

High school students put skills on campus



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enley competes in the visual arts Skills Day competition at Clackamas Community College Feb. 25.

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Feb. 25, Clackamas Community College slacked in the Met and took a leap on yellow school buses for the Annual Regional Skills Day competition. Yes, while every was at home sleeping in Tuesday, there was something on here at campus; did not fall into an while we were away.

Questionably a great turn and lunchtime, the cafeteria hardly any difference an average day on the college was packed hundreds of high school

ing at an early 8:30 a.m. ing at two in the after- dents from surrounding y schools were ready to in spelling bees, com- assembly, internet scav- and much more. A tech- competition, for instance, find a way to build the freestanding structure using limited materi- were four paper clips, two sheets of poster 4 inches of tape, a bal- 48 inches of string. The team from Molalla High built a structure standing ing 103.5 inches.

We're missing a cool day. What's not to love?

Jessica Fields
Estacada High
School student

Throughout the campus, 36 contests were taking one of which was video. Students were scat- over the school wearing es and carrying video tripods and notepads; was to create a video are the spirit of the Skills tion," said Sam Taylor, a Clackamas High. Taylor, second year of Digital and Broadcasting class, enthusiasm for being produce a video, but not enthusiasm for being to stay the whole day in ure such clips. Other however couldn't seem ough of Skills Day.

"We're missing a school day. What's not to love?" said Jessica Fields of Estacada High School.

Sitting on a picnic table outside the cafeteria with a group of friends, Fields came here not as a class requirement and took the day to use to her advantage.

Fields was competing in two competitions, a Spanish test where students paired up to perform an on-the-spot type of skit, where the instructor chose the situation according to student's skill level. Foreign language competitions also included French and German.

Individual awards for first, second and third place were tuition waivers.

Skills day is also a way to promote after high school education to juniors and seniors that attend.

Scott Branscum in Barlow Hall spent the day directing students to the hot rod car show and talking to individuals about the high school programs offered at their home schools, recruiting and sparking the students' interests.

When asked about the overall turn out this year, Branscum replied, "A lot more than expected."

The automotive stand outside the car show also had a raffle with chances to win a car emergency kit, flashlights and car care supplies.

Some departments even had two contests going on at one time, like machining for advanced areas dealing with milling machines and lathes. All the participants passed a safety test prior to registering for the competition, but having a current CCC student do all the judging and measuring whose part is closest to what the specifications were was still a bit nerve racking for Eric King from Oregon City High School, who ranked first place in the competition and also was rewarded a tuition waiver.

Another gripping event on Skills Day took place in Randall Gym, the Career Expo with multiple career speakers ready and willing to share information about their specific field. Students were encouraged to go speak with experts and bring their own resume so career professionals could review it and also to enter for a chance to win prizes. Chances to find an internship and CCC tuition scholarships were also available.

The 32nd Annual Skills Day Competition hosted to hundreds of students from 20 different high schools in the regional area and that's not even mentioning home schooled students who attended.

Worst advice given

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1. "Stay with him; he'll change." The truth is — he (or she) never does. And staying with someone you believe you can change is probably the most unrealistic thing to hope for in a relationship. If they're not what you want, leave and find someone who is.

2. "If you put it on a credit card, it's free." Growing up, this is what I always heard from my mom. She used to take me on "intensified shopping training" outings, and I used to hang on her every word. Now as a college student, I'm sure she regrets ever telling me something like that, and I've definitely realized putting something on a credit card DOES NOT make it free. It in fact makes it 7.9 percent more expensive. We live and we learn. But the best advice I've ever received? "Don't spend anything on a credit card you couldn't spend out of your checking account." I live by these words now.

3. "Just try it." Now this could be the worst or best advice you've ever gotten, but personally it's never gotten me anywhere I wanted to be. For the most part I shun this advice. I enjoy my unwillingness to try new things, thank you very much.

4. "Use two condoms instead of one." Of course no one's ever told me this but I've heard of kids actually listening and taking this advice. Hello! The friction will actually cause one of the two or both of the condoms to tear and you may just find yourself a parent in nine months. Yours will be so proud.

5. "No way, dude, your car will totally fit in that spot." I've listened to this advice before. And as a result I've got my car literally 'stuck' to the point that I had to employ someone else to get me out of the predicament. Most people I know are horrible at parallel parking but still believe they can fit into teeny tiny spaces.

6. "It's not cheating; it's called 'Using your resources.'" Don't ever listen to this advice. Cheating is cheating, and if you

get caught in college you can basically see your way out the door.

7. "What Mamma don't know don't hurt her." Remember "The Water Boy"? 'Mamma' always finds out somehow. Never underestimate a woman's intuition, and never take this advice for real advice.

8. "Trust me; I know what I'm doing." We've heard this so many times; and most of the time if someone has to convince you they know how to do something, they don't.

9. "Race him; there's no cops around." Just because you don't smell bacon doesn't mean there isn't a cop lurking close by. Most of the time, if you're doing something wrong, you will get caught. I understand that it's fun to live life on the edge, but it still doesn't make that \$400 suck any less.

10. "One more won't hurt." You'll probably get this advice most often from your friends. And most often, you probably listen. When your sober mind returns you always realize it's bad advice but you never remember that the next time you hear it. This is the worst advice you'll ever hear, that you'll continue to follow.

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