

## **Seacoast School of Technology Students Win State Awards**

### **DECA, NHSEE, SkillsUSA, HOSA, FBLA, and FCCLA Members Attend Annual State Conferences and Conventions**

Spring has been a busy time at the Seacoast School of Technology in Exeter as members of DECA, SkillsUSA, HOSA, FBLA, and FCCLA attended their state Career & Technical Student Organization (CTSO) conferences and competitions.

Marketing Education students attended the DECA conference, the first Career & Technical Student Organization (CTSO) State Conference, held from March 4-6 in Nashua. Exeter High School student, Bethany Bielicki, was elected as a state officer, which is a great honor. As a result, she will attend the International DECA conference in Anaheim, California. SST students also qualifying to go to California are: Krista Gill and Justine Field, Exeter, First Place, Hospitality Services and Jake Randlett, Exeter, Second Place, Marketing Management. More than 350 New Hampshire students attended and competed at the State Conference. DECA is the national organization for Marketing Education students.

Biotechnology students participated in the New Hampshire Science and Engineering Exposition (NHSEE) on March 12. It was a great day for SST students, many of whom placed in their competitive events. SST students winning awards included: Earth Science, 1st Place, Jessica Eisfeller and 2nd Place, Michelle Jarosz, Newmarket. Mammalian Biology, 1st Place, Brittany Brigham, Sanborn; Microbiology, 2nd Place tie, William Eaton, Raymond; Pharmacology, 1st Place, Karryanne Belanger, Raymond; Physics, 1st Place Kyle Gigure, Sanborn, 2nd Place Dave Pratt, Exeter; Behavioral Sciences, 2nd Place tie James Holmes and Kristin Pitkanen, Epping; Biochemistry/Molecular Biology, 2nd Place, Victoria Seetraram, Epping and Chemistry, 2nd Place tie, Robert Keith, Exeter.

Health Science Technologies students traveled to the 2009 HOSA State Conference in Nashua. In addition to many leadership opportunities, students competed in many events. Eight SST students qualified to represent New Hampshire at the National HOSA Convention in Nashville, Tennessee. The SST HOSA Team was the State Banner Winner. Award winners included: Medical Terminology, 1st Place Morgan Rand, Exeter, 3rd Place, Jasmine Burovac, Sanborn; Medical Math, 2nd Place, Kripali Patel, Exeter; Nutrition, 1st Place, Brittany George, Exeter; Human Growth & Development, 3rd Place, Brandi Paige, Epping; Career Health Display, 1st Place, Alison Lombardo, Exeter and Heather Thibeault, Sanborn; Extemporaneous Health Poster, 3rd Place, Ryan Brigham, Sanborn, 5th Place, Alissa Champigny, Exeter. Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) represents high school and college students in the United States preparing for health related careers.

Culinary Arts students were recognized for their efforts in the SkillsUSA competitions held at Southern New Hampshire University. The awards ceremony was held at Dover High School on April 3. Culinary Arts winners included: 1st Place, Front-of-the-House Service, Jenna Caley, Exeter; 2nd Place, Front-of-the-House Service, Keara Garcia, Exeter; 2nd Place, Commercial Baking, Nicole Paladino, Exeter; 2nd Place, Job Interview, Jamie Sidoti, Winnacunnet; 4th Place, Hot Foods, Tucker Plimpton, Exeter. Welding Technologies students also competed in the statewide SkillsUSA competition. SST award winners included: 4th Place, Myles Kenneson, Epping; 5th Place, Matt Card, Sanborn; 6th Place, Sean Flagg, Exeter. SkillsUSA is the national organization for students in technical programs.

SST Digital Communications students had a very strong showing at the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Spring Leadership Conference in Manchester. Students placing in events included: Business Graphics, 2nd Place, Michaella Linck, Newmarket; 3rd Place, Catilyn Nichols, GBeCS; Digital Video Production, 2nd Place, Chris Lanseigne, Sanborn and Shelby MacPherson,

Epping; 3rd Place, Sean Ellison and Travis Wysocki, Exeter; Web Site Development, 2nd Place, Ashley Welsh, Exeter; Electronic Career Portfolio, 3rd Place, Cole Jaillet, Exeter; Winner of the Theme Design Contest, Ashley Welsh, Exeter. Cole Jaillet and Taylor Fortier, Exeter, assisted the event coordinators and judges. Future Business Leaders of America is the national organization for students interested and preparing for a career in business and finance.

Twenty Early Childhood Education students attended the annual FCCLA Spring Conference April 1-3 at the Grand Summit in Bartlett, New Hampshire. Students enjoyed two full days of leadership and motivational activities along with 350 other FCCLA members. The chapter won the FCCLA Membership Award. Ryan O'Day, a 2004 graduate from Epping High School, served as a judge for two STAR events.

FCCLA members took on a variety of leadership roles at the conference. Jessica Burditt, Exeter, SST chapter president, was the representative for the Roll Call of Chapters. Rebecka Mathis, Exeter, was the Community Service Representative and presented the association with the chapter's \$500.00 donation to Feed The Children. Bailey Albert, Winnacunnet, represented the chapter as the voting delegate and a workshop host. Michaela Feole, Winnacunnet, was also a workshop host and a full time runner for a STAR event. Melanie Berry, Exeter, Suzy Anuskiewicz, Epping, Crystal Stackhouse, Winnacunnet, Hayleigh Boyle, Sanborn, and Bailey Albert were full time runners for STAR events. Miranda Ignoto, Sanborn, Emily Miller, Exeter, Celia Nicholson, Sanborn, Tyla Timmons, Exeter, and Myranda Woodbury, Winnacunnet, were presenters for the hands-on workshops.

Nine FCCLA members competed in STAR events and all nine qualified for the national competition in Nashville, Tennessee this July! Destiny Marytn, Exeter, won a gold medal for Illustrated Talk and qualified for national competition. Amanda Flodstrom, Exeter, won a silver medal in the Early Childhood STAR event and qualified for nationals. Winning a gold medal and qualifying for nationals in National Programs in Action were Jessica Burditt, Molly Larson, Newmarket, and Rebecka Mathis. Earning a bronze medal and qualifying for the national competition in Career Investigation was Amylee Keith, Exeter. Ashley Johansson, Epping, won a gold medal in Job Interview and qualified for nationals. Rebecca Roberts, Exeter, and Megan Cargill, Exeter, won a gold medal and qualified for national competition in Chapter Showcase. Ms. Roberts and Ms. Cargill also competed in Award of Excellence STAR event and helped secure the chapter's standing as the number two FCCLA chapter in New Hampshire! Family, Career and Community Leaders of America--is a national career and technical student organization for young men and women in Family and Consumer Sciences and Career & Technical Education programs.