha Gibson**, Hot Springs; **^Jacquelyn Rion**, Hot Springs; **Laundry** (Joretta Phillips, Instructor) – **^Tiffany Kelly**, Little Rock; **Danielle Smith**, Fordyce.

Medical Office Technology (Sequoia Ferguson-Tucker, Instructor) – **Annie Blattie**, Batesville; **Scott Cope**, Hot Springs; **Non-Traditional** (Abilities Unlimited) – **Matt Black**, Benton; **Outdoor Power Equipment Technology** (Gary Johnston, Instructor) – **Greg Hamilton**, Strong; **^Zane Pear-**

son, Sheridan; **^Andre Poe**, Little Rock; **Printing** (Ralph Forbes, Tom Kennedy, Luther Peoples & Larry Ward; Instructors) – **Andrew Aston**, Little Rock; **^Kristen Carpenter**, Bryant; **^David Hermanson**, Hot Springs; **Nora Robinson**, Little Rock; **Welding** (Dennis Pickering, Instructor) – **Steven Barnes**, Marianna; **Dustin Frakes**, Fayetteville.

- ^** Honor Graduate
- *** SkillsUSA Member
- #** JAG Student

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estimated that more than \$2,500 was raised for the March of Dimes.

“True to its name, FBLA is helping our students prepare to become the future business leaders of our state,” Arkansas Department of Career Education (ACE) Director William L. “Bill” Walker, Jr. said. “During this conference, our students demonstrated and honed the skills that they will one day use in their future careers.”

Students finishing first, second and third in their respective events earned the right to compete at the FBLA National Leadership Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, July 14-17.

Results from the 2010 FBLA State Leadership Conference are available on page 20.

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service and that it begins at home. You never know what’s going to really make a difference in someone’s life and hook them in.”

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

Results from the FCCLA State Leadership Conference are available on page 21.



FCCLA’s service project for 2009-2010, “Dig It,” benefited the Children’s Miracle Network. Bald Knob, the first place chapter, received a plaque from Arkansas Children’s Hospital representative Francis Keys-Bailey (pictured, center). Accepting for Bald Knob are Ashlyn Hulsey (left) and Heather Nance.

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his HOSA advisor, Angela Scott, were on hand to announce the creation of the Casey Russell Memorial Arkansas HOSA Scholarship. The scholarship will be available to all HOSA members in the state, and a fundraising drive to help build seed money for it will begin September 23 – the one-year anniversary of Casey’s death.

Arkansas Department of Career Education Director William L. “Bill” Walker, Jr. told all of the students involved in the conference that they were richer for having competed.

“You competed. You did a good job and you’re all winners,” Walker said. “You won just because you competed. “You need to thank your teachers for everything they’ve

done. Tell them you will never forget them and you will make them proud.”

Arkansas’s top finishers have qualified to compete at the National HOSA leadership Conference in Orlando in June.

Arkansas HOSA State Leadership Conference results are available on page 22.

Career and Technical Student Organizations State Conference Championships



Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)

Accounting I – 5. Sara Armstrong, Bauxite; 4. John Brashear, Hector; 3. Alex March, Heritage; 2. Brittany Tavernaro, Bentonville; 1. Hayden Cornwell, Nettleton; **Accounting II** – 5. Erica Mallory, Magnolia; 4. Jennifer Ortega, Springdale; 3. Shelby Peck, Rogers High ; 2. Jenna Brown, Gravette; 1. Hassaan Nadeem, Lonoke; **American Enterprise Project** – 5. Fort Smith Southside; 4. Fort Smith Northside; 3. Paris; 2. Lonoke; 1. Siloam Springs; **Banking and Financial Systems** – 5. Chelsea Moore, Charleston; 4. Daniel Hopkins, Arkansas Baptist; 3. Lauren McNeaill, Conway (West); 2. Sheldon Gilker, Fort Smith Southside; 1. Sam Cunningham, Greenbrier; **Business Calculations** – 5. Cheyenne Brewer, Greenbrier; 4. Etoro Ekpe; Arkansas School for Mathematics Science and the Arts; 3. Shanequa Williams, Central High (West Helena); 2. Dustin Walters, Marion; 1. Thomas Newlon, Heber Springs.



Business Communication – 5. Allison Corbitt, White Hall; 4. Kelsey Brown, Dierks; 3. Annie Blankenship, Calico Rock; 2. Kaitlynn Britton, Gravette; 1. Jillian Schmidt, Heritage; **Business Ethics** – 5. Austin Hackett & Taylor Call, Bentonville, 4. Candi Kykendall & Brittnie Williams, Dierks; 3. Aaron Baumgartner & Cole White, Scranton; 2. Keila Snyder & Jasmine Spears, Fort Smith Southside; 1. Sara Ray, Caitlin Lafarlette & Joey Farley, Paragould; **Business Financial Plan** – 5. Heather Rogers & Elizabeth McDaniel, Fort Smith Southside; 4. Tiffany Gifford, Hunter Davidson & Justin McCormick, Johnson County Westside; 3. Drew Moses & Ashley Freeman, Heritage; 2. Zach Simpson, Nathan Pruitt & Hannah Mosby, Vilonia; 1. Alexis Thomason & Hannah Metcalf, Omaha; **Business Law** – 5. Kevin Hennings, Maynard; 4. Christopher Cowgur, Gravette; 3. Josey Brewer, Caddo Hills; 2. Alex Payson, Booneville; 1. Bryan Altman; Cotter; **Business Math** – 5. Clint Morris, Deer; 4. Emily Richmond, Jonesboro; 3. Jacob Rowe, Cotter; 2. Wesley Wells, Charleston; 1. Brittany Shepherd, Harmony Grove (Benton).

Business Plan – 5. Sara Sample & Gabrielle Siler, Lonoke; 4. Matt Naccarato & Sloan Stephens, Heritage; 3. Ashley Horne & Maegan Howe, Ozark; 2. Nathan Bassetto, Conway West; 1. Kim Marquis & Jessi Young, Omaha; **Business Presentation** – 5. Sarah Willmon & Kylie Morrison, Bauxite; 4. Brooklyn Stinson & Stephanie Helton, Conway (West); 3. Marlies Rodgers & Symphony Farar, Heritage; 2. Hunter Keller & Raegan Pack, Lonoke; 1. Matt Singleton, Kelsey Nagy & Shawn Lyman, Piggott; **Business Procedures** – 5. Jacob Stack, Carlisle; 4. Tyler Whitehead, Cedar Ridge; 3. Jesse Lobbs, Bauxite; 2. Sadie Pasley, Lonoke; 1. Chelsea Harris, Riverview; **Client Service** – 5. Willie Dodd, Glen Rose; 4. Brandy Herrera, Springdale; 3. Christian Nemeth, Cabot; 2. Joseph Watkins, Greenwood; 1. Dylan Brown, Fort Smith Southside; **Community Service Project** – 5. Collin Hutson & Hailey Tippit, Paris; 4. Shaybrea Baker & Essence Baker, Bentonville; 3. Jordan Harrah, Katelyn Jackson & Kathleen Dunlap, Nettleton; 2. Katey Brawley, Emma Morgan & Taylor Sautler, White County Central; 1. Shelby Watts, Coty Bell & Haylee Myers, Pangburn.

Computer Applications – 5. Mark Valente, Viola; 4. Jaymin Patel, El Dorado; 3. Kendra Glenn, St. Paul; 2. MiQuela Shipman, Mtn. View; 1. Hannah Norton, SEABEC; **Computer Game & Simulation Programming** – 5. Cody Lusk, Pea Ridge; 4. Joyce Noftsgar, Berryville; 3. Armon Nayeraini, Bentonville; 2. Zack Wisdom, Rogers High ; 1. Hunter Bobel, Fort Smith Southside; **Computer Problem Solving** – 5. Justin Martin, Prescott; 4. Kristen Moore, Conway West; 3. Austin Degn, Heritage; 2. Nathan Hill, Bryant; 1. Zachary Lovin, Quitman; **Cyber Security** – 5. Thomas Collins, Mammoth Spring; 4. Bradley Aldridge, Bryant; 3. Haley Murphy, Morrilton; 2. Walker Bowles, Conway East; 1. Zach Taylor, Calico Rock; **Database Design &**

Applications – 5. Tyler Gentry, Harding Academy; 4. Reagan Gill, Arkansas Baptist; 3. Aaron Moulton, Bryant; 2. Caleb Harris, Brookland; 1. Tori Orsak, Magnolia.

Desktop Application Programming – 5. Daniel Pumford, Bentonville; 4. Zach Whittle, Heritage; 3. Caleb Anderson, Har-Ber; 2. Alec Crow, Arkansas School for Mathematics, Science and the Arts; 1. Dalton Stancil, Fort Smith Southside; **Desktop Publishing** – 5. Annabeth Collier & Ali Martin, Charleston; 4. Rebecca Marsh & Hillary St. John, SEABEC; 3. Laura Burkett & Britney Cottomn, Stuttgart; 2. Jedidiah Nohre & Alex Prince, Mountain View; 1. Elizabeth Benke & Leah Roberts, Cotter; **Digital Video Production** – 5. Kiley Anderson, Sydney Lacotts & Suzannah Rieves, DeWitt; 4. Matt Brown & Austin Cogan, Clarksville; 3. Dylan Haney, Hannah Ray & Hannah Usery, El Dorado; 2. Sammie Vinnarath, Olivia Vongkhamchanh & Flannery Wasson, Fort Smith Northside; 1. Kelsey Glass & Cassidy Kennedy, Spring Hill; **Emerging Business Issues** – 5. Alex Hoyle & Dustin Dean, Alma; 4. Trey Stroud, Grant Wilson & Landrei Hankins, Mtn. View; 3. Kristin Frank & Danielle Frazier, Mtn. Home; 2. Gabby Nichols & Katie Johnson, Fort Smith Southside; 1. Allison James, John Pennington & Patrick Pasley, Lonoke; **Economics** – 5. Jesper Hedlund, Quitman; 4. Seth Gilleran; Arkansas School for Mathematics, Science and the Arts; 3. Braden James, Deer; 2. Ryan Hollis, Heritage; 1. Corey Fossitt, Dover.

Electronic Career Portfolio – 5. Sondra Hubbard, Mt. Judea; 4. Jeremiah Donellan, Highland; 3. Mason Kesner, Fort Smith Southside; 2. Brittany McEachem, Greenbrier; 1. Amanda Conner, Lonoke; E-Business – 5. Andrew Fleeman & Dustin Adcock, Manila; 4. Francheste Walker, Arkansas School for Mathematics, Science & the Arts, 3. Shawn Smith, Bentonville; 2. Carl Rhodes, Ryan Storey & Bridget Wood, Junction City; 1. Erika Whittle & Courtney VanCamp, Delight; **Entrepreneurship** – 5. Kelsey Cunningham, Madison Carroll & Alex Brown, Dardanelle; 4. Brian Hite, Ken Ha & J.B. Smith, Fort Smith Southside; 3. Nick Bryant, Stuart Brisco & Stuart Estes, Harrison; 2. Matt Casey, Tony Slater & Michael Righello, Cotter; 1. Hannah Smith & Brandi Mikula, Union Christian Academy; **FBLA Principles & Procedures** – 5. Taylor Owen, Ozark; 4. Savanna Robinson, Scranton; 3. Andrew Ryan Hall, Har-Ber; 2. Amber Rolland, Buffalo Island; 1. Pratheepa Ravikumar, Heritage; **Future Business Leader** – 5. Katelyn Jackson, Nettleton; 4. Sterling Elmore, Lonoke; 3. Chad Easton, Nettleton; 2. Molly Bennett, Riverview; 1. Alex Eng, Bentonville; **Global Business** – 5. Jose Castaneda & Maritza DeLaTorre, Springdale; 4. Brian Hooten, Brandon Mode & Chandler Morris, Guy-Perkins; 3. Ali Grahl, Amber Pham & Mary Frances Roebuck, Fort Smith Southside; 2. Brittany Beamon & Sean King, Paragould; 1. Christina Hernandez, Tina Pirri & Ryan Sherman, Bentonville.

Help Desk – 5. Dylan Lamprecht, Conway West; 4. Eithan Wikowski, Piggott; 3. Christina Lovell, Gravette; 2. Joe Head, Springdale; 1. Jenny Van, Fort Smith Northside; **Impromptu Speaking** – 5. Ashley Lawrence, Magnolia; 4. David Goodwin, Hot Springs; 3. Rebecca Phillips, Arkadelphia; 2. Rachel Brashear, Hector; 1. Adam Watson, Crowley's Ridge Academy; **Introduction to Business** – 5. Keeley Wooten, Calico Rock; 4. Anusha Majagi, Rogers High; 3. Thomas Hall, Arkansas Baptist; 2. Aracely Aquire, Prescott; 1. Payton Finch, Green County Tech; Introduction to Business Communication – 5. Brett Shivers, Fordyce; 4. Katy Wilkerson, Crowley's Ridge Academy; 3. Julie Cains, Ozark; 2. Anna Vasquez, Siloam Springs; 1. Tammy Huynh, Jessieville; **Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure** – 5. Ashley Wolf, Atkins; 4. Emily Danielson, Lonoke; 3. Collin Hutson, Paris; 2. Justin Rowland, Bismarck; 1. Macy Gregory, Arkansas High.

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Introduction to Technology Concepts – 5. David Havel, Greenwood; 4. Matthew Barnett, Maynard; 3. Logan Geurian, Dardanelle; 2. Colton Dillon, Beebe High; 1. Joey Watroba, Cotter; **Job Interview** – 5. Hannah Hodges, Brookland; 4. AnReckaz Daniels, Nevada; 3. Kelsey Theall, Vilonia; 2. Beth Rowe, Omaha; 1. Amber Schafer, Lonoke; **Local Chapter Annual Business Report** – 5. Green County Tech; 4. Fort Smith Southside; 3. Nettleton; 2. Cotter; 1. Lonoke; **Management Decision Making** – 5. Zach Spain & Jackson Eldrige, Springdale; 4. Brandon Smith & David Wyant, Harrison; 3. Brad Thomas & Arun Chawla, Bentonville; 2. Ty Ferguson, Taylor Wehunt & Evan Soucy, Fort Smith Northside; 1. Oswaldo Flores, Shawn Laxen & Braden Townsley, Rogers High; **Management Information Systems** – 4. John-David Hubbs & Evan Gardner, Union Christian Academy; 3. Benny Molina & Brett Lester, Heritage; 2. Lauren Warner, Rohan Desai & Nathan Bolton, Fort Smith Southside; 1. Scott Bedwell, Brett Basham & Dylan Ashcraft, Bentonville.

Marketing – 5. Trevor Rhoads, Cotter; 4. Madison Coleman, Fort Smith Northside; 3. Alex Duvall, Atkins High; 2. Karen Goodner, Alma; 1. Kendy Xu, Morrilton; **Network Design** – 5. Cullen Arrick, Blake Mills & Cody Patton, Rogers; 4. Zach Mullican & Michael McKincannon, Conway West; 3. Kruz Kalke, Kevin Barr & Michael Marquez, Bentonville; 2. Tony Yates, Chris Turnage & Corbin Dean, Fort Smith Southside; 1. Nathan Musser & Nathan Morgan, Pottsville; **Networking Concepts** – 5. Thanh Nguyen, Heritage; 4. Pearly Alarcon, Morrilton; 3. Lauren Sweetwood, Marmaduke; 2. Zachary Cumbie, Mansfield; 1. Will Brown, Prescott; **Parliamentary Procedure** – 5. Lacey Guy, Kelsie McLelland, Jessica Whisenhunt & Katie Alexander, Delight; 4. Savannah Thornburgh, DeShawn Artis, Lastacia Bradley & Buck Schroeder, Conway West; 3. Shelby Barkley, Alex Erbach, Parker Hutchison, Cody Tackett & Anna Acre, Greenbrier; 2. Zach Abbott, Lexi Howell, Josh Owen, Jacob Skinner & Truett Smith, Parkers Chapel; 1. Tony Jones, Paige Stewart, Travis McAfee, Kim Ly & Jessica Joyce, Fort Smith Southside; **Partnership with Business** – 3. Fort Smith Southside; 2. Siloam Springs; 1. Lonoke.

Personal Finance – 5. Michael Godsey, Cabot; 4. Steven Kauffman, White Hall; 3. Gunnar Shafer, Poyen; 2. Gabby Meza, Springdale; 1. Rebecca Rutherford, Bay; **Public Speaking I** – 5. Seth Swafford, Concord; 4. Samantha Ezell, Quitman; 3. Jill Tyler, Jessieville; 2. Jamie Lynn Gillis, Murfreesboro; 1. Cassy Ramsey, Lincoln; **Public Speaking II** – 5. Ashley Dingman, Magnolia; 4. Mercedes Kent, Norfolk; 3. Haley Koch, Scranton; 2. Drew Allen, Greenwood; 1. Latash Moore, Prescott; **Sports Management** – 5. Adam Hamaker, Arkansas Baptist; 4. Ryan Taylor, Parkers Chapel; 3. Tyler Strickel, Nettleton; 2. Ryan Scantling, Dardanelle; 1. Evan Giesen, Heritage; **Spreadsheet Applications** – 5. Meghan Sommers, Morrilton; 4. Hailey Vigil, County Line; 3. Neal Shannon, Nettleton; 2. Emily Laymon, Bald Knob; 1. Alan Swink, Sloan Hendrix.

Talent Show – 2. Stephanie Dillenger, Viola; 1. Greg McKinney & Micah Cain, Greenwood; **Technology Concepts** – 5. Kyle Mennenga, Poyen High; 4. Anthony Jolivet, White Hall; 3. Alex Ramos, White County Central; 2. Blake Montgomery, Arkansas School for Mathematics, Science and the Arts; 1. Blake Simmons, Hillcrest; **Web Site Development** – 5. Kynza Capps & Adam Hisaw, Eureka Springs; 4. Jeremy Moore, Lincoln; 3. Roderick Wells, North Little Rock West; 2. Jacob Veach, Fort Smith Southside; 1. Chase Blasingame, Parker Westherly & Holly Vetsch, Conway West; **Word Processing I** – 5. Dani Lindsey, Mena; 4. Haley Corley, Smackover; 3. Kayla Sherrill, Valley Springs; 2. Jessica Compton, Bismarck; 1. Michele Dougherty, Omaha; **Word Processing II** – 5. Karli Blickenstaff, Harding Academy; 4. Courtney Baker, St. Joe; 3. Mallory Perry, Omaha; 2. Victoria Bell, Mena; 1. Brett Harris, Mtn. View.

Arkansas Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)

State Students Taking Action with Recognition (STAR) Events Winners
2009-2010



APPLIED TECHNOLOGY: Junior: (Gold) Holly Welch – Siloam Springs Middle School (Tracey Holyfield, FCCLA Advisor); Senior: (Gold) Willie Dodd & Sara Hart – Glen Rose High School (Danette Smith, FCCLA Advisor); **CAREER INVESTIGATION:** (1st and 2nd place advance to national competition) Junior: (Silver) Courtney Dotson – Pottsville Junior High (Susan Hull, FCCLA Advisor); Junior: (Silver) Alexis Warnick – Brookland Junior High (Andrea Loggins, FCCLA Advisor); Senior: (Gold) Cody Bunting – Cabot High School (Jayme Nyborg, FCCLA Advisor); Senior: (Gold) Lindsey Pritchett – Bergman High School (Ann Tabor, FCCLA Advisor); **CHAPTER SERVICE PROJECT-DISPLAY:** (1st and 2nd place advance to national competition) Junior: (Silver) Trey Cummins & Tori Horton – Harrison Junior High (Sandra Tennyson, FCCLA Advisor); Junior: (Silver) Maegan Langley & Sharod Williams – Bob Courtway Middle School (Kyndle Steinmentz, FCCLA Advisor); Senior: (Gold) John Allen, Kelcey Brand & Addie Holt – Harrison High School (Tamara Allen, FCCLA Advisor); Senior: (Silver) Tanya Hankins, Katherine Scantling & Hailey Smith – Elkins High School (Linda Brannan, FCCLA Advisor); **CHAPTER SERVICE PROJECT-MANUAL:** (1st and 2nd place advance to national competition) Junior: (Gold) Avery Kesterson, Kathleen Lance & Kamie Westbrook – Nashville Junior High School (Tammy Elliott, FCCLA Advisor); Junior: (Silver) Kelly Murphy – Monticello Middle School (Kristal Young, FCCLA Advisor); Senior: (Silver) Brooke Avery, Brittany Late & Hannah Townsend – Maynard High School (Amy Lynch, FCCLA Advisor); Senior: (Silver) Brandy Cunningham & Alex Stroud – Mayflower High School (Nikkina Porter, FCCLA Advisor); **CHAPTER SHOWCASE-DISPLAY:** (1st and 2nd place advance to national competition) Junior: (Perfect Score-100%) Kelsey Banks & Bethany Tyner – Annie Camp Junior High (Nena Edmonds, FCCLA Advisor); Junior: (Gold) Kaia Gossman & Bailey Perdue – Siloam Springs Middle (Tracey Holyfield, FCCLA Advisor); Senior: (Gold) Leta Reyes, Olivia Strode & Shelby Wood – Elkins High School (Linda Brannan, FCCLA Advisor); Senior: (Gold) Breonna Coleman & Kourtney Henderson – Pine Bluff High School (Linda Callaway, FCCLA Advisor).

CHAPTER SHOWCASE-MANUAL: (1st and 2nd place advance to national competition) Junior: (Gold) Cornell Hawkins & Hailey Lingo – Nashville Junior High (Tammy Elliott, FCCLA Advisor); Junior: (Silver) Mary Reed & Anna Shipman – Brookland Junior High School (Andrea Loggins, FCCLA Advisor); Senior: (Gold) Dianna Cartwright, Jesse Gill & Star Rodriguez – Bradley High School (Melissa Wrinkles, FCCLA Advisor); Senior: (Gold) Shayna Duffy, Shelby Moore & Christina Laster – Piggott High School (Sandra Little, FCCLA Advisor); **EARLY CHILDHOOD:** Occupational: (Silver) Rachel Strong – Pine Bluff; **ENTREPRENEURSHIP:** Junior: (Gold) Adrian Pinkston – Vilonia Junior High School (Edie Bomar, FCCLA Advisor); Senior: (Gold) Tiffany Bounkhong, Breanne Jackson & Shelby Simon – Harbor High School, Springdale (Libby Smith, FCCLA Advisor); **ENVIRONMENTAL AMBASSADOR:** Junior: (Silver) Whitney Dewitt, Breanna Sullivan & Jordan White – Gravette High School (Nicole Mannion, FCCLA Advisor); Senior: (Gold) Rochelle Wooten – Jonesboro High School (Pam Dunivan, FCCLA Advisor); **FASHION CONSTRUCTION:** Senior: (Gold) Christina Lovell – Gravette High School (Nicole Mannion, FCCLA Advisor). **FOCUS ON CHILDREN:** Junior: (Gold) Kimberly Long, Taylor Parker & Lauren Robinson – Monticello Middle School (Kristal Young, FCCLA Advisor); Senior: (Gold) Garrett Adkins & Jennifer Bryant – Rose Bud High School (Julie Reedy, FCCLA Advisor); **FOOD INNOVATIONS:** Junior: (Gold) Miranda Kent & Laura Marts – Bentonville High School (Bobbi Weiss and Brenda Lumpkin, FCCLA Advisors); Senior: (Gold) Shelbi Hardin & Ashley Strain – Mountain Home High School (Kim Fowler, FCCLA Advisor); **ILLUSTRATED TALK:** Junior: (Gold) Drew Fitzgerald – Harrison Junior High School (Sandra Tennyson, FCCLA Advisor); Senior: (Gold) Garrick Owens – Warren

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High School (Wanda Jordan, FCCLA Advisor); INTERIOR DESIGN: Senior: (Silver) Martina Bailey – White Hall High School (Lauren Rambin, FCCLA Advisor).

JOB INTERVIEW: Senior: (Gold) Sequoia Williams – Arkadelphia High School (Judy Honey, FCCLA Advisor); Senior: (Gold) Mindy Thomasson – Clinton High School (Becky Wood, FCCLA Advisor); **LIFE EVENT PLANNING:** Junior: (Gold) Kala Duffel, Erin James & Cortney Myers – Buffalo Island Central (Kylie Wickerson, FCCLA Advisor); Senior: (Gold-Perfect Score-100%) Rachel Kirk – Berryville High School (Cheryl Howard, FCCLA Advisor); **NATIONAL PROGRAMS IN ACTION:** Junior: (Gold) Jessica Patrick & Heath Slamons – Elkins High School (Linda Brannan, FCCLA Advisor); Junior: (Silver) Rachel Ford – Siloam Springs Middle School (Tracey Holyfield, FCCLA Advisor); Senior: (Gold) Courtnei Johnson & Dominique Sanders – Pine Bluff High School (Linda Callaway, FCCLA Advisor); Senior: (Gold) Kevin Mays & Alison Shotwell – Manila High School (Mary Smith, FCCLA Advisor); **PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE:** Junior: (Gold) Miesha Atkins, Bethany Briley, Jamie Lynn Gills, Kaitlin Gleba, Megan Goodwin, Dee Saldana & Addison Womack – Murfreesboro High School (Sheila Terrell, FCCLA Advisor); Senior: (Gold) Katie Allgood, Rylee Burk, Brittany Copeland, Hailey Graves & Brittney Hughes – Murfreesboro High School (Sheila Terrell, FCCLA Advisor); **RECYCLE and REDESIGN:** Junior: (Gold) Brittney Richardson – Nettleton High School (Joyce Glenn, FCCLA Advisor); Senior: (Silver) Melissa Magdefrau – Bergman High School (Ann Taber, FCCLA Advisor).

TEACH and TRAIN: Occupational: Chelsea Gautreaux – Piggott High School (Sandra Little, FCCLA Advisor); (The following events are state events only and do not advance to national level). FCCLA Exam: (Tie) Jessica Clark – England High School (Vera Jackson, FCCLA Advisor), Sherman Johnson – Prescott High School (Linda Benton, FCCLA Advisor), Cara Smith – Melbourne High School (Caren Smith, FCCLA Advisor), Ashley Webb – Jonesboro High School (Pam Dunivan, FCCLA Advisor); **CREED EVENT:** (Tie) Latasha Moore – Prescott High School (Linda Benton, FCCLA Advisor), Scott Smith – Manila High School (Mary Smith, FCCLA Advisor).

Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA)

Medical Spelling – 1. Casey Cameron, Vilonia High School; 2. Zachary Simpson, Vilonia High School; 3. Angela Shore, National Park Community College; **Dental Spelling** – 1. Cory Kind, Vilonia High School; 2. Holly Moore, Quitman High School; Sydney Graham, Gravette; **Medical Terminology** – 1. Criscia Cartena, Springdale High School; 2. Drew Dugan, National Park Community College; 3. Lauren Reeves, Cabot High School; **Dental Terminology** – 1. Natalie Martin, Cabot High School; 2. Courtney McElyea, Conway High School; 3. Ryan Collins, Cabot High School; **Medical Math** – 1. Cody Bullock, Gravette High School; 2. Heath Houchells, Gravette High School; 3. Patrick Xiong, Springdale High School; **Basic Concepts of Healthcare** – 1. Christopher Cowqur, Gravette High School; 2. Connor Houtchens, Gravette High School; 3. Samantha Burkow, Quitman High School; **Human Growth & Development** – 1. Kati Linn, Quitman High School; 2. Meghan Davis, Marion High School; 3. Tayler Keller, National Park Community College; **Nutrition** – 1. Hayden James, Gravette High School; 2. Noel Uzick, Jr., National Park Community College; 3. Klisha Poe, Gravette High School; **Pathophysiology** – 1. Chelsea Forrest, Marion High School; 2. Kallie Morgan, National Park Community College; 3. Natlie Nichols, Marion High School; **Pharmacology** – 1. Colton Moorman, Gravette High School; 2. Kanesha Day, Conway High School; 3. Tyler Rodgers, Cabot High School.



Physical Therapy – 1. Maddie Shipp, Conway High School; 2. Ashley Kuhn, National Park Community College; Andrea Thomas, Conway High School; **Emergency Medical Technician** – 1. Kyle Leonard & Steven Parham, National Park Community College; 2. Grey Hartley & Jasmine Noble, Conway

Career Center; 3. Amanda Courtney & Sam Griffith, Conway Career Center; **1st Aid / Rescue Breathing** – 1. Tania Ortuno, Northwest Arkansas Community College; **CPR / 1st Aid** – 1. Makayla Morrison & Tajhe Turner, Gravette High School; 2. Brittany Walling & Amber Tucker, Gravette High School; 3. Jessica Bailey & Chase Brody, Gravette High School; **Medical Assisting – Clinical** – 1. Kate Stidham, Gravette High School; 2. Amanda Denver, Gravette High School; 3. Dillon Dyson, Cabot High School. **Nursing Assisting** – 1. Alex Vega, Gravette High School; 2. Lauralee Miller, Bentonville High School; 3. Jessie Springer, Gravette High School; **Sports Medicine** – 1. Vanessa Moore, Gravette High School; 2. Emily Walker, National Park Community College; 3. Kyndra Meeker, Gravette High School; **CERT** – 1. Lisa Gregory & Hannah Dresser, Conway High School; 2. Ashley Bohannon & Logan Hendrickson, Gravette High School; 3. Bailey Nease & Adam Roberts, Gravette High School; **Veterinary Assisting** – 1. T. J. Chavallier, Gravette High School; 2. Chelsea Raddad, Northeast Arkansas Career Center; 3. Adam Overton, Gravette High School; **Medical Photography** – 1. Brenna Sullivan, Gravette High School; 2. Hannah Doty, Northwest Arkansas Career Center; 3. Christine Carmicheal, Gravette High School. **Extemporaneous Health Poster** – 1. Lynzi Dennis, Marion High School; 2. Olivia Berry, Cabot High School; 3. Nikki Phillips, Conway High School; **Forensic Medicine** – 1. Beth Malone & Mackenzie Wallace, Gravette High School; 2. Bethany Ballard & Zac Callahan, Cabot High School; 3. Raul Guerra & Dylan Scott, Gravette High School; **Extemporaneous Writing** – 1. Stephen Henry, Marion High School; 2. Ashley Manchamee, Springdale High School; 3. Mia Patterson, Quitman High School; **Extemporaneous Speaking** – 1. Katie-Beth Thomas, Quitman High School; 2. Robert Woods, Marion High School; 3. Ramah Lee, Marion High School; **Job Seeking Skills** – 1. Mariah Hamilton, Springdale High School; 2. Steven Walls, Northeast Arkansas Career Center; 3. Travis Eden, Gravette High School. **Home Health Aide** – 1. Eduardo Duarte, Gravette High School; Sheryall Reed; Northeast Arkansas Career Center; 3. Davidra Bowser, Conway High School; **Prepared Speaking** – 1. Andrew Hawthorne, ASU Searcy; 2. Allee Claycomb, Conway High School; 3. Cindy Estrada, Springdale High School; **Researched Persuasive Speaking** – 1. Inez Ramirez, National Park Community College; 2. David O'Brien, Gravette High School; 3. Skyler Warren; Gravette High School; **Dental Assisting** – 1. Alejandra Barajas, Northwest Arkansas Career Center; 2. Dallas Banta, Gravette High School; 3. Aaron Homer, Gravette High School; **Epidemiology** – 1. Nick Hendren, Gravette High School; 2. Amanda Edd, Gravette High School; 3. Katie Deatherage, Gravette High School.

Career Health Display – 1. Caroline Holt & Anterikka Williams, Marion High School; 2. Jennifer Brown & Karson Trevillion, Conway High School; 3. Amber Jones & Ashley Mason, Northwest Arkansas Career Center; **Public Service Announcement** – 1. Ashley Steenberger, Holly Wells, Destaney Wishon, & Kyle Smithers, Gravette High School; 2. Halea Anthony, Keith Black, Ashley Nease, & Raegan Nease, National Park Community College; 3. D. J. Brook, Joe Brooks & Josh Gardner, Cabot High School; **Medical Reading** – 1. Lauren Cain, Francisco Robles, & Haley Turnage, Conway Career Center; 2. Lauren McGarrell, Angelica Ross, & Ashley Turner, Conway Career Center; Kayline Padgett, Danyell Scaggs, & Emma Walden; Northeast Arkansas Career Center; **Creative Problem Solving** – 1. Kyle Camp, Shelby Newman and Emily Schriever, Springdale High School; 2. Ethan Espe. Jessica Mounce and Nancy Araju, Springdale High School; 3. Whitley Blaeuer, Katie Howard and Katie Love, Cabot High School; **HOSA Bowl** – 1. Ashleigh Giovannini, Elaine Lentz, McKenzie Stell, & Devin Cornwell, River Valley Technical Center; 2. Brianna Williams, Kaci Willey, Alex Watts, & Emily Sanders, Conway No. 2; 3. Mary Scallion, Dawne Burroughs, Teshsa Fleming, & Jessica Pullian, ASU Searcy. **Recognition for Outstanding HOSA Chapter** (In no particular order) — Conway Career Center, Marion High School, Quitman High School; **Recognition for HOSA Week** — Northeast Arkansas Career Center, Quitman High School; **Recognition for National Service Project** – Certificate of Merit, Quitman; **Winner of HOSA Slogan** – “From 1976 to 2010, HOSA is the present, the future, the where we’ve been!” NEA Career and Technical Center; **Winner of Pin Design** – Marion High School.

DECA
2010 State Career Development
Conference Winners



Accounting Applications: 1. Shelby Peck, Rogers; 2. Dakota Salisbury, Fort Smith Northside; 3. Richard Vines, Fayetteville; **Advertising Campaign:** 1. Shelby Simmons, Stuttgart; 2. Brittany Held, Bentonville; 3. Carly Turner, Bentonville; **Apparel & Accessories Marketing:** 1. Lily Mertz, Bentonville; 2. Anaalicia Evans, Fort Smith Southside; **Automotive Services Marketing:** 1. Trevor Bass, LR Central; 2. Kelsey Kitchens, Alma; 3. Bobby Awtry, Harrison; **Business Law & Ethics:** 1. Sila Heffley, Rogers; 2. Michael Kinzer, Rogers; 3. Hanna Guin, Bentonville.

Business Services Operations Research: 1. Delaney Vandervort & Jordan Gregory, Alma; **Business Services Marketing:** 1. Mackenzie Wallace, Gravette; 2. Kelsey Elliot, Alma; 3. Breanna Willis, North Pulaski; **Buying and Merchandising Operations Research:** 1. Matt Whitson, Kayle Rutherford & Bradley Thomas, Bentonville; 2. Jacquelyn Fercho, Alma; **Buying and Merchandising Team Decision Making:** 1. Chaz Nelson & Madison Scott, Heritage; 2. Stefanee Nielson & Brianda Quinones, Bentonville; 3. Ashley Cates & Meghan Perry, Bentonville; **Community Service Chapter Team Event:** 1. Chanlee Terhune & Amber Aldridge, Alma; 2. Victoria Villines & Melissa Swanson, Harrison; 3. Annyssa Storlie & Alex McDonald, Bentonville.

Creative Marketing Project: 1. Kylie Johnson, Sean Siler & Shane Siler, Alma; 2. Ashley Lamar & Felicia Squires, Alma; **DECA Quiz Bowl:** 1. Gravette Team; 2. Bentonville Team; 3. Heritage Team; **Entrepreneurship Participating Event-Franchising:** 1. Adam Wilbanks, Alma; 2. Troy Chelsea, Harrison; Entrepreneurship Participating Event-Independent: 1. Savannah Valentine, Alma; 2. Garret Rogers, Stuttgart; **Entrepreneurship Written Event:** 1. Andrew Stretton & TJ Seidl, Harrison; 2. Jo Champasouk & Samantha Spencer, Bentonville; 3. Whitney Stewart & Adriana Sandoval, Bentonville.

Fashion Merchandising Promotion Plan: 1. Caitlin Wilson & Taylor Witcher, North Pulaski; 2. Taylor Carson, Alma; 3. Hannah Kawasaki & Josephine Vang, Bentonville; **Financial Analysis Team Decision Making:** 1. Amber Aldridge & Karen Goodner, Alma; 2. Jeff Eisma & Alex Gravelle, Rogers; 3. Nick Gneiting & Tyler Haggard, Bentonville; **Financial Literacy Promotion:** 1. Lacy Patterson & Kari Gregory, Alma; **Food Marketing Series:** 1. Even Gentry, Harrison; 2. Hillary Dunklin, Stuttgart; 3. Felicia Squires, Alma; **Hospitality and Tourism Operations Research:** 1. Presley Covington, Holly Loyd & Hannah Nilsson, Bentonville; 2. Jacob Hoy & Lukas Murray, Stuttgart.

Hospitality Services Team Decision Making: 1. Kirstie Blair & Nate Depoy, Harrison; 2. Hannah Bushey & Lauren Engelkes, Stuttgart; 3. Sam Clark & Nick Jordan, Heritage; **Hotel and Lodging Management:** 1. Kelly Hudnall, Heritage; 2. Shelby Farris, Alma; 3. Makenzie Moore, Harrison; **Internet Marketing Business Plan:** 1. Cameron Alexander & Jordan Phillips, Bentonville; 2. Jessie Nemesi & Erin Suchy, Bentonville; **Learn and Earn Project:** 1. Kelsey Kitchens & Taylor Carson, Alma; **Marketing Management:** 1. Neil McGaugh, Springdale Har-Ber; 2. Michael Summers, Harrison; 3. Teryl Robinson, Alma.

Principles of Business Management and Administration: 1. Jaiton Phillips, Harrison; 2. Trent Lamers, Rogers; 3. Morgan Floyd, Russellville; **Principles of Finance:** 1. Kylie Johnson, Alma; 2. Chad Levin, Bentonville; 3. Grant Baker, Alma; **Principles of Hospitality and Tourism:** 1. Kinney Guerrero, North Pulaski; 2. Alsjhara Smith, Sylvan Hills; 3. Moriah Hensley, Harrison; **Principles of Marketing:** 1. Christian Carlson, Bentonville; 2. Kyle Baugh, Harrison; 3. Maddy Timmerman, Alma; **Public Relations Project:** 1. Teryl Robinson & Karen Goodner, Alma; 2. Grace Driggers & Brittany Riley & Miranda Humphries, Alma.

Quick Serve Restaurant Management: 1. Forrest Dorman, Harrison; 2.

Juan Perea, Rogers; 3. Colton Cappetta, Rogers; **Restaurant & Food Service Management:** 1. Melissa Swanson, Harrison; 2. Phillip VanDenBerg, Springdale; 3. Heather Rogers, Fort Smith Southside; **Retail Merchandising:** 1. Abbi Wolfenkoehler, Bentonville; 2. Jalon Loyd, North Pulaski; 3. Victoria Villine, Harrison; **Scrapbook:** 1. Oak Grove; 2. Alma; 3. Harrison; **Sports and Entertainment Marketing:** 1. Parker Spaulding, Springdale; 2. Evan Giesen, Heritage; 3. Chad Burris, Alma.

Sports and Entertainment Marketing Team Decision Making: 1. Arum Chawla, Bentonville; 2. Brittany Dockery & Christy Fraley, West Fork; 3. Adam Battye & Tarek Khalaf, Bentonville; **Technical Sales:** 1. Reece Borchures, Harrison; 2. Megan Mendzef, Alma; 3. Allie Roe, Alma; **Travel and Tourism Marketing Team Decision Making:** 1. Ashleigh Alecusen & Hayden Lovelace, Heritage; 2. Jordan Nicholson & Jessica Stamps, Springdale Har-Ber; 3. Trent Taylor & Braden Townsley, Rogers; **Sweepstakes:** 1. Alma.

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chairman since 2001, was voted as the new board chairman. John Riggs, IV, a former state senator who has been a member of the board since January, was elected as vice-chairman.

Taylor is executive director of Abilities Unlimited of Jonesboro, Inc., where he has worked for nearly 30 years. Taylor holds bachelor's and master's degrees in rehabilitation counseling and an education specialist degree from Arkansas State University in Jonesboro. He is also certified as a licensed professional counselor, a rehabilitation counselor and a vocational evaluation specialist. He is active in many professional associations, including the Arkansas Association of Community Rehabilitation Programs, the United Way Directors Association and the Vocational Evaluation/Work Adjustment Association of Arkansas.

Riggs is president of J. A. Riggs Tractor Company, an industrial and construction equipment distribution company serving customers in and around Arkansas. He is active in civic and community affairs in Arkansas and the greater Little Rock area. As a state senator, he served on the Education Committee, as well as several other legislative committees. In addition to his elected post, he has served on the boards of Volunteers in Public Schools, the Pulaski County United Way, the Arkansas Business and Education Alliance and Philander Smith College. Riggs was elected to and served on the Little Rock School District Board of Education from 1992-1999. He is a past member of the Greater Little Rock Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.



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