

A Message From Your President



As we begin another a new school year, it is an honor for me to be serving as your MS ACTE president and I would like to challenge each of you to recruit new members for MS ACTE.

We had a great summer conference this year. I have heard many good comments on the speakers as well as the concurrent sessions. I would like to thank everyone who was involved in planning and conducting the MS ACTE/MDE Summer Conference. It was a job well done by all and I am already looking forward to next year as plans are being made for the conference to be bigger and better than this year.

One of the most important things we can do as MS ACTE members is to let others know how important Career and Technical Education is to the students of the State of Mississippi.

Let's all get involved, tell somebody, tell everybody about your programs, your students, their accomplishments, their success, and how your students are preparing themselves to meet the challenges of the 21st century. So please take a few minutes and send an article with pictures of your students' success to your school Superintendent, your school board members, your state legislators, your local newspaper and have it posted on your schools' web site.

After all, "It's a sorry dog that won't bark in its own yard" so let's tell everybody how Career and Technical Education is preparing our students for the future.

I'm looking forward to a great year for Career and Technical Education. If I can assist you or help you in anyway, please feel free to contact me any time. Have a great year and thank you again for allowing me to serve as your president for MS ACTE.

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Congratulations Achieve 100% Award Winners!

The following schools received the 2012 award for having all their administrators, teachers, and counselors join ACTE by November 30, 2011. These schools were recognized on the national web site, were listed in the Techniques magazine, and were presented a framed certificate at the 2012 MS ACTE/MDE Summer Conference in July. I challenge each of your schools to win this prestigious award in 2013.

David Williams, Jr. Career and Technical Center
Hancock County Career Training Center
Lamar County Center for Technical Education
Madison Career and Technical Center
Newton Career Center
Petal High School Career and Technical Education



In order to qualify for the 2013 Award, all administrators, teaching staff, and counselors must be ACTE members by November 30, 2012.

Greetings From the MS ACTE Office.

Submitted by: Linda Bath, MS ACTE Executive Director

I hope all of you had a great summer and are ready to get started with a new school year!

Thanks to all of you who attended the MS ACTE/MDE Summer Conference. We had an attendance of 640 people. I know you got training and professional development from all the great break-out sessions. The dates for next year's conference are July 23-26. We hope to have even a bigger and better conference.

The web site has been completely redone. Please visit it to get informative information about upcoming events, deadlines, award nominations, etc. If you have pictures of your centers, students, co-workers, etc. that would be appropriate to post on the site, please email them to me. The web site address is mississippiacte.com.

The Fall Dinner Meetings are being planned by your district presidents. Please check the web site for dates and locations. As usual, your president will also email you an announcement with all the details. I encourage you to attend. The networking at these meetings is always beneficial, and your presidents work hard to get speakers that will be of interest to you.

The National ACTE has scheduled their meeting, CareerTech Vision 2012, for November 28-December 1, 2012, in Atlanta. Take advantage of the location; it is within driving distance. Click here for the agenda, hotel accommodations, etc.: www.acteonline.org/vision/

Please contact me if I can be of assistance to you.

Cleveland Career Development & Technology Center Award Four Scholarships

Submitted by: Monica Mitchell

The Cleveland Career Development & Technology Center in conjunction with local business owner Willie Jackson of the Desert Inn Steakhouse in Cleveland, Mississippi, awarded 4 scholarships to students continuing to pursue their education. Jackson established the W.J. Jackson Ambition Award in 2011 through CCDTC Student Services Coordinator, Equonda Jackson, awarding four CCDTC 2nd year students a \$500 award. When asked of Jackson why he chose to award students through the career and technical area, he responded: "I believe in giving back to my community. A vocational education is the key to making our community better and our businesses more successful. I received a vocational education and it was one of the best things I ever did. It gave me the skill and knowledge to have my own business. You can't beat that!" Students awarded were Emily Woodward (ECCC), Domonique Pates (ASU), Bethani Fly (MDCC), and Ranesha Small (NWCC).



Cleveland Career Development & Technology Center Skills USA

Submitted by: Monica Mitchell



CHS student Colby Poynor and instructor Zeke Turner recently attended the Skills USA district Automotive com-

petition in Moorhead, Mississippi, at MS Delta Community College. Colby is a eleventh grader who is enrolled in Automotive Technology at the Cleveland Career Development and Technology Center. Colby competed against juniors and seniors in his field, placing first among 15 other contestants. This was Colby's second year in Automotive Technology and he has earned the right to compete at the State Competition that was held in Jackson ,MS, at Hinds Community College.

Lamar County High School Students Compete in National HOSA Competition

*Submitted by Melissa Graham
Lamar Technical Center*

Six Lamar County high school students traveled to Orlando, Florida, for national Health Occupational Students of America (HOSA) competition in June. Katie Myers (in photo, left), Allied Hall, Olivia Herring, and Sarah Bynum are from Purvis, while Graham Broome (in photo, right) and Leticia Bezerra are from Oak Grove. Each of these students is enrolled in Health Science at Lamar Technical Center in Purvis. They competed in areas of CPR/First Aid, clinical nursing and medical photography.



All students advanced to the second round of competition and placed in the top 20 in the country, while Myers and Broome placed fourth in the nation in CPR/First Aid. Broome was also recognized at the Mississippi Association for Career and Technical Education's summer conference in Jackson, Mississippi, in July as the CTE Student of the Year and received a \$500 scholarship to the college of his choice. He served as the local HOSA chapter president.

The local chapter was also nationally recognized for participating in National HOSA Week during national career and technical edu-

cation month in February. Students visited local high schools where they provided blood pressure screening for staff and students and discussed health care education and career opportunities. They also distributed candy and cookies to all health care facilities in the local community that participate in the Health Science program to show appreciation for their contributions.

Lamar Technical Center Metal Fabrication student, Drake Broome, participated in the SKILLS USA national competition in Kansas City, Missouri, this summer and placed ninth in the nation in Sheet Metal. Drake is currently enrolled as a second year student in Metal Fabrication under the instruction of Jeff Waits.

Hancock Co. Career Technical Center's Polymer Science Team Wins 1st Place

*Submitted by WLOX News
Written by: Cathy Wilson*



Bottom row L to R: Cory Edmonson, Aaron Bush, Justin Greene, Chase Wilt, Carl Anderson. Top row L to R: Dalton Schmidt, Jay Gaude, Josh Miller, Kaiser West, Thomas Landry, Savannah Daughtery.

The Polymer Science Team from the Hancock County Career Technical Center earned 1st place honors on March 30th at the

University of Southern Mississippi High School Polymer Science Competition. The competition category was Multiple Synthetic Fiber Construction - High Modulus Testing. The team selected various six strand combinations of polymer fibers and constructed six sets of single braid.

The braid combinations of each of the six participating schools were tested by the staff at USM. The Hancock County Career Technical Center team constructed the strongest braids. Knowledge of fiber characteristics and teamwork were essential in the timed competition.



*Submitted by Beverly Fortenberry
Instructor and FBLA Advisor*

Amory FBLA placed 1st in Local Chapter Annual Business Report at State Leadership Conference. Anna Garza, Amanda Segovia and Katie Coker will be going to National Leadership Conference in San Antonio, Texas, in June.

Picture L to R: Amanda Segovia, Anna Garza and Katie Coker.

Amory Vocational Center Business Fundamentals & Marketing II

*Submitted by: John Keith
Marketing Instructor*

This year we have been fortunate to have professionals come to our classroom to inform us about several different topics, and we also have been able to get out in the community some to see some business first hand. We were able to hear what types of skills are needed and what types of traits that employers find desirable from people who actually make hiring and firing decisions. In addition to discussing how to get a job, we also found out about the different opportunities that are available at some of our local companies. We were able to tour several different types of businesses and learn valuable lessons about each. We visited chain retail businesses, financial businesses, government businesses and small locally owned businesses. We were able to discuss first hand with people the rewards and struggles that entrepreneurs experience.

In addition to incorporating our local community into the classroom we also used our local DECA chapter to involve our students with a professional organization. This year we had a strong representation at both district and state level. At district out of the seven students we had compete we had five first place finishes, one second place and a fourth place. At state out of the same seven students we had one first place, two third place, one fourth, and one sixth place finish.

This year was a transition year for me and our program as it was the first time we have offered Business Fundamentals. Going into the year I was extremely concerned, but I feel that after making this change we are positioned to really grow our program and become one of the most desirable programs at our Vocational Center.

Amory Vocational Center FCCLA

Submitted by: Shirley Moore, Advisor

This year FCCLA had a great school year. This year 22 FCCLA members went to Atlanta, Georgia, in November 2011, to the FCCLA National Cluster meeting. The students visited CNN, toured Chick-fil-La, and the Aquarium. In February 2012, they attended FCCLA State Conference in Jackson, Mississippi, and Wes Colbert was elected as MS FCCLA State President for 2012-2013. Wes also won 1st place in Star Events in the Junior category in Focus on Children. Wes and Mrs. Moore attended FCCLA National in Orlando, Florida, during July 7-13, 2012.

Amory Culinary Classes

Submitted by: Dianne Young, Instructor

We have had a busy year with receptions serving approximately 500 people, 10 dinners for Board members, Honorary Sororities, Civic Clubs, Retirement Dinners and Central Office guests. We also hosted several classes from East Amory Elementary first graders where we explored nutrition with 30 students. We made “Critter Crunch”, Acorn doughnuts, and Bear pizzas. For a fund raiser we smoked over 200 pounds of turkeys and made Southern Cornbread Dressing and sold to the public.

Christmas was a special time for our culinary classes. We made Gingerbread Houses—2nd year students made a train, a barnyard, a sweet shop, a Castle and several two story country and Victorian houses. The 1st year students made Elf houses. We teamed with the Art students and exhibited our “art” work at the Amory Regional Museum. The museum director told us that it was the second largest exhibit in attendance of any of their exhibits with an exhibit from the Smithsonian coming in first. There were over 1,000 people who attended the exhibit.

February brought the 2012 Mississippi ProStart Invitational Competition in Jackson. Our Culinary team competed for the first time, and we brought home Second place. In the Spring we took a Field Trip to Northeast Community College to tour their Culinary program. We stopped at Kroger in Tupelo and visited the produce and meat departments.

At the Amory Vocational Center, It's All About the Buckets

Submitted by: Susan Chaney

"It's a big deal to the students," explained the center's director Andy Cantrell.

Each day the vocational students in the various programs draw a question out of a yellow bucket. A correct answer by the end of the day gets marked down in the books. At the end of the school year, the top three students receive prizes.

The competition makes it fun for both students and teachers, Cantrell said.

Given the results of CPAS (Career Preparation Assessment System) for the 2011/2012 school year, it's obvious that the staff at the center is doing something right.

"Students did well, too," Cantrell said. In Metal Fabrications, Allison Whitt was ranked No. 1 in the state; Austin Galloway was ranked No. 2 in Manufacturing; and Alex Farrar was ranked No. 1 in Welding.

"We're very proud of all our kids," Cantrell said.

"The teachers do a good job. Even with the simplest things, they do very well. They are teaching the curriculum day by day and constantly revising the pacing guide. They are focused on bell-to-bell instruction. Stella Smith, our CPAS testing coordinator, has done a great job of organizing for the assessments," Cantrell said.

"Our teachers are best at developing positive relationships with the kids - I think that's huge. We have big expectations and we hold our kids accountable."

Student Services Coordinator Susan Chaney said each of the vo-tech programs has a distinctive yellow bucket. "Students draw questions out of the bucket and we keep a record on the board."

She said the bucket comes into play in early January and the competition carries on to April. During April, the CPAS is conducted once more.

The practice has several benefits. It makes learning fun, of course, but it also helps vo-tech instructors to see exactly where students are in the learning process and what they need to work on as the end of the school year approaches.

Cantrell said the center has two new programs this year.

The first is the Teacher Academy, which is one of the fastest growing programs across the state.

Amory's Teacher Academy is headed by Beverly Fortenberry and was the result of significant interest among vo-tech students who want to enter the educational field when they graduate from high school.

After nine weeks in the program, students travel to West Amory Elementary and East Amory Elementary to observe and develop classroom skills.

The other program is horticulture, a joint effort among the Mississippi Office of Career and Technical Education, the Gilmore Foundation and the Amory School District. This program also stemmed from a survey of students and is designed to serve students who have an interest in working with their hands.

Chad Cooper is the instructor. Staff at the Amory Vocational Center are:

Beverly Fortenberry,
Teacher Academy.

Shirley Moore,
Family and Consumer Science.

Susan Chaney,
Student Services Coordinator.

Robert Smith,
Metal Fabrication.

Sara Beth Elliott,
Health Sciences.

Jerry Larkin,
Engineering.

Dianne Young,
Culinary Arts.

John Keith,
Marketing.

Sherrelyn Gregg,
STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics).

Stella Smith,
Guidance Counselor.

Chad Cooper,
Horticulture.

Marlana Samples,
Secretary.

Mary Ann French,
Housekeeping.

Amory Vocational Center is Off to a Great Start!

Pictured are students representing our programs.



Left to Right Kneeling:
Anne-Marie Smith- Teacher Academy
Savannah Adcock- Metal Fabrication
Chelsea Harlow- Horticulture
Harli Benton- Culinary Arts

Standing Left to Right
Wes Colbert- Family and Consumer Sciences
Dillon Arriola- Health Sciences II
Tyler Crump- Business Fundamentals and Marketing
Abaris Woodrick- Engineering II
Cary Reynolds- STEM

Taking the Team Approach

Submitted by: Jennifer Koon



The Alcorn Career and Technology Center has started a new school year by taking the “team approach” to a new level.

Students and instructors participated in two team building days on August 13th and 14th. The Center used these two days to familiarize students with the ACTC environment, its faculty and staff, fellow students, and expectations for the school year. Students rotated through six stations which were led by instructors and participated in various hands-on team building and communication activities.

“We feel that it is important for students from our local high schools to learn to work together

in groups and realize through cooperation and teamwork, more can be accomplished. We want our students to learn that teamwork is essential in school and the workplace and is a highly valued skill to possess.” - Jennifer Koon, ACTC counselor

“Industry standards in today’s economy require a team approach. A critical success factor in today’s global workforce is an ability to create effective, functioning teams.” - Richard Turner, ACTC Director

“It is a great way to share individual school cultures and develop a cohesiveness among our students.” - Rodney Hopper, ACTC Assistant Director



Simpson County Technical Center Student Spotlight

Submitted by: Kay Berry



Will Walker

Will Walker spoke to Simpson County Technical Center students enrolled in Polymer Science class recently. Walker, Simpson County Technical Center’s Polymer Science student, recently was named the MASVA’s 2012 scholarship recipient. He is continuing his education at USM’s Honor College with the ultimate educational goal of obtaining a Ph.D. in Polymer Science focused on Polymer Science research. Throughout his USM education he plans to work in the Polymer Science Department at USM, receiving on-the-job training and work experience in his career field.

Simpson County Technical Center student, **Josh Russell**, was recently awarded the title of Wheelchair Fencing Male Athlete of the Year. In the Mississippi Wheelchair Fencing Games, Josh won a bronze medal in the Epee Event and a gold medal in the Foil Event. Josh is currently enrolled in his second year of Polymer Science at the center.



Josh Russell

Future Business Leaders of America Conference



Submitted by: Susan Chaney, Student Services Coordinator

Amory Vocational Center students at the Future Business Leaders of America National Leadership Conference in San Antonio, Texas, in June. Students are Anna Garza, Katie Coker, and Amanda Segovia. They competed in Local Chapter Annual Business Report and represented Amory High School and Vocational Center.

Jackson County Career and Technical Center Students Compete in National HOSA Competition

Submitted by: Connie Goff, Counselor



The Jackson County Career and Technical Center had several Medical Program students who recently participated in the National HOSA Competition located in Orlando, Florida, in July. HOSA is a student organization whose mission is to promote career opportunities in health care and to enhance the delivery of quality health care to all people. The students pictured were national competitors: Henry Brubaker (Forensic Medicine), Kariam Khan (Pharmacology), Mike Sherman (Concepts of Healthcare),

Sierra Tinsley (Sports Medicine), Cassie Simer (Forensic Medicine), and Hannah Hultz (Pathophysiology).

Cassie Simer and Henry Brubaker placed in top ten as National Finalist in Forensic Medicine. We are very proud of the hard work and dedication that our students and instructor Cathy Bloomfield have put forth for their success in the HOSA competitions.

Jackson County Career and Technical Center Information Technology Class

Submitted by: Connie Goff, Counselor

The Information Technology Class at the Jackson County Career and Technical Center are conquering an amazing task. These students have passed the CompTIA A+ certification. This certification is a test that validates foundation-level knowledge and skills necessary for a career in Personal Computer support. The CompTIA A+ certification is international and vendor-neutral. A person who receives A + proves that they are competent in many computer areas such as preventative maintenance, installation, networking, troubleshooting and security. Anyone who is A + certified is prepared for job roles such as field service technician, PC or support technician, enterprise technician, and IT administrator.



Our Information Technology instructor is Mr. Ricky Corker. His classroom is a unique atmosphere where students are constantly engaged with technology projects. Mr. Corker has 35 years experience in the classroom. Mr. Corker is the type of teacher who encourages his students to “Shoot for the Moon!” That is exactly what his students have accomplished. Pictured from left to right are Mr. Ricky Corker, Joshua Martins, Jacob Frulla, Joshua Braun, Robert Murphy, and John Robinson. Not pictured is Destin Hinkel. We are very proud of our students’ accomplishments.

FCCLA Competitors Receive National Recognition

Submitted by: Mary Glynn Arledge, Vocational Counselor, Okolona Vocational Complex

Ms. Trena Smith's Family and Individual Health students Tracey Young and Tyson Eddie received first place at the state FCCLA competition for their presentation on Shaken Baby Syndrome, which included a skit, vital facts, and tips to aid new parents. They then advanced to Florida to the national FCCLA competition where their presentation won first place out of approximately 80 competitors from across the nation. Tyson has also been honored with the appointment of Vice President of Mississippi's state branch of FCCLA. Okolona Vocational Complex is ecstatic at the accomplishments of these outstanding students!



L to R: Tracey Young and Tyson Eddie with their medals and visual aid from the presentation.

Northern District HOSA Competition

Submitted by: Brooke Scallion, Allied Health/Health Science Instructor

On February 10, 2012, students from the Northern District of Mississippi came together at Ittawamba Community College in Tupelo, Mississippi, for their District HOSA Competition. Students from a variety of schools competed against one another with the goal of winning 1st- 5th place in their District so that they could advance to the State HOSA Competition in Jackson, Mississippi. The Cleveland area should be very PROUD of the students that represented Cleveland Career Development and Technology School! The following students competed in HOSA events – Jacob Thomas, Madison Farr, Gregory Peacock, Jonathon Haynes, Madison Greer, Morgan Burchfield, and Will

Weeks. These students worked many hours to perfect their skills in which they were competing.

Jacob Thomas competed in the Physical Therapy event. Madison Farr won 3rd place in Extemporaneous Health Poster. Gregory Peacock competed in the Athletic Trainer event. Jonathon Haynes won 2nd place in Job Seeking Skills. Madison Greer and Morgan Burchfield competed against 30 others in the Nursing Assisting category with Morgan Burchfield winning 2nd place. Will Weeks won 1st place in Researched Persuasive Speaking. Students who won will be competing April 19-21st in Jackson with the goal of winning 1st – 3rd place so they can advance to the National Competition. Nationals this year was held in Orlando, Florida, June 20-24.

The students and I would like to thank all of their parents and family members who encouraged them thus far. A BIG thank you to Delta State School of Nursing students and staff as well as Delta State Athletic Department's Jerold Jordan for mentoring these students outside of class and even in the early morning hours to help prepare them for their competition. Without all of these people, these students would not have been as comfortable in the competition.



Pictured above (from left to right) are: Jacob Thomas, Madison Farr, Gregory Peacock, Jonathon Haynes, Madison Greer, and Morgan Burchfield. Not pictured is Will Weeks.

Skills USA Competitions

Cleveland Career Development and Technology Center Construction classes competed in the Skills USA District and State level competitions. The students who participated in competition were Jessica Gunn (Residential Wiring), Kelsey Taylor (Carpentry), Rachael Fletcher (Brick Laying), and Bruce Filgo (Assistant). These students took part in Bricklaying, Carpentry, and Residential Wiring competitions.

Rachael Fletcher competed in Brick Laying, where she took home first place at the district competition that was held at Mississippi Delta Community College in Moorhead, Mississippi. Rachael then went on to compete at the state level, where she took home second place (silver medal) in Brick Laying in Jackson, MS.



Jonathan Ryals of Petal Wins National Award in Telecommunications Cabling

Submitted by: Charlene Cannon

Jonathan Ryals, a student at Petal High School, was awarded the Bronze in Telecommunications Cabling at the annual National Leadership and Skills Conference and SkillsUSA Championships. The competition was held at H. Roe Bartle Hall, Municipal Auditorium and American Royal in Kansas City, Missouri, on June 26, 2012.

The SkillsUSA Championships is considered the largest single day of corporate volunteerism in America and is valued at \$35 million in industry support of donated time, equipment, cash and material. All contests are run by and judged by industry using industry standards for employment. Over 1,000 industry judges participated this year.

All winners receive medallions and frequently receive tools of their trade and/or scholarships to further their careers and education. The SkillsUSA Championships is for high school and college-level students who are members of SkillsUSA. More than 5,500 students from every state and three territories competed in 94 contests in technical, skilled, and service occupations, including health occupations this year. In order to qualify for the national competition, the students competed in local and state contests. The state gold medal winners advanced to the national SkillsUSA Championships. A short video about the National Leadership and Skills Conference is available online at <http://tinyurl.com/7rbzc96>.



Front row L to R: National technical committee member, Richard Booth; High School medalists—Silver-James Vinson, Middleburg High School (Fla.); Gold-Josue Molina, ESC Sup Voc Metropolitana Miguel Such (P.R.); Bronze-Jonathan Ryals, Petal High School (Miss.); and, national technical committee member, Richard Darnell. Back row L to R: National technical committee member, Bob Dickerson; Postsecondary/college medalists—Silver-Jeremy Vittitow, Wiregrass Georgia Tech College-Fitzgerald (Ga.); Gold-Patrick Lorens, Northwest Kansas Technical College (Kan.); and, Bronze-Blake Milam, Indian Capital Technology Center-Talequah (Okla.).

Students Place in FBLA Competition

Submitted by: Monica Mitchell

Business & Computer Technology II students during the 2012 – 2013 school year diligently prepared for the FBLA local competitions at East Central Community College in Decatur, Mississippi. We were very pleased when two of our students placed, so we begin planning for state competitions in April at the Marriott in Jackson, Mississippi. Sadly, last school year was the last year for both Business & Computer Technology and Future Business Leaders of America here at the Cleveland Career Development & Technology Center.



Pictured from left to right: Jermarius Rushing, Emily Ray, Korxinskee Frazier, Emily Woodward, and Dexter Nelson.

Traveling Trophy

This year's recipient of the MS ACTE Member of the Year Traveling Trophy is Mike Mulvihill, Bureau Director, Office of Compliance and Reporting at the Mississippi Department of Education. This trophy is awarded to a member who has given outstanding service to MS ACTE during the year.

Mulvihill has been instrumental in planning and supervising the MS ACTE/MDE 2012 Summer Conference. He has been very supportive of ACTE on the state level. This trophy will be on display at the Mississippi Department of Education for a year. Mulvihill also received a plaque as a token of our appreciation. Many thanks to Mr. Mulvihill for his support of MS ACTE!



Life-changing Accident Inspires Student's Passion for CTE

In 2008, Graham Broome was severely injured in a golf cart-rollover accident. To recover, he endured multiple surgeries and procedures and hours upon hours of therapy. He emerged on the other side of that experience with a new philosophy to guide his life: "You never know when your last moment will be, so work toward your goals while you have the opportunity."

Broome has embraced his own words wholeheartedly. His goal? "I want to help other people. ...I want to give back as much as [has] been given to me." For Broome, that means pursuing a health care occupation: the care he received and the conversations he shared with his caregivers while undergoing months of healing inspired him to pursue health services as a profession. Thanks to his impressive involvement in the health sciences program at the Lamar County Center for Technical Education, he is well on his way. At Lamar Technical Center in Purvis, Miss., he served as president of Health Occupations Students of America, earned the sports medicine award (as the only junior in the senior-level class), and with partner Katie Myers placed fourth out of 82 teams in First Aid and CPR at the national HOSA competition. Broome was also selected to be the assistant athletic trainer for OGHHS sports teams, working under athletic trainer Kevin Maudlin and alongside former NFL quarterback-turned-assistant coach Brett Favre. In addition to his academic pursuits and in further support of his mission to give back, Broome volunteers with several local charitable organizations, including Homes of Hope for Children, Windam House, and the Upward sports and special needs children's programs at a local church.

In recognition of his determination and achievements, Broome was awarded the LCCTE Student of the Year award. Then, one of four nominees, he was selected as the 2012 Mississippi Association of Career and Technical Education Student of the Year. Mary Taylor, Broome's health sciences teacher for the last two years at Lamar Technical Center said, "Of all of our students, he just stood out the most." She added, "He appreciates things that most teenagers don't." The MS ACTE annually recognizes students, teachers, administrators and ACTE members throughout the state for their accomplishments in CTE programs. For his award, Broome received a plaque and a \$500 college scholarship.

After graduation from high school, Broome is considering nursing school in preparation for medical school, where he would like to pursue anesthesiology, orthopedic surgery or sports medicine. He will be able to use his MS ACTE award and other CTE scholarship money to cover full tuition at the University of Southern Mississippi.