

A Message From Your President, Suzanne Kelly



Greetings, MS ACTE. As we wrap up the 2014-2015 school year, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Mississippi ACTE State President. I hope that you have had a successful year with many accomplishments. As we head into the summer months, let me remind you to register for our MSACTE Summer Conference

if you haven't already done so. This year, we are moving to the Jackson Convention Center. Only a few affiliates will be hosting break out sessions at alternate locations on Thursday due to specialized equipment needs. One of the goals this year was to provide sessions that are engaging and tailored to individual curriculum needs. As part of the planning process, MSCPAS scores were analyzed with the weakest areas targeted with breakout sessions developed to address each program's needs. A call for proposals was implemented so that outstanding CTE educators could share best practices as well. My hope is that you leave the Summer Conference with valuable information and the resources you need to have a successful CTE program next year.

Wednesday is an important day for all MSACTE members as we conduct various business meetings throughout the day. Each affiliate will conduct business meetings to

provide you with important information such as financial statements and scholarship information as well as update you on what your affiliate has accomplished throughout the year. You will also have the opportunity to elect new affiliate and MSACTE district officers. If you are currently serving as an officer, I would like to thank you for your service in making MS ACTE a thriving and beneficial organization for all Mississippi CTE educators.

I have truly been blessed with the opportunity to meet many outstanding CTE educators as I traveled around the state to the various ACTE district meetings and to national conferences this year. Please let me encourage you to attend your annual fall and/or spring district meetings during the upcoming year. I have heard from many great business and industry leaders as well as MDE and post-secondary educational leaders who have shared valuable information for CTE educators at these meetings. ACTE District meetings also provide a great opportunity to network with other CTE members in your local area.

Finally, let me encourage you to nominate your students and fellow educators for the various ACTE awards presented each year. Mississippi has many great students and educators who should be recognized for their leadership and accomplishments. Once again, let me sincerely thank you for the opportunity to serve Mississippi this year. I hope to see all of you at the Jackson Convention Center for the Summer Conference this year!

Greetings From The MS ACTE Office!

Submitted by: Linda Bath

Thanks to dedicated teachers like you, the young people of Mississippi are being given skills that will make them productive citizens.

As you know, the MS ACTE Summer Conference will be held July 29-31 at the Jackson Convention Complex. The Department of Education, the RCU, and the MS ACTE Board have worked to provide you with an informative conference that will benefit you in your classrooms. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. on July 29. The Opening Session will be from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. and will include a plate lunch. Following that will be breakout sessions that will be

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beneficial to all attendees. The affiliate business meetings will begin at 3:45 p.m. and the five district meetings will begin at 4:30 p.m. Please plan to attend the affiliate business meetings and the district meetings so new officers can be elected. Included in your registration fee, CEU and SEMI credits will be awarded by the RCU. The number of credits earned will depend upon the number of sessions attended. The sessions scheduled for Thursday and Friday will be program specific.

We will have vendors at this year's conference. The booths will open at 8:00 a.m. on July 29 and will be open from 8:00 a.m. until noon on July 30. Please schedule time to stop by and visit with the exhibitors. They will have the latest software, textbooks, and equipment to share with you. We are again hosting the MS ACTE

Reception from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on July 29. The Reception will be held in the Vendor Hall. A delicious buffet will be available.

ACTE is only as strong as you the members. I encourage you to become active by attending your fall and winter district meetings, serving on committees, nominating students and co-workers for awards, attending the ACTE Region IV Conference and attending the ACTE VISION Conference. VISION will be held in New Orleans November 19-21. I encourage you to attend this event since it is within driving distance for us. Region IV will be in San Antonio in April. Dates and hotel information will be posted when available.

Please contact me if I can be of assistance to you. I look forward to visiting with you in July.

Mississippi's CTE Leaders Attend National Policy Seminar

Submitted by: Dr. Aimee Brown, 2014-2015 MS-ACTE Past President

The ACTE National Policy Seminar was held in Washington, DC on March 2-4, 2015. Several CTE leaders from Mississippi attended the conference to advocate for the continuation of vital funding sources that directly impact CTE programs. CTE leaders attending the conference were Mike Mulvihill (Mississippi Department of Education), Tammie Brewer (Mississippi Department of Education), Aimee Brown (Madison County Schools), Rex Buckhaults (Perry County Schools), and Tony Holder (Attala County Schools).

The conference workshops focused on the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act, the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, the Higher Education Act, and the Workforce Investment Act. Conference participants learned how these important acts directly impact CTE programs and why it is important for Congress to continue to reauthorize the acts. Participants also learned best practices for discussing these key legislative priorities with members of Congress.

Mississippi's CTE leaders had the opportunity to meet with staff members from the offices of Senator Cochran, Senator Wicker, Congressman Thompson, Congressman Harper, and Congressman Palazzo. All of these elected officials were very supportive of our CTE efforts and agreed that it was important to see the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act reauthorized in the near future.



Left to right: Tony Holder, Aimee Brown, Thad Cochran, Rex Buckhaults, Mike Mulvihill

Jennifer Koon Receives ACTE Region IV Career Guidance Award

The Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) recently announced the recipients of the 2015 Region IV Excellence Awards. Jennifer Koon, a member of Mississippi ACTE, received the honor of being named the ACTE Region IV Career Guidance Award winner and will now move forward as a national finalist. The Region winners were announced at an awards ceremony during the ACTE Region IV conference in Little Rock, Arkansas, on April 18, 2015. Region winners were selected from among state award winners in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

Ms. Koon is in her twenty-second year of service as a Mississippi educator and serves as the counselor at the Alcorn Career and Technology Center in Corinth. She holds an Educational Specialist degree in counseling and is a National Board Certified School Counselor. She serves the community as a member of the Northeast Mississippi Community College CTE Advisory Committee; a member of the Northeast Mississippi WIN Job Fair planning committee; a National Technical Honor Society sponsor; as an appointed Selective Service registrar; hosts the annual Alcorn College and Career Fair; sponsors a yearly canned food drive, among her school's CTE organizations, for the needy; and also plans activities and leads her school in the celebration of National Career and Technical Education Month each year.

For the past fourteen years, she has developed, edited, and distributed a CTE e-newsletter to keep various groups

informed of strides being made in Career and Technical Education. She has assisted the Mississippi Department of Education and the Research and Curriculum Unit at Mississippi State University by serving on various committees and working on CTE and counselor curriculum projects. She is a past president of the Northeast Region of the Mississippi Counseling Association and has been honored as a recipient of the Mississippi Manufacturer's Association Award for Excellence in Vocational Education, Mississippi's Most Outstanding High School Sponsor Award, and has been named a Red Rose Award recipient by Delta Kappa Gamma.



The ACTE Excellence Awards promote merit in career and technical education (CTE) by recognizing individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to CTE, programs that exemplify the highest standards and organizations that have conducted activities to promote and expand CTE programs. Award winners serve as inspirational leaders to ACTE: they embody the core values of serving students and being committed to CTE.

The Region IV winners will progress as national finalists in their categories. The national winners will be announced at the ACTE Awards Banquet, a dinner and award presentation recognizing the best CTE educators in the country, which will take place on Thursday evening, November 19, during ACTE's CareerTech VISION 2015 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Culinary Arts Winners



Submitted by: Melissa Graham, Lamar Technical Center

Lamar County School District Culinary Arts students competed in the Mississippi ProStart Invitational on February 23 in Jackson. Lamar County's Management Team placed 1st, advancing them to national competition in Anaheim, California. There they will represent Mississippi and compete with students from all fifty states, including overseas military installations. This team of students is sponsored by Debbie Miller and Tricia Griffin. Debbie teaches Culinary Arts at Oak Grove High School and Tricia teaches at Sumrall High School.

Pictured in photo (L-R): Tricia Griffin (Culinary instructor), Jordan Clark, Justice McCoy, Katie Green, Tyler Chambliss, Shay Jones and Debbie Miller (Culinary instructor)

News From Forrest County Agricultural High School

Submitted by: Mary Taylor

In February, our CTE staff worked hard to make everyone aware of the CTE programs at FCAHS.

We led a faculty tour of our CTE facility in order for them to see our classrooms and discuss curriculum and integration activities, and to make them aware of all the programs we had to offer and the academic credit students can earn.

We provided 9th and 10th grade tours of our programs so they could meet the staff and students and participate in classroom activities. Lastly, we visited the 8th grade classes at our feeders schools so they could meet the CTE staff and some of the students and learn what is available on our high school campus when they come next year.

We fed our CTE students on "HOT DOG IT IS CTE" day! in our Ag building. We grilled hot dogs and fed them a delicious lunch.

We celebrated all of our CTSO winners for DECA, HOSA, FFA, and Skills at our Celebration ceremony in the gym for all the school to see and be aware of what we do in our CTE classes.

We met with parents on our FAFSA night to help our seniors prepare for college. We initiated the first Mississippi Scholars and Tech Master program for our seniors. All students will be recognized after all state competitions later in spring at the local school board meeting. Three of our teachers were recognized for their accreditation in CERT (Todd Smith), American Design Drafting Association (Rodney Clark), and Southern Region Outstanding Agriculture Teacher (Mike Dale).

FCAHS was recognized and received a plaque from National ACTE for 100% enrollment of all CTE staff in our professional organization.



National Technical Honor Society Inducts New Members

Submitted by: Melissa Graham, Lamar Technical Center

Lamar Technical Center now has 31 new members in the National Technical Honor Society! Suzanne Kelly, Teacher Academy instructor, is the advisor of this chapter. NTHS honors the achievements of top CTE (Career Technical Education) students and provides scholarships to encourage the pursuit of post-secondary education.

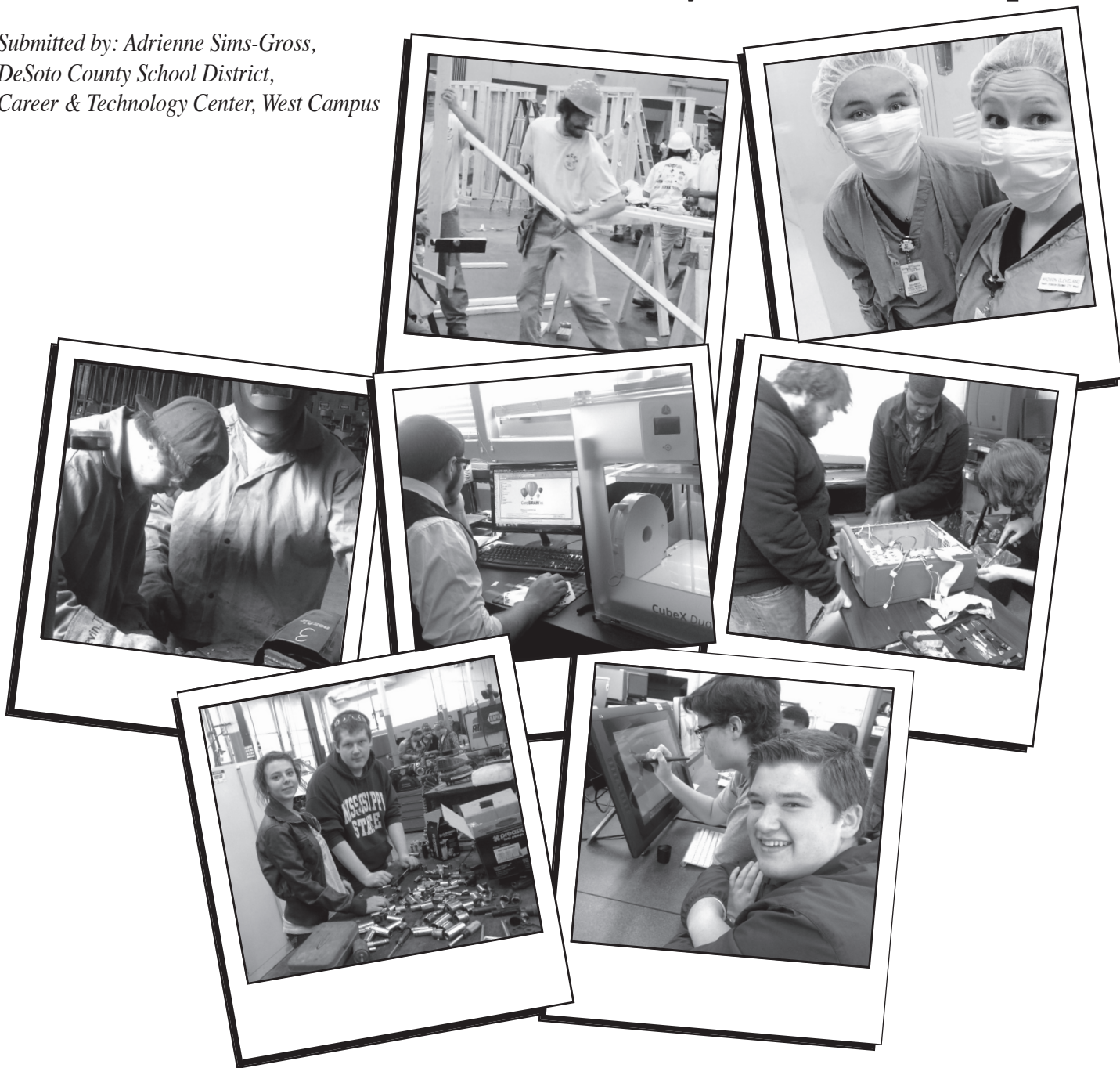


Not pictured: Charlisia Moore, Alexandra Wilson, Carlos Woodard, Cheyenne Chambliss, Charleigh McPhail, Brittany Moree, Amanda Jade Breeland.

Pictured in photo labeled NTHS Y1 Members: (front row/L-R) Allena Crofoot, Mackenzie Friend, Hayleight Bates, Deereka Shaheed, Naomi Burroughs, Eula Mae Deaton, Ronesha Rimpson, Sabrina Baston and Kayleigh Smith (middle row/L-R) Kenley Morrison, Samantha Graves, Hana Pitts, Haley Hession, Carley Wilson, Erin Smith, Taylor Ramsey and Erykah Lampton (back row/L-R) Ahmed Mohamed, Logan Turner, Bradley Kelly, Destin Brock, Jasmine McGill, Drew Martin and Christy Pheal

Proud Moments From DeSoto County CTC West Campus

*Submitted by: Adrienne Sims-Gross,
DeSoto County School District,
Career & Technology Center, West Campus*



State FEA Competitors

Submitted by: Melissa Graham, Lamar Technical Center

Students from Lamar Technical Center participated in the state FEA competition in Jackson, MS. FEA (Future Educators of America) is a national student organization dedicated to supporting young people interested in education-related careers. All four students representing Lamar County attend Lamar Technical Center in the Teacher Academy program, taught by Suzanne Kelly.

Pictured in the photo (L-R): Ashlan Jones, Hayleigh Bates, Eula Mae Deaton and Erin Smith.



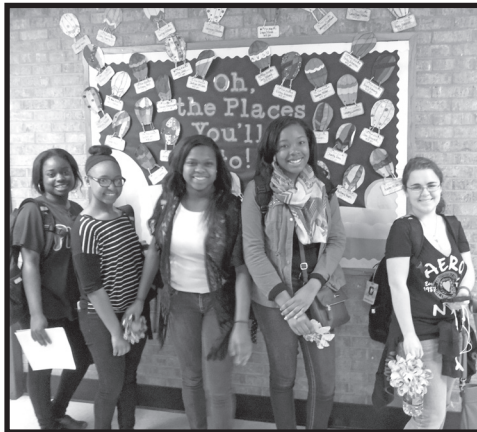
News From Oxford-Lafayette TECH

Submitted by: Marybeth Lowrey

**Mrs. Lynn Sloan
retires from the
TECH and next
journey begins**



**TECH student with their
student-made bulletin
board, teacher academy**



**The Oxford-Lafayette TECH
National Technical Honor
students 2015**



**First place state of MS FEA winners
in service learning project**

Future Educators of America,
First place in state competition, 2015, Jackson, MS.
Oxford-Lafayette School of Applied Technology, The TECH, Oxford, MS

Mrs. Christy Jordan, FEA Advisor,
winners: Kady Smith and Samiya Clayton.

Photograph by Mr. Joey Brent

Director, Marybeth Lowrey



MS ACTE Members Attending ACTE Region IV Conference in Little Rock



Toni Buchanan, MS ACTE Teacher of the Year Recipient,
Jennifer Koon, MS ACTE Outstanding Guidance Award
Recipient, and Brooks Prince, MS ACTE New Teacher of
the Year Recipient.

Lori Carille, President-elect of ACTE, Jennifer Koon,
Region IV Recipient in Outstanding Guidance Award, and
Sherry Siler, ACTE Region IV Vice President.

Jennifer Koon, Toni Buchanan, Sandra Parker, Mary Tay-
lor, Rex Buckhaults, Suzanne Kelly and Tony Holder.

Shaw Named Rotary Teacher of the Year

Submitted by: Jennifer Koon, Alcorn Career and Technology Center

The Alcorn Career and Technology Center is pleased to announce that Steve Shaw, ACTC Digital Media instructor, was named the Alcorn School District's High School Rotary Teacher of the Year for 2015.

For the past two years, Mr. Shaw has taught Digital Media Technology to 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students from the Alcorn School District and Corinth Separate School Districts. Prior to that, he taught Graphic and Print Communication to 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students from these districts for twenty-three years. All of his teaching experience has been at the Alcorn Career and Technology Center. During this time, he has produced a vast majority of the Alcorn School District's printed goods as well as teaching his curriculum. Mr. Shaw served on the Initial Writing Team for the Digital Media Technology Curriculum in 2007 and served on Mississippi Department of Education Curriculum Writing Team for Graphic and Print Curriculum and upgrades in 2003, 1997, and 1994.

In addition to teaching secondary students, he has taught Adult Night Classes throughout his teaching career. He has taught the following classes: Basic Photography – two semesters per year since 1999; Basic Photoshop – two semesters per year since 2011; in 1995, when the printing industry began to convert from film to digital image transfer, he taught Introduction to Apple Computers to members of the World Color Film Department for two semesters; in 1993, when the Daily Corinthian Newspaper transferred from Compugraphic Typesetting Machines to PC Computers, he taught two semesters of an Introduction to Desktop Publishing designated for their employees only; Desktop Publishing – Spring Semesters, 1992-1994; Introduction to Macintosh Computers – Fall Semesters 1991-1993; and taught Offset Printing, Spring Semester 1991.

Mr. Shaw has been a member of the Association for Career and Technical Education since 1995. Before that, he was a Member of the Mississippi Association for Vocational Educators, from 1993-1995 and a member of the Mississippi

Professional Educators from 1990 - 1993.

Other present affiliations include being a member of Biggersville First Baptist Church, where he presently serve as Deacon, Trustee, and Sunday School teacher. He has participated in

two short-term mission trips to Ecuador, and was Team Leader for a Mission trip to Alaska. Mr. Shaw is a member of the Gideons International and has served as a lay speaker, camp secretary, and in the jail/prison ministries. He is also a Senior Member in the Mississippi Wing of the Civil Air Patrol, where he participates in Search and Rescue Exercises as Mission Scanner; cadet orientation flights and meetings, and has been Squadron Safety Officer in the past.

This year his Digital Media Technology students have edited a Public Service movie for the Mississippi Chapter of BAGGERS (Biker Awareness Group Giving Every Road Safety) to be viewed by students in area high schools. Two of his students produced photographs that were printed in a state-wide magazine, with one of them providing the cover photograph. Two other students created the winning poster in a contest held among high school students for the Mississippi Office of Career, Counseling and Support Services; this poster will be displayed in high schools throughout the state.



Mr. Shaw is pictured (far right) along with (l-r) John Anderson, Alcorn Central Elementary School principal; Stacey Barnett, 2015 Rotary Elementary Teacher of the Year for the Alcorn School District; and Mrs. Gina Rogers Smith, Superintendent of the Alcorn School District.

TECH Director Learns To Operate Tractor

Submitted by: Marybeth Lowrey

Marybeth Lowrey, TECH Director, operated a tractor today with AG II TECH students at Oxford-Lafayette School of Applied Technology with an aerator. Terry James is the TECH AG instructor.



STEM Team Places First In State Finals

Submitted by: Billy J. Carroll, Ed.S., Moss Point Schools

The Moss Point STEM Team competed in the Transportation and Civil Engineering (TRAC) Bridge Building Competition at the Hilton Garden Inn in Jackson, MS. The Moss Point STEM Team members that competed in this event were: Ny'Kqwria Crear, Kennadi Johnson, and Jerrick Dubose. Team members applied math and science concepts to real life problems engineer's face in the transportation system as they designed and constructed a model bridge.

The competition consisted of three categories: Design Portfolio, Power-Point Presentation, and Bridge Design Efficiency. Points were awarded in each category. Initially, the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) provided middle and high school students across the state with a TRAC Challenge Entry Kit, bridge building materials, and guidelines to construct a bridge. Each participating team was required to submit a portfolio with their final bridge design. Based on their Design Portfolio, qualifying teams were then selected to compete in the state finals. During the state finals, teams presented their PowerPoint presentations and tested their bridge for the highest strength to weight ratio. Prizes were given to the top three teams. The Moss Point STEM Team won first place! Not too bad for their very first competition!

"On behalf of the Moss Point School District and the Moss Point STEM Team, Mrs. Cunningham and I would like to say "Thank You" to Singing River Electric for purchasing the Pitsco Structure Testing Instrument, Steve Nelson, Danny Juarez, and Marshal Thomson of Chevron for mentoring our students, and many others that have made it possible for our students to participate in this project," Mr. Carroll said.

The Moss Point STEM Team is sponsored by Billy Carroll and Nikki Cunningham of the Moss Point Career and Technical Education Center in Moss Point, MS. The director of the Moss Point Career and Technical Education Center is Dr. Durand Payton.



From Left to Right: Nikki Cunningham (Sponsor), Ny'Kqwria Crear, Jerrick Dubose, Kennadi Johnson, and Billy Carroll (Coach).

Skills USA District Winners

Submitted by: Melissa Graham, Lamar Technical Center

Students placed in three areas of competition at SKILLS USA District Competition this year! The competition was held at Pearl River Community College and students from six counties competed against each other in multiple categories. The winners from Lamar Technical Center are as follows: Thomas Beall and Ethan Smith – 1st place in Masonry, Jamie Bullock – 1st place in Electricity and Ian Knight – 3rd place in Carpentry. These students will proceed to state competition in Jackson on March 3 and 4.



Pictured in photo (L-R): Thomas Beall, Ian Knight, Ethan Smith and Jamie Bullock

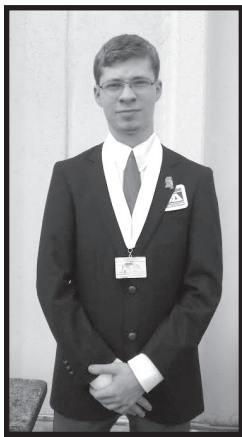
Hosa District Winners

Submitted by: Melissa Graham, Lamar Technical Center

Lamar Technical Center was well represented at District HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America) Competition at Jones Junior College. Out of 13 students from Lamar County's HOSA chapter, six placed at district and will compete at the state level in Jackson March 18, 19 and 20. Lamar County captured awards in the following six categories: Clara Ellis – 2nd place in Medical Spelling, Ahmed Mohamed – 5th place in Pathophysiology, Samantha Graves – 5th place in Clinical Nursing, Taylor Ramsey – 3rd place in Medical Photography, Ronesha Rimpson – 2nd place in Prepared Speaking and Aartavias Morgan – placed in Extemporaneous Writing.



Pictured in photo (L-R): Ronesha Rimpson, Clara Ellis, Ahmed Mohamed, Aartavias Morgan, Samantha Graves and Taylor Ramsey.



State TSA Winner for Lamar County Technical Center

Submitted by: Melissa Graham, Lamar Technical Center

The Technology Student Association (TSA) organization held its annual state competition in Jackson, MS this week. Derrik Harvey competed in Animatronics and placed third in the state. He completed the Engineering program at Lamar Technical Center in December 2014 and will graduate from Purvis High School in May 2015. Derrik has excellent grades, attendance and work ethic. He plans to major in Electrical Engineering after graduation. He will attend Pearl River Community College and then transfer to Mississippi State University to complete his degree.

SKILLS USA State Winners

Submitted by: Melissa Graham, Lamar Technical Center

Lamar County Technical Center had two students win at the SKILLS USA State Competition in Jackson, MS. Zaria Singleton placed second in Plumbing and Brendon Ford placed second in Marine Service Technology. Both students completed CTE programs at Lamar Technical Center in December 2014. Zaria was enrolled in Construction Technology, taught by Donnie Saucier and Brendon completed Automotive Service Technology, taught by Leslie Brown.



Brendon Ford

Teacher Academy Students Excited About Field Experience!

Submitted by: Melissa Graham, Lamar Technical Center

Teacher Academy I students recently completed a field experience at Baxterville Attendance Center. These students were paired with various teachers in order to be exposed to different teaching techniques and classroom management skills. Students in Teacher Academy are required to accumulate field experience hours in order to complete the course successfully. This enables students to understand the requirements of being an educator.

Pictured in the photo (L-R): Eula Mae Deaton, Ashlan Jones, Sabrina Baston, Erin Smith, Madison Clardy, Hayleigh Bates, Cheyenne Bond and Alycia Keaton.



Health Science Students Learn About LifeFlight-4

Submitted by: Melissa Graham, Lamar Technical Center

Health Science II students at Lamar Technical Center had an exciting visit from LifeFlight-4 on April 29! LifeFlight-4 is a critical care aeromedical transport helicopter that serves Lamar County and the surrounding area. Students learned about the services LifeFlight provides and were able to explore the helicopter after it landed at Lamar Technical Center. The crew answered students' questions about their duties, safety issues and skills required to pursue careers in aeromedical transport.



Health Science II class at Lamar Technical Center.