SCTD students shine at national competition

Several SCTD students recently traveled to Kansas City, Missouri to compete in SkillsUSA’s national championships in various leadership and technical skill areas. Students earned the right to participate at the national level by winning their contests at both the regional and the state levels.

Kari Hammitt, who has earned associate degrees in Computer Graphic Design and Dynamic Web Development, has been to national competition before, in 2009, when she competed in Job Interview. This year, she competed in Computer Programming and earned a seventh place slot in national competition. Kari would like to compete in this contest again next year and is confident that she could earn the gold!

Yohance Henry also competed in his second national event, both times he competed in Extemporaneous Speaking. In this contest, students are given a topic five minutes before they speak and then must talk for three minutes on the subject. Mr. Henry’s performance earned him a ninth place in the nation and the Skill Point certificate. The college is proud of Mr. Henry’s performance and of his new status as an associate degree graduate of the college’s Mechanical Engineering Technology program.

Andrew Robbins, a Computer Engineering Technology associate degree graduate, returned to competition for his second year. While last year he competed in Electronics Applications and earned his Skill Point certificate, this year he chose to compete in Electronics Technology. Even while doing battle with an illness at the conference, he completed his competition and earned a 22nd place position among the national competitors in his field.

Interior Design instructor Nancy Menz accompanied the SCTD competitors. She provided guidance, support and transportation; she drove a van across two states to make it possible for SCTD students to have this wonderful opportunity.

Students enjoyed the experience

One of the SCTD competitors called from the conference to thank the chapter’s co-advisors, Dr. Sheree Koppel, Academic Dean, and Mike Bryant, General Education Department Chair, for the opportunity to attend the conference, stating, "I just want to say thank you for making this opportunity possible. I have met so many great people and the energy here is amazing! I had no idea so many students would be here (close to 8,000). I have networked a lot and fully enjoyed being a part of SkillsUSA at this level."

Congratulations, Sullivan College of Technology and Design’s SkillsUSA chapter. Students interested in joining can contact Mike Bryant at mbryant@sctd.edu. The chapter will reconvene during the fall, 2010 quarter.

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 Students at the Sullivan College of Technology and Design who have earned good grades and high test scores are eligible for a wide range of scholarships, which are financial aid opportunities that do not have to be repaid. These scholarships include:

- **Kentucky Educational Excellent Scholarships (KEES)** – These state awards are given to Kentucky high school students with ACT scores 15 or above, and at least a 2.5 GPA.

- **Sullivan College of Technology and Design Scholarships** –
  - High school seniors who attend our Scholarship Exam Day each December have a chance to win one of six scholarships for up to $1,500 based on general aptitude testing.
  - High school juniors and seniors who take part in our Scholarship Fair every February compete in hands-on events (in drafting, electronics, art, computer networking and interior design) to win up to $3,000 in awards.
  - High school seniors can compete for up to $3,000 in Spring Academic Scholarships by submitting an essay on “How and Why I Chose My Career Field.”

- **Tech Prep Scholarships**: Local high schools with a Tech Prep High School Program agreement can provide deserving seniors $500 scholarships to Sullivan College of Technology and Design.

- **GED Scholarships**: Students who have taken the initiative to earn a General Education Diploma (GED) in the past year may be eligible for up to $1,800.

- **Other Scholarships**: The Exigency Scholarship, SkillsUSA State Competition, Metro Louisville Dollars for Scholars program and Imagine America Scholarships are just a few examples of the funds available to qualified students.

To apply for scholarships and other types of financial aid, please call the Financial Planning office at 502.456.6509 or 800.844.6528.