

FBLA team members jump in feet first

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this practice method to be particularly effective.

His intention with the mock presentations is to let the students “shake in their boots a little bit to see all these people in their room.” If they “freak out” now, he said, they will feel less nervous in front of actual judges.

“It’s just a huge piece for them to be able to really prepare themselves for the state contest,” he added.

In addition to Payzanoğlu and Ipson’s team, Seaside has another team competing in 3-D animation, one of the more difficult and time-consuming events.

According to junior Rafael Sibony, who is partnered with senior Brent Walsh and junior Isaiah Collins, the

project involved picking an animation software and other programs to use, writing a script, developing characters, recording voiceovers, creating a storyboard and rendering. The topic for 3-D animation this year is “Going Green,” so the students’ project had to emphasize an issue and solution related to environmental sustainability. Fortunately, Sibony said, Verhulst introduced them to a program he was familiar with, so “we didn’t have to test every single one.” Walsh said getting to know and use the animation software, Muvizu, was “fun, but it’s also kind of a struggle.”

Not that the challenge was too daunting. According to Payzanoğlu said, “the best part was kind of the struggle.”



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Seaside High School senior Zeynep Payzanoğlu presents a 3-D animated video she created along with her teammate, senior Kara Ipson.

“At the end, we had a good project and I’m proud of it,” she said.

For the community service project contest, juniors Colton Carter and Bryre Babbitt, along with Ipson, are presenting on behalf of the whole chapter about its involvement in the school’s Don’t Catch This Wave campaign to move three of the

district’s schools out of the tsunami inundation zone and into a new location. During their practice presentation, the group discussed how the chapter’s contributions helped raise awareness and lead to the success of a \$99.7 million bond measure to fund the project.

Carter joined FBLA on account of Verhulst, who “was really selling it and letting us know how much fun it would be.”

“He was so inspiring and energetic about it, we just had to join,” Carter said. “And he was right about it.”

His favorite aspects of being in FBLA include working with his project partners, as well as the prospect of competing at the state conference “and seeing how far we can go with it,” he said.

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Royal Coachman, and fly rod casting techniques. Mizell would like to do a knot-tying activity at some point.

Fly fishing — the March activity — is a recent pursuit for the students, and they’ve enjoyed it so far.

“Music and fly fishing have one thing in common: keeping time,” said Loke, who plays several instruments. He’s only fished with a regular rod in the past, but his understanding of time signatures has helped him pick up on this new variation quickly.

Perfecting the timing and rhythm are the toughest parts of the activity,

Mizell said. Yet the challenges posed by fly fishing also keep it interesting.

“It’s one of those things that no matter how long you do it, there’s always more to learn,” Mizell said.

At the end of the year, the group intends to take another fieldtrip to Davis Lake, in Central Oregon. Known for its robust bass population, the lake is a fly fishing-only body of water, which will give the students a chance to practice their newly learned skill. Mizell’s hope for the trip is the club members “will catch some fish on some of the flies they’ve tied themselves.”

“That would be cool,” he added.

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