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FIFTEENTH ANNUAL TOPS AWARDS RECOGNITION

Over two hundred Career Education students from all Akron's high schools and career programs were recognized for their achievement at the Top Awards Recognition program on April 5, 2006. Students were eligible to receive the *Ambassador* award, the *Career Excellence* award, or the *Robert Hughey* award. The awards were announced by their building principals and distributed by administrators, Board of Education members, and North Akron Chamber of Commerce members.

The *W.B. Snow Scholarship* winners were announced and presented by First Merit Bank. This year seven students received \$1,500 renewable scholarships. They are *Kevin McQuillian* - Information Technology (Alt. School/ EI); *Victor Snell* - PLTW (G); *Kagney Walker* - Teacher Academy (B); *Lauren Heyman* - Dental Assisting (F/CH); *Priscilla Green* - Teacher Academy (B); *Kory Urban* - Electronic Engineering (E), and *Shana Filing* - Dental Assisting (CH). A reception followed the awards program for the students and family members.

The Tops program is sponsored by the North Akron Chamber of Commerce, hosted at North High School and is organized by the Office of Career Education and the Tops Committee.

Tops committee members are Debbie Gray, Virginique Whitmore, Bill Troutman, Cindy Stone, Rich Messenger, Nate Ruyan, Jeff Sloan, Ed Garcia, Joe Karpinski, Joe C. Karpinski, Sharlene Coffield, Gayle Calderelli, Debbie Monroe, Ed Moats, and Patty Wood, Chairman. Teachers from all schools assisted in the evening program.



Jacquetta Burney - East Welding
One of 52 students to receive the Ambassador Award



Loc Le - Garfield CAM
One of 100 students to receive the Career Excellence Award



Megan Stipe - East Auto YES
One of 52 students that received the Robert N. Hughey Award

CAREER EDUCATION PROGRAMS RECOGNIZED

In their first application, **Firestone High School, Project-Lead-the-Way** (Pre Engineering) program received *Certified School* status in the State and National Affiliate/PLTW certification review. **Garfield High School's** PLTW program was recognized with this honor last year.

North High School, Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning received accreditation from Air Conditioning Refrigeration Institute (ACRI).

Ellet High School Child Development Center received accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).



SCHOLARSHIPS GRANTED

Annually the **Rotary Club of Akron** grants scholarships to Career Education students.

The **Rotary Student of the Year** scholarship is a competitive **district-wide scholarship**. Recipients of this \$200 scholarship are: Crystal Colbert, Kory Urban, Maris King, Kevin McQuillen Jr., Nicole Panella, Asja Williams, Jasmine Putnam, and Thomas Archer.

The **Rotary Outstanding Students of the Year** scholarship is a competitive **program scholarship**.

These students received this \$100 scholarship: LaTasha Herrin, Sharea Gooden, Tony Anderson, Kayla Colbert, Ikonik Vedran, Shantae Neal, and Cory Swartzentruber, Terry Christner, Stephen Cistone, Brandon Hendricks, and Anita Sterling, Shannon Levesque, Terri Link, Dana Penrod, Alexander Peteya, Jacquetta Thomas, WyTerra Thornton, Rachel Hartman, Tawnaray Cundiff, Edward Davis, and Ashley Eleo.

Congratulations students!

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CAREER EDUCATION STUDENTS ACHIEVE EXCELLENCE

Students in Career Education programs have a wide range of opportunities to achieve excellence. Students learn skills and knowledge in the classroom and at the work site. They develop positive **character skills** through **community service**. They further develop **leadership skills** by participating in a Career and Technical Student Organization. These various skills and opportunities allow the students to be eligible to win awards and scholarships.

Skills USA

Skills USA is a student organization that serves students enrolled in **trade, technical and skilled service occupations**.

Competitive events may be held at either the district and/or state level.

Buchtel

Health Occupations:
Dominique Williams, Lynden Cambell, Giavanna Fallucco, Jaquana Primes, Delduania Sheldon, Brittany Strickland
Advisor: Deb Gray

Plumbing:
Jonathan Bagley
Advisor: Mike McGill

Central-Hower Commercial Art:
District Competitions
Jermaine Harris

State Competitions
Tasnim Coker,
Advisor: Kay Dreslinski

Dental Assisting:
Charae Lemon, Lauren Heyman
Advisors:
Michelle Johnson, Theresa Gadomski

Masonry: Josh Alspach
Advisor: John Vance

East Auto:
District Competitions
Bryan Darlington

State Competitions
Bryan Darlington
Advisor: Bob Joseph

Engineering/Robotics:
District Competitions
Tony Anderson

State Competitions
Tony Anderson, Kory Urban and Jay Higgins- *Silver Medal*, Duane Spearance, and Ramsey Gavin.
Advisor: Fred Weiss

Ellet

Construction:
District Competitions
Terry Christner

State Competitions
Terry Christner
Advisor: Chuck Blasdel

Kenmore

Electrical:
District Competitions
Dustin Hobart

State Competitions
Dustin Hobart
Advisor:
Dennis McAviney

North

HVAC: Den Krausse
Advisor: Kevin Cook

East

Qualified for State Competition
Karlton Hopkins, Larry Heiple, Bryan Lawson, Jason Sims, Stacey Maroney, Shamara Walker, Megan Conaway, Hadass Harris, Jennifer Trimble, Sabrina German Jimmy Cvitkovich, Brett Phy, Christopher Focker, Tivia Mendoza, Maris King, Sierra Akhdar, Totiyana Irvin, and Jessica Cunningham

National Competition
Sierra Akdar, Hadass Harris

Firestone

Qualified for State Competition
Lauren Marsh, Britney Chatmou, Phyllicia Johnson, Asya Primm, Lauren Comere, Natasha Townes, Jesse Aronholt, Dustin Sprowls, Joe Abu-Jaoude, Miller Boso, Dan Stone, Emmitt Green, Cassidy Horn, Brianna Scott, Jessica Derr, Danielle Julian, Jasmine Putnam, Amanda DeLagrange, Morgan Mingo, Sarah Kormushoff, Mike Trahey, Earl Wilson, Gabe Naabors, David Sweitzer, Michael Carter, Ashley Shaw, Sara Skeans

National Competition
Jasmine Putnam, Emmitt Green, Blaze Hirsch, Moran Mingo, Lauren Comer, David Sweitzer

Blaze Hirsch (Firestone DECA) was elected as N.E. Vice President, Ohio DECA.

Kenmore

Qualified for State Competition
Crystal Muniz

North

Qualified for State Competition
Beth Meckler, Christina Kleintop, Elizabeth Hetzer, Ricky Blasey, Stephen Triola, JoAnn Workman, Chelsea Cunningham, Mike Trocchio and Anthony Campbell.

OFEA

Ohio Future Educators of America (OFEA) is a student organization for students interested in a career in education.

The Buchtel Teacher Academy program competes in this organizations' state competition annually. **Eighteen** Teacher Academy students competed at the OFEA State Conference.



OFEA State Champions.

DECA

DECA is an organization for students enrolled in **Marketing Education**. Students compete at the district level and earn the right to compete at both state and national levels.

We had **197 students** compete at the Regional competition. **Fifty-eight** students qualified to compete at the state level and **eight students** represented Akron Public Schools at the National Competition. The DECA advisors are: Gloria Fenner (B), Virginique Whitmore (CH), Sue Schutte (E), John Malinowski (EL), Jill Sweitzer (F), Julie Garcia (K), and Linda Godfrey (N).

Central Hower:
Qualified for State Competition
Martel Barkley, Wilbur DeShields, Dianca Gordon, Dierre Robinson, Tanya Robinson.

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Buchtel

Teacher Academy
Advisor: Linda Glover

Chapter Scrapbook Team of Mercedes Bagley, Tanisha Brinson, Patrice Long, Dianna Ruple won First Place in State.

Other students that competed were: Latoya McDaniel, Tiffany Tucker, LaDale Moss, Whitney Fedrick, Davonta Hullum, Laterica Jackson, Jasmine Johnson, Giavonnie Woods, Tayler Jenkins, Destiny Smith, Ashleigh Watts, Priscilla Green, and Kagney Walker.

FCCLA

Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)'s purpose is to promote personal growth and leadership development through Family and Consumer Sciences education.

Akron had 39 students compete at Regional Competitions. Twenty-five students advanced to state competition and recognition. The FCCLA advisors are: Valerie Skelly (CH); Kathy Krieger and Mary Moneypenny (E); Cindy Stone and Michele Whitehurst (EL); Deb Firtha (H); Diane Zupke and Janis Zupke-Dean (G); Steve Frank (K); Mary Ann Horak and Kathy Polcy (I); Pat Gibson (N).

Central-Hower
Qualified for State
Alex Franklin

East

Qualified for State
Maris King

Ellet

Qualified for State
Ashley Dorsey,
Anita Sterling

Hyre

Qualified for State
Becca Beckwith, Hayley Johnson, Jelena Topalovic, Danielle Parker, Brittany Butler, Stephanie Sens, Libby Sturm, Jacki Lyle, Brittany Meehan, Allison Woods

Kenmore

Qualified for State
Melissa O'Connell

Innes

Qualified for State
Katie Fickle, Samantha Headrick, Victoria Graham, Shannon Heppel, Amber Hollis, Destiny Jamison, Carina Studer-Dyer, Nicole Williams, Elizabeth Johnson

North

Qualified for State
Shymberli Arntzen

BPA

Business Professionals of America (BPA) prepares business students for the workplace by developing their leadership, citizenship, academic and technological skills.

East, Ellet, Firestone, Garfield, Kenmore and North have BPA chapters in their business programs. Students from Ellet, Firestone and North went to regional competitions.

Their advisors are Tracy Ebner, Rich Messenger and Mary Hnath. To advance to state and national levels, students must earn top honors at each competitive level.

Firestone

Qualified for State
Marshall Stephens, Joseph Humphrey, Kent Phillips, Candance Thoms, Octavia Hobby

National

Kent Phillips,
Arielle Sweeney

North

Qualified for State
Robert D'Aurelio

National

Robert D'Aurelio

Firestone students

Twyla Berry and Arielle Sweeney were selected as BPA Regional Officers.

Arielle Sweeney was selected as BPA Ohio Association State Secretary.

FFA

National FFA (FFA) is an organization that prepares members for leadership and careers in the science, business, and technology of agriculture.

Ellet

Advisors:
Ann Rose, Judy Blower

These Ellet students earned top honors at the state level of competition: Brian Hendricks, Stephen Lincoln, Stephanie Avellino, Ashley Gorham, Nicole Panella and Team: Brian Hendricks, Stephen Lincoln, Ashley Brown, Lucretia Ruple; Team: Stephanie Avellino, Ashley Gorham, Nicole Panella, Joshua West; Team: Lindsey Warren, Julia Smith, Kara Chappell, Melissa Etheridge



BPA students and advisors at National Competition.



Students are shown with Representative Brian Williams' Aide, Lyn Falk.

CAREER EDUCATION STUDENTS GO TO COLUMBUS LEGISLATURE

On April 11, 2006, Akron Public Schools Career Education students visited Columbus for the annual Statehouse Visit and Legislative Luncheon sponsored by the Ohio Association for Career and Technical Education. Our students visited the offices of Representative Barbara Sykes, Representative Brian Williams, and Senator Coughlin. At this time, the students were able to share their personal stories about the value of Career Education programs in their lives and future plans. They also discussed their perspective on the problems with funding public education.

The students and legislators attended a luncheon at the Columbus Renaissance Hotel that highlighted each of the Career and Technical Student Organizations. The students concluded their day with a statehouse tour.

The students that represented Akron Public Schools were Arielle Sweeney (F), Bryan Darlington (E), Kory Urban (E), Crystal Colbert (N/B), Naomi Gurley (G), Harold Solomon (G), Crystal Muniz (K), Miller Boso (F), Lauren Heyman (F/CH) and Kagney Walker (B). The students were accompanied by Frank Meyers, Joe Karpinski, Rich Messenger and Gloria Harms.

Funding for Career and Technical Student Organizations is from targeted resources provided by the State of Ohio, at no expense to the district's general fund.

OTHER AWARDS:

Central Hower: Students Shawntae Jackson and Stormi Walker won silver awards from the Akron Club of Printing House Craftsmen Association. Their Graphic Arts teachers are Ed Moats and Deb Monroe.

Firestone: Project Lead the Way students Justin Perry and Ryan Brosnahan won Superior rating at State Science Day in Chemical Engineering. Also Brandy Cannon, Mike Forfia, and Dillion Bonine came in first place in the Second Annual Gilligan's Rescue Cardboard Canoe Race. Their teacher is Dan Spak.

Tech Prep Students of the Year Awards, Sponsored by The University of Akron
Aaron Moore, Medical (B), Randall Green, Fire/EMT (B), Leonard Henninger, AutoYES (E), Katrina Blackwell, Business Finance (E), Megan Conaway, E-Commerce-Marketing (E), Kory Urban, Engineering (E), Vedran Ikonic, Networking (E), Lakeisha Hurr, Business Finance (F), Brian Ellis, Business Finance (G), John Josey Jr., CAD (G), Victor Githinni-Snell, PLTW (G), and Rachel Hartman, Business Finance (K).

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Purpose of the newsletter:

Welcome to the Akron Public Schools, Office of Career Education Newsletter. This newsletter is produced to: highlight the accomplishments of our students, share the excellent educational opportunities available to Akron Public Schools students, develop an awareness of community contributions by the Career Education programs, and inform and build partnerships with our community members. We hope you find this newsletter helpful and informative.



OUR TEACHERS ARE WINNERS

Tammy Cameriato, a Work and Family Life instructor at Roswell Kent Middle School was selected as a semi-finalist for the Akron Public Schools Teacher of the Year. Tammy has

taught in Akron Public Schools for 16 years. She views her role as a teacher to "help students see where their

potential is, so they can succeed". In her Work and Family Life course, Tammy has her students focus on community service and day-to-day living. Tammy believes that "all students can raise their self esteem by doing things to help in the community." **Congratulations!**

Several other Career Education teachers received recognitions as well this year.

- **Sue Schutte**, East, was one of five teachers nationally to receive the National DECA Advisor Scholarship Award. This award is based on contributions made by the instructor to their schools, DECA, and the community.
- **Pat Gibson**, Restaurant Management teacher at North won Building Teacher-of-the-Year.
- **Valerie Skelly**, Restaurant Management teacher at Central-Hower won Building Teacher-of-the-Year.
- **Julie Garcia**, Marketing teacher at Kenmore won the PTSA Teacher of the Year.
- Firestone PLTW teacher, **Dan Spak** was selected as Master Teacher in Principles of Engineering by the national PLTW organization.



Dates to Remember... for 2006

June 8	Last Day of School for Students	July 26-29	Team Cuisine Cooks Camp at Kent State
June 26-July 12	APS Summer School Session One	July 26-28	Ohio ACTE Conference,
July 12-15	High Schools That Work Conference,	August 24	All-City Career Education Conference, Kenmore High
July 13-28	APS Summer School Session Two,	August 30	First Day of School for Students
July 14-17	DECA Summer Camp		

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