

Regional skills contest ends in success

by Jocelyn Gauthier
Feature Editor

With more than 1800 people attending, the Regional Skills Contest, held Feb. 23, turned out to be a huge success.

The number-one winner in each category will receive one-term tuition scholarships to CCC at the awards ceremony, March 13.

They are as follows: **Accounting I** - Steven Wacker, junior, Rex Putnam High School. **Accounting II** - Lanelle Givens, senior, Estacada High School.

Auto Body - Ryan Garrett, senior, West Linn. **Auto Mechanics** - Angel Olivares, senior, Canby. **Auto Parts** - Arlie Martin, of Sabin Skills Center.

Building Construction - (five winners), Jonas Elfving, sophomore, Molalla; Erich Lais, senior, Molalla; Joe Yoder, senior, Molalla; Brian Lister, senior,

Molalla; Evan Watson, junior, Molalla.

Business Ed. - In Basket - Tien Dai, senior, Canby. **Business Ed. - Keyboarding I Timing** - Sasha Blacksten, sophomore, Canby. **Business Ed. - Keyboarding II Timing** - Laurie Shaw, senior, Canby.

Business Ed. - Lotus - Anthony Johnson, junior, Molalla. **Business Ed. - Spelling/Grammar** - Amy Gustafson, senior, Canby. **Business Ed. - Ten Key** - Stephanie Davis, junior, Canby.

Commercial Art - Logo Design - David Bagge, senior, Canby.

Computer Team - Eric Briggs, senior, West Linn.

Drafting - Architectural - Jason Kloser, senior, Canby. **Drafting - CAD** - Steve Johnson, senior, Oregon City.

Drafting - Fundamentals - Phil Johnson, senior, Oregon City.

Drafting - Mechanical - David Madsen, sophomore, West Linn.

Geography - Tyler Johnson, junior, Rex Putnam. **History** - Tyler Johnson, junior, Rex Putnam.

International Ed. - French I - Jess Gulbranson, senior, Milwaukie. **French II** - Anne McCullough, sophomore, Canby. **French III** - Michael Jackson, sophomore, Molalla. **French IV** - Austin Bush, senior, Sandy.

German I - Barbara Leyland, sophomore, Oregon City. **German II** - Louis Dixon, sophomore, Lakeridge. **German III** - Michelle Loomis, sophomore, Gladstone. **German IV** - Karen Savage, senior, Lake Oswego.

Japanese I - William Nelson-Romick, freshman, West Linn. **Japanese II** - Casey Lowrie, junior, Gladstone. **Japanese III** - Emily Maloney, junior,

West Linn. **Japanese IV** - Gregory Bingham, senior, West Linn.

Spanish I - Jennifer Philpot, junior, Colton. **Spanish II** - Shastina Solaita, sophomore, Oregon City. **Spanish III** - Gracey Nagle, junior, Molalla. **Spanish IV** - Barbara Rizzatti, sophomore, Lake Oswego. **Spanish V** - Nicole Speer, senior, Rex Putnam.

Job Interview - Nikki Jones, senior, Canby.

Journalism - Feature Writing - Joe Augustine, senior, Oregon City. **News Writing** - Sarah Schlosser, senior, Canby.

Manufacturing Technology - Lars Blacken, senior, Canby.

Marketing - Advertising - Jeremy Bea, junior, Sabin Skills Center. **Business Math** - Scott Vandecoevering, senior, Canby. **Speaking of Business** - James Macauley, sophomore, West Linn.

Math Ind. I - Pre Algebra - Jake King, sophomore, Estacada.

II - 1st Yr. Algebra - Cyndi Stahnecker, freshman, Estacada.

III - Geometry - Brenda Shonkwiler, freshman, Lake Oswego. **IV - 2nd Yr. Algebra** - James Lumsden, junior, Estacada. **V - Pre-Calculus** - Raymund Bennett, junior, Lake Oswego. **VI - Calculus** - Kris Zyp, junior, Molalla.

Math Team Level I - (three winners), Brian Bloudek, sophomore, La Salle; Mike Fromherz, sophomore, La Salle; Ryan Myers, junior, La Salle. **II** - (three winners), Raymund Bennett, junior, Lake Oswego; Enoch Chen, junior, Lake Oswego; Nicholas Fang, junior, Lake Oswego.

Spelling Bee - Hayden Lewellyn, Estacada.

Technology Competition - (three winners), David Madsen, sophomore, West Linn; Jassen Bowman, junior, Sandy; Sean Arrasmath, West Linn.

Clackamas county moves ahead in education

✓ **1st place winner in journalism news writing**

by Sarah Schlosser
Canby High School

While the United States has lagged behind other nations educationally, Clackamas County is moving ahead.

In January, Clackamas County received a grant from the Clinton Administration that totals \$15 million over the next three years. This money targets a regional school-to-work transition system that will educate the area's youth for the 21st century job market.

John Quiggle, Clackamas County consortium liaison for high schools and the community college, said the goal of the pro-

gram is to link "learning in the schools to learning in the workplace." Quiggle hopes to achieve this goal through a three-step program.

The first aspect of school-to-work is awareness. This occurs on the K-8 level. This is focused on simply exposing young people to careers through field trips to a workplace and guest lecturers.

The 9-12 grade students experience the exploratory leg of the program. This gives high school students opportunities to participate in a two to three hour "job shadow," get involved in a mentorship program and an actual five week work experience.

This area is crucial in the program because "Seventy percent of people learn better by doing than sitting in a room learning theo-

retical knowledge," said Quiggle.

Quiggle went on to say that the college level, grades 13 and 14, links the knowledge and exploratory steps and culminates into a "practicum" experience. The practicum experience puts students to work in industry and thus benefits both student and employer.

"[The practicum] literally connects two cultures -- school and work," Quiggle said.

He also emphasized that students can truly help businesses. "You have a lot to give," Quiggle said.

The school-to-work program attempts to educate students about more than just the technical aspects of employment. It also teaches students the critical thinking skills and cooperation -- both

of which are key to success in the workplace. "When you go into the world of work ... rarely do you do anything independently," said Quiggle.

By instructing students in the school-to-work program, Quiggle hopes to eliminate what he calls "the freezer effect." He explained that the current education system simply requires students to take information and store it in a freezer until they need to defrost and use it. Quiggle hopes that knowledge and learning will become a useful tool that is never stored in the freezer.

Another benefit of school-to-work is its cohesiveness with the new Certificates of Initial Mastery (CIM) and Certificates of Advanced Mastery (CAM) recently implemented in Oregon. The

CIM and CAM program calls for career exploration and Quiggle's program goes beyond that.

Although the school-to-work program has already had a great success on the community college level, difficulties occurred with the high schools. Colleges have a long-standing relationship with industry. The high schools in Clackamas have problems locating businesses that want to participate. Quiggle, however, is confident that more employers will get involved in school-to-work as the program grows.

Overall, Quiggle is optimistic about school-to-work and sees Clackamas County as having implemented a "monumental" program. "We should all be very proud of what we are doing in Clackamas County," he said.

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