Sullivan College of Technology and Design offers three ways for future accepted students to earn scholarship monies to help cover tuition costs. In December of each year, high school future accepted students are again invited to a scholarship essay competition. Students write about their career choices and why they earned $3,000 scholarships for their essays. In May of each year, SCTD holds its Scholarship Essay Competition. Students complete a formal application and a written piece of approximately 300 words. Students write about their career choices and why they selected the field they chose. This year, out of approximately 25 applicants, five students earned $3,000 scholarships for their essays.

As their advisor, I am very proud of these students and their willingness to put their skills and training on the line in competition. I invite anyone interested in participating in SkillsUSA during the 2009-2010 year to see me or Instructor Mike Bryant, the organization’s co-advisor, for information.

**Students receive national ranking in Skills USA competitions**

SkillsUSA is a national nonprofit organization serving teachers and high school and college students who are preparing for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations. It requires a lot of work to establish and implement a SkillsUSA chapter. There is the recruitment of committed and trust-worthy students; the planning and presentation of the professional development program, fundraising, development of service opportuni- ties, and of course, competitions.

During the 2007-08 school year, SCTD organized its first SkillsUSA chapter and formed a competitive team. Earlier this year, the College hosted high school students for competitions in Robotics, Dynamic Web Development, Mechanical and Architectural CADD, Interior Design, Electronic, Computer Repair and Networking. SCTD’s SkillsUSA team competed in similar events for post-secondary students and won medals at the regional competition. Recently, students traveled to Kansas City, Missouri, where they competed at the national SkillsUSA conference. Students spent five days at the conference and all say that they had a great time and learned a lot.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

An instructor and an alum were recently honored at the Educational Conference and Annual Meeting of the Kentuck Association of Career Colleges (KACCC). Carla Wallace was the recipient of the Instructor of the Year Award. Carla, an instructor in SCTD’s Interior Design department repeatedly receives high ratings on her student evaluations and contributes to the college and the community in a variety of ways. Kevin Brotzge was the recipient of the Legislator of the Year Award. Kevin is State Representative from Kentucky’s 27th District and a 1983 graduate from Louisville Technical Institute. Kevin chose LTI because I enjoyed drafting in high school and knew I could further my career interests there. . . . Obtaining my degree has been one of the best "life" investments I have made . . . .” Asked what drew him to the political arena, Kevin said “I was always taught by my parents to give back to the community . . . An opportunity opened up in the mid 1990’s to run for an office in a district held by an unopposed incumbent. Believing that the voters should have a choice on the ballot, I entered to run for an office in a district held by an unopposed incumbent.

**CHALLENGE**

The Accrediting Council of Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS) is a national accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). Accreditation is a status granted to an institution that meets or exceeds the stated criteria of education- al quality. The purposes of accreditation are to assess and enhance the educational quality of an institution, to assure consistency in institutional operations, to promote institutional improvement, and to provide for public accountability. ACICS has designated the Sullivan College of Technology and Design as a 2008 Honor Roll Institution, one of only 34 colleges, out of more than 700 eligible, to receive that recognition.

The Sullivan College of Technology and Design recently received notification that it is a 2008 recipient of the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with Distinction. Since 2006, the President’s Honor Roll has recognized institutions of higher education that sup- port innovative, effective and exemplary community service programs. Honorees are selected based on the scope of service learning projects, the percentage of student participation in service activities, incentives offered to student participants, and the extent to which service learning is embedded across the college curriculum. This recognition is the highest federal award a school can achieve; only about 80 colleges in the nation received the honor of “with distinction” in 2008. At SCTD, we learn by doing for others!

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**9TH IN NATION**

Jeffrey O’Gara, Computer Maintenance

Andrew Robbins, Electronics Applications

**13TH IN NATION**

Kari Hammitt, Job Interview

**14TH IN THE NATION**

Yohance Henry, Extendeporating Speaking

**16TH IN NATION**

Chris Ratts, Advertising Design

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**Holding the certificates and medals they received in regional competition are left to right:** Sheree Koppel, SkillsUSA advisor; Christopher Ratts, Instructor; Mike Bryant, co-advisor; and Steve Philpott, state Skills-USA Director. Back, left to right: Paul Clark, Andrew Robbins, Yohance Henry, Kari Hammitt and Darcy Muddax.