

Frisco ISD Career & Technical Education Center 2012-2013 Archived News

Graphic Design Student Helps Fight Underage Drinking

Alexandra Marsolek, an Advanced Graphic Design student at the CTE Center and a senior at Heritage High School, has won a \$1,000 higher education scholarship from the Texas Hospitality Association. She tied for fourth place in a state-wide poster contest aimed at curbing underage drinking. More than 800 posters were submitted. Winning posters had to convey the following message or theme *"If you are under 21, it's illegal to consume or purchase alcoholic beverages in Texas."* THA will reproduce, display and distribute the posters as part of its state-wide alcohol awareness campaign.

Frisco ISD students design potential addition to school

Frisco Enterprise featured a story on Frisco ISD Career and Technical Education Center engineering instructor Mr. Ken Strong who teaches an upper-level engineering class. The students in that class designed their own version of a 50,000-square-foot addition for the very building they attend classes in with the help of schematics of the building provided by SHW Group, its architect. Shown above is senior Jorge Macias with his 3D model. Read the Frisco Enterprise article.

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Graphic Design student and sophomore at Wakeland HS, Hannah Sears learned how important it was to save money while also winning some herself in the Consumer Credit Counseling Service (CCCS) poster design contest. CCCS and PlainsCapital Bank announced winners of the 2013 Financial Literacy Poster Contest in May and Hannah was awarded first place in the high school division for Greater Dallas. The contest challenged students to illustrate financial literacy with this year's theme of "Saving for Success." The winners were chosen from more than 890 entries submitted by students across Texas, ranging from kindergarten through 12th grade.

Advanced Architecture Students Help Preserve Frisco's History

Volunteers at the Frisco Heritage Center and the City of Frisco sincerely hope nothing ever happens to the historical Smith-Muse House. But if something terrible should happen, the center is now prepared thanks to four Frisco ISD students. Architecture students from the Frisco ISD Career and Technical Education Center have gone over every nook and cranny of the white-frame farm house. It has been measured and recorded for posterity so should the worst happen, an exact replica could be constructed. Read more on this story at Inside Frisco ISD. *(photo from www.friscoheritage.org)*

Frisco ISD-TV Students Win National Journalism Honors

Frisco ISD-TV stories that recently won first place honors in the Press Women of Texas (PWT) competition have now earned honors in all three video categories in the National Federation of Press Women (NFPW) High School Communications Contest. Frisco ISD-TV Senior Producer/Senior Editor Sam Stockard, Producer/Editor Danny Sheehan and Senior Producer/Senior Editor Madi Eggers will be formally announced as honorees at the NFPW

Annual Conference, scheduled for August 22-24, 2013, in Salt Lake City, Utah. Read full story on Inside Frisco ISD.

Frisco ISD-TV Garners National Honors

The Student Television Network (STN), an international association of high school broadcasting, film and media programs, has announced winners of its 2013 Spring Nationals competition. Read about the awards on Inside Frisco ISD.

CTE Student Honored at Dallas Museum of Art

Elizabeth Rayes, a first year graphic design and illustration student at the Career and Technical Education Center, was awarded honorable mention in the Dallas Area Rapid Transit's 2013 Secondary Student Art Contest. This was the first year students from the CTE Center participated in the contest. Designs had to incorporate DART and this year's theme: Your Adventure Awaits. There were over 800 entries in the contest spanning from kindergarten to seniors. Rayes was recognized at the Dallas Museum of Art, along with the other winners, on Thursday, May 23, 2013.

CTE Students Win Trip to Meet Supreme Court Justice



Two political science students from the Frisco ISD Career and Technical Education Center will travel to Washington D.C. to meet Antonin Scalia, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. Centennial High School senior D.J. Anderson and Liberty High School senior Jason Parsons were winners of a nationwide Supreme Court competition. Two additional student teams from the CTE Center's political science class finished second and third, sweeping the Harlan Institute's Virtual Supreme Court competition. The competition is hosted by the Harlan Institute and the Constitutional Sources Project (ConSource). Visit Inside Frisco ISD for the full story and photos.

CTE Interns Gain Real Life Experience with Local Sports Organizations

Graphic arts is a growing field and Frisco ISD Career and Technical Education students have the opportunity to work with professionals to gain real-world experience as part of the Graphic Design and Illustration Practicum – an internship program for high school students who are in their third year of graphic design study at the CTE Center. Read full story.

Frisco ISD-TV Students Win State UIL Honors

The Career and Technical Education Center Student Media Division of Frisco ISD-TV has received two gold medals, three silver medals, one bronze medal and two Honorable Mentions from the UIL's Interscholastic League Press Conference (ILPC). To view awards click here.

Student Report on Wester Partnership Featured on Baylor Website

Frisco ISD-TV's Mikayla Barnes has her story featured on Baylor University's School of Education website. The story focuses on how Baylor University uses technology to connect with Wester Middle School students. Watch the video and read the full story on Inside Frisco ISD.

Frisco ISD-TV Crew Covers Nancy Lieberman Foundation Gala

Frisco ISD-TV crewmembers were praised during a live on-air exchange between sportscasters Steve Dennis and Gina Miller for their efforts in covering the Nancy Lieberman Foundation Gala held Monday evening, April 8, 2013, at Ruth's Chris Steak House in Dallas. Read the full story on Inside Frisco ISD.

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Student Wins Poster Contest & Helps Teach Peers to Limit Distractions While Driving

Elizabeth Rayes, a first year graphic design and illustration student at the Career and Technical Education Center, has won first place in a state-wide poster contest sponsored by State Farm. The contest was designed to raise awareness about the dangers of distracted teen driving. Read full story on Inside Frisco ISD.

Kids Teaching Kids 2013 Cookbook

For the third time, fun and tasty recipes created by Frisco ISD high school students are featured in a cookbook for elementary students and their families. The 2013 cookbook was published by Kids Teaching Kids, an effort by Medical City Children's Hospital and the Greater Dallas Restaurant Association to help fight childhood obesity. Frisco ISD was the first school district in the area to create a Kids Teaching Kids cookbook. Two previous books, published in 2010 and 2011, were developed by culinary arts and graphic design students at the Career and Technical Education Center. This year's book was designed by CTEC advanced graphic design and illustration student, Diane Hermes, who is also a junior at Centennial High School (CHS). The recipes from this year's cookbook were developed by the Introduction to Culinary Arts classes at CHS. Each Frisco ISD cookbook is available on the Kids Teaching Kids website, along with a database of recipes from high schools across the area that is searchable by ingredient. Read full story on main FISD page.



CTEC Staff & Students Assists with District's First Robotics Competition

Robotics students from eight Frisco ISD middle schools participated in the Ocean Odyssey Robotics Competition held April 27 at Hunt Middle School. Fifteen teams of up to four students each competed in the challenge, which was designed by Amy Pribich, an engineering teacher at the Career and Technical Education Center. Seventh and eighth graders worked for six weeks during and after school to build a robot that could help clean up the fragile underwater ecosystem. Robotics is offered as a middle school elective in Frisco ISD to help students build a strong foundation in science, technology, engineering and math. The logo shown on the tshirts above was designed by Sloane Moore who is a sophomore at Frisco High School and is also a Graphic Design and Illustration student at the CTE Center.



Former Frisco ISD-TV Member to Serve as Morning Reporter on NBC Affiliate

Former Frisco ISD-TV producer/editor and 2009 Frisco High School graduate Ally Crutcher has informed her former broadcast teacher, Eva Coleman, that she has accepted the position of morning reporter for KWWL, the primary NBC affiliate for the northeastern third of the state of Iowa. [Read full story.](#)



High School Students Attend Interactive Engineering Workshop

Twenty-one engineering students from the Career and Technical Education Center, Student Opportunity Center and Liberty High School visited DeVry University on March 27 for a special event focusing on science, technology, engineering and math. [Read more from Mr. Patterson, CTEC Engineering teacher, on Inside Frisco ISD.](#)

Frisco ISD-TV Students Top Winners in Journalism Contest

Frisco ISD-TV crew members received top honors for videos entered in the Press Women of Texas (PWT) 2013 Edith Fox King High School Journalism Competition. The first place winners will move on to the National Federation of Press Women competition, according to instructor and producer Eva Coleman. [Read about all winners on Inside Frisco ISD.](#)

CTEC Graphic Students Create Designs for Hope Park

Graphic design and illustration students from the Career and Technical Education Center designed a poster and T-shirt to promote Build Week, scheduled for April 5 to April 15. The poster to the left was created by student Jolie Guz, while the T-shirt design was created by student Elizabeth Rayes. [Read more on Inside Frisco ISD.](#)

CTE Students Learn Dangers of Texting and Driving

AT&T is showing teens how dangerous it can be to text and drive. A simulator visited the Career and Technical Education Center on Friday, March 22 to raise awareness about the risks associated with distracted driving. Read what some of the teachers shared about the program's impact on students.



Culinary Arts Students Take Two Top Spots in Teen Chef Competition

On March 1, five culinary arts students from the Career and Technical Education Center competed in The Art Institute of Dallas Best Teen Chef Competition. Bethany Hopper of Frisco High School won first place and Blake Finkenbiner of Liberty High School won second place, respectively. Read the full story on Inside Frisco ISD.

CTE Center DECA Students Advance to Internationals

The Frisco CTE Center DECA chapter attended the DECA State Career Development Conference in Corpus Christi on February 28-March 2, 2013. Twelve students advanced to the state level and ten competed at the conference in Corpus Christi. Kiana Moffett, Julia Wright and Conner Coleman were named alternate finalists at the State conference. Desiree Natali, Katelyn McCall and Ashley Limas were first place winners in their event and will advance to the DECA International Career Development Conference in Anaheim, California on April 24-28, 2013. Full story on Inside Frisco ISD.



Frisco ISD-TV Receives Top Accolades at Student Television Network Annual Convention

Frisco ISD-TV has seen stars all the way on this 2013 STN Convention road. "It's an extremely exciting time for us," Mrs. Coleman said. Read about the convention on Inside Frisco ISD.

CTE BPA Students Advance to National Competition

The Career and Technical Education Center's Business Professionals of America chapter recently competed at the State Leadership Conference in Houston on February 28-March 2. In Network Administration using Cisco, Alex Le placed 2nd and Austin Roach placed 4th. Both Alex and Austin are qualifiers for the BPA National Leadership Conference in Orlando. The chapter consists of students from three FISD high schools. It is led by CTE teacher Kip Bledsoe. Full story on Inside Frisco ISD.

Land Judging Team Takes Second Place in Competition

The Centennial High School FFA Land Judging Team competed at Brock Invitational Land Judging Contest on March 1 and took home 2nd Place Overall Team. In addition, Mike Rauch was the 2nd Place Individual. Rachel Bennett, Alyssa Rodgers and Jacob Schluns also competed for CHS. The group is coached by Brandon Scheu, agricultural science teacher at the Career and Technical Education Center. Members of land evaluation teams judge sites based on characteristics of the soil and observations of landscape conditions, then recommend land treatments considering factors such as soil characteristics, vegetative conditions and planned use for the site.



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HOSA Students Advance to State

HOSA is a student organization for future Healthcare professionals. It allows students the opportunity to network, compete, attend events and participate in community service projects. The CTE Center has a HOSA chapter that includes over 150 students from all 6 of high schools. In December, 17 students competed in round one of the HOSA competition, which consisted of online tests covering a wide range of healthcare topics. Round two, was the HOSA Area V competition, held February 15- 16 at the Ben Barber Career and Technical Center in Mansfield. The students pictured above have advanced to the HOSA state competition to be held in Galveston, Texas on April 10-13.



Awards

Revanth Poondla (HHS) - 1st place Researched Persuasive Speaking

Pranav Guntu (HHS) and Spurthi Pasham (HHS) - 3rd place Career Health Poster

Jeremy Kao (LHS), Cindy Jiang (LHS) and Jimmy Cheng (CHS) - 3rd place PSA

Mina Matsushita (LHS), Janani Ravichandran (LHS) and Midhila Vaddi (LHS) - 2nd place Creative Problem Solving

Vidya Menon (WHS) - 4th place in Medical Terminology

Kee Yeong Jung (HHS) - 4th place in Medical Math

Frisco ISD-TV Executive Producer Named STN Teacher of the Year



Eva Coleman, media technology teacher at the Career and Technical Education Center, has been selected as Teacher of the Year by the Student Television Network (STN). Coleman also serves as executive producer of Frisco ISD-TV. STN is a national association of high school broadcasting, film and media programs. It works with teachers to provide support and tools for the classroom and hosts contests for students. The STN Teacher of the Year program recognizes

dedication to the profession and a high level of achievement in all areas of teaching broadcast journalism, film or media. The winning teacher must also display creativity, classroom effectiveness and strong leadership.

CTEC Graphic Design Student Wins Arts in the Square Poster Contest

A Wakeland High School student received her cash prize Monday, March 18, for her winning poster design for Arts in the Square, a fine arts festival scheduled March 23-24 in Frisco Square. Abbie Soloman is a first year graphic design and illustration student at the Frisco ISD Career and Technical Education Center. Her poster features the winning artwork of Frisco ISD students who also participated in a competition. Students submit their artwork and a jury selects a winner in each of four age categories. Original story | Updated story



PLTW Students Display Reverse Engineering Projects

Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Introduction to Engineering Design students show off their engineering skills in the latest hands-on class project. Student design teams apply the reverse engineering process to analyze an object's visual, functional and structural components. Finally, students evaluate potential improvement ideas based on a set of criteria and present their findings to the public.

Frisco ISD-TV Producer to present awards at Student Television Network Convention

Frisco ISD-TV senior producer/senior editor Morgan Yarnik of Centennial High School is one of 12 students selected from around the country to present awards at the Student Television Network (STN) Convention closing ceremony on March 10, 2013. Yarnik is a senior who currently serves on the Frisco ISD-TV news team under the direction of executive producer Eva Coleman. She plans to study Broadcast Journalism at the University of Texas at Austin. Full press release.

Graphic Design Student Photo Used in Frisco Marketing Materials

Frisco High School and Frisco ISD CTE Center's graphic design student Davor Seferovic's photo of the George Purefoy Municipal Complex and Frisco Square is the final double-spread page of a new You Are Here marketing brochure used by the Frisco Economic Development Corporation. See full story here.



Students Create Valentines for Children Battling Cancer

Graphic Design students at the CTE Center in Mrs. Bacon's 3A/B section recently designed valentine cards for children who will be spending Valentine's Day on the oncology floor at Children's Medical Center Plano Campus instead of in a classroom with friends. Read more.



2012 Young Entrepreneur Academy Winner & Fisd CTE Center Student Featured on Fox News

Andrea Shaver, the 2012 winner of the first Young Entrepreneur Academy in Frisco ISD and creator of Flaming Squirrel Design (a graphic design business), was featured on Fox 4WARD with Tony Felker, President of the Frisco Chamber of Commerce. Andrea is in her third and final year of Graphic Design & Illustration at the Frisco ISD CTE Center which is an internship course. Watch the Fox 4WARD clip .



CTE Culinary Arts Students Take First, Second Place in Regional Competition

Culinary arts students from Frisco ISD's Career and Technical Education Center won bragging rights Wednesday in a regional competition among culinary education programs. Read full story here.



CTE Center BPA Students Bring Home Awards

The following students are members of the CTE Center chapter of Business Professionals of America. They have been preparing for the last six weeks for the BPA Regional Leadership Contest. The contest was held at Heritage High School on Saturday, January 19, 2013. The following students took home awards and all winners who placed first, second or third will advance to the BPA State competition which will be held in Houston on February 28 - March 2, 2013.



Collin Reed - 1st in Computer Network Technology

Austin Roach - 1st in Systems Administration using CISCO

Meggan Lanpher - 2nd in Advanced Spreadsheet

Stephen Davis, Garrett Forster, Colin Reed, and Trevor Sakakini - 2nd in Network Design Team

Roberto Arias and Meggan Lanpher - 2nd in Web Site Design Team

J'Lynn Vacek - 3rd in Banking & Finance

Roberto Arias - 3rd in Computer Security

Diana Pinzon-Cardenas - 4th in Fundamental Accounting (State Alternate)

High School Catalogs Designed by CTEC Graphic Design Students

Each year the Graphic Design & Illustration students at the CTE Center are given the opportunity to design the covers for the Fisd High School Course Catalog and Academic Guide. The top cover is selected by Fisd administration and is featured on the cover for that year. Jolie Guz (WHS) designed the Course Catalog (seen on left) and Rachael Quinn (LHS) designed the Academic Guide (seen on right).



Frisco Boy Scout Troup Community Service

The Frisco Boy Scout Troup and Liberty High School Softball team worked together on December 8, 2012 to complete a community service project at the Frisco ISD Ag Barns. The project was lead by Cooper Morris, a Junior at Liberty High School, who is an FFA member and working to complete his Eagle Scout Project. There were approximately 50 volunteers that showed up to help clean and paint areas around the barns, weld broken panels, and till the pens for the cattle.



Frisco ISD-TV Producer/Editor Wins Honorable Mention

Frisco ISD-TV Producer/Editor Danny Sheehan received Honorable Mention in the Sports Feature Story category for his story "Techno Physical Ed". Sheehan is a junior at Centennial HS and this is his first year as a member of the Frisco ISD-TV news team. Frisco ISD-TV consists of students enrolled in Audio/Video Production and Advanced Audio/Video Production at the Frisco ISD CTE Center. Frisco ISD CTE Center is one of two broadcast teams in the entire state of Texas to place in STN's 2012 Fall Nationals. The Student Television Network (STN), the largest scholastic broadcasting network in the country, has announced winners of its Fall Nationals competition. [Watch Video Here](#) | [View Complete Winners List](#)

CTEC DECA Chapter Awarded Mayor's Award

The Frisco CTE Center DECA Chapter recently participated in the Frisco Community Parade and was recognized with the Mayor's Award for their outstanding float. The DECA members and CTE Center Ag mechanics worked together to build the patriotic float as a tribute to the United States Veterans. The Frisco CTE Center DECA chapter has entered the parade for the past two years and spent countless hours creating a monumental float supporting the American Military. They also serve in the community and participate in various levels of competition throughout the year as they build leadership skills to prepare them for their futures in marketing, finance, hospitality and management.



FFA Student Wins FFA Interview Event

Breanna Couffer, a Senior at Centennial High School, competed in the Job Interview event at the Area 5 FFA Contest on November 19th. The job interview contest allows students to compete in real world activities of creating a cover page, resume, and gathering three letters of recommendation. The student must then carry these to contest and fill out a job application, complete a phone interview, a personal interview, and write a Thank You note to the interviewers. The contest allows the students to gain experience needed for future job interviews. Breanna placed 1st place out of our FFA district and 3rd place out of over 50 competitors in the DFW and North Texas Area at the Area 5 FFA Contest.



Graduated Broadcast Student to Host TV Show in Abilene

Frisco High School graduate Matthew Torres recently stopped by to visit his former broadcast teacher, Mrs. Coleman, with whom he often keeps in touch. Little did she know that this time, he'd be sharing news of landing his first television station job. Torres has accepted the position as host of live and locally produced KTAB 4u, which airs Monday through Friday at 4 p.m. on the CBS affiliate in the area of Texas known as Big Country. "It all started in your class at Frisco High," said Torres to Mrs. Coleman. [Read more here.](#)



CTE Student Designs District's La Visión Logo



An advanced graphic design student at the Frisco ISD Career and Technical Education Center created the identity for a District organization serving Hispanic families. Senior Yenifer Yanez designed the image above for La Visión. La Visión is a Frisco ISD organization that serves the Hispanic parents and students by providing meetings to inform all participants about college awareness and college financial aid information. It also plans cultural community events,

offers ESL classes and partners with the parents and community to support student achievement.

CTEC Law Teacher Awarded "Teacher of the Year"

Ben Ewald, teacher at the Frisco ISD Career and Technical Education Center, has been selected Teacher of the Year by the Texas Lawyers Auxiliary. The announcement was made this week by Martha Ann Franco, chairman of the Awards Committee after the judges' panel selected Ewald in an overwhelming decision. Mr. Ewald is shown above with Chief Justice Wallace Jefferson at the award ceremony in Austin, September 2012. [Read full story.](#)



Former Student Journalists Receive National Recognition

Two former Frisco ISD student journalists have earned honors in two of three video categories in the National Federation of Press Women (NFPW) High School Communications competition. The stories also won first place honors in the Press Women of Texas (PWT) competition. [Read more.](#)

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STN National Awards and Student of the Year Announced

The Student Television Network (STN), the largest scholastic broadcasting network in the country, has announced winners of its 2012 Spring Nationals competition and Frisco ISD-TV crew members received honors. [Click here for story.](#)

FISD Students Compete at National BPA Competition, Earn Microsoft Certification



Eleven Frisco ISD students participated in the National Leadership Conference of Business Professionals of America in Chicago, IL on April 25-29, 2012. The students represented three high school campuses: Heritage High School, CTE Center and Frisco High School. [Read the full feature on the FISD website.](#)

CTEC Law Teacher Selected as Teacher of the Year by Texas Lawyers Auxiliary

Ben Ewald, teacher at the Frisco ISD Career and Technical Education Center, has been selected Teacher of the Year by the Texas Lawyers Auxiliary. The announcement was made this week by Martha Ann Franco, chairman of the Awards Committee after the judges' panel selected Ewald in an overwhelming decision. [Read full story.](#)

Two CTEC Graphic Design Students Win Prizes in Financial Literacy Poster Contest

Julie Kwon and Emily Atkins are a bit richer and the FISD Career and Technical Education Center will get a bit of cash too, as the result of the two students producing winning posters in the 2012 PlainsCapital bank/CCCS of Greater Dallas Financial Literacy Poster Contest. [Click here to read the full story and see the poster designs.](#)

CTEC Graphic Design Student Wins YEA!

Andrea Shaver of Liberty High School, who also studies Graphic Design and Illustration at the FISD Career and Technical Education Center, was selected as semifinalist at the first YEA Investors Forum. Her business is Flaming Squirrel Design (a graphic design business). Andrea will travel to New York to compete in the Saunders Scholars Bright Ideas Business Competition during the first week of May. She



received congratulations from Chamber representatives Rich Allen, Kevin Thompson, Keith Britton and Tony Felker Wednesday after learning she would receive funding for her business plan and head to New York to compete with other young entrepreneurs. Read about all the FISD YEA! students who presented to Investors.

CTE Teacher Named to National BPA Board

Jerry Burks, teacher and Career and Technical Education department head at Heritage High School was elected to the National Board of Trustees of Business Professionals of America at the National Leadership Conference held in Chicago, Illinois April 25 – 28, 2012. Read more here.

Student Journalists Inducted into NSPA

Kayla Kawalec (Frisco ISD-TV Producer/Editor), Jamie Miller (Frisco ISD- TV Producer/Editor), and Shelby Dietz (Titan TV Senior Producer) have been announced as inductees for this distinct national listing. The NSPA Honor Roll recognizes student journalists who have excelled as journalists and scholars, have served on staff for a minimum of one year, and have a minimum grade point average of 3.75.

CTE Students To Serve as District V FFA

Officers Mike Rauch and Austin Hinson of Centennial FFA were both elected to serve as District V FFA Officers for the 2012-2013 school year. District V is made up of all of the chapters in Collin County. Candidates had to take a test over knowledge of Texas agriculture and FFA and gave a speech last night at the District V Spring Meeting and were elected by their peers to serve on the team.

Frisco ISD-TV Media Team Wins UIL Gold, Silver and Bronze

The Career & Technical Education Center Student Media Division of Frisco ISD-TV received two gold medals, one silver medal, four bronze medals, and three Honorable Mentions in a variety of Broadcasting Individual Achievement Awards. The staff was also awarded a Broadcast Gold Star. Read full award story here.

Three Aspiring Architects Learn the History of Frisco down to the Inch

Fourth-year architectural students from the Frisco ISD Career and Technical Education Center are recording the measurements and developing floor plans of the buildings at the Frisco Heritage Center. Here they are working in the chapel of the old Lebanon Baptist Church. From left to right are Seton Lowe, Anthony Simerson and Shane Heil. All plan to study architecture or engineering in college. Read more.



Frisco ISD-TV Crewmembers selected for the 2012 National Scholastic Press Association's (NSPA) Journalism Honor Roll

Kayla Kawalec (Producer/Editor) and Jamie Miller (Producer/Editor) have been announced as inductees for this distinct national listing. The NSPA Honor Roll recognizes student journalists who have excelled as journalists and scholars, have served on staff for a minimum of one year, and have a minimum grade point average of 3.75. A complete list of Honor Roll inductees will be printed in the Best of the High School Press, NSPA's annual publication showcasing award winning student work. The list is also available on the Contest and Critique page of the NSPA website at <http://nspa.studentpress.org>.

Frisco ISD-TV Will Receive Press Women of Texas Awards

Frisco ISD-TV crew members will receive honors for videos entered in the Press Women of Texas (PWT) 2012 Edith Fox King High School Journalism Contest, according to Eva Coleman, instructor and executive producer. Read full results

Six Culinary Students Receive Scholarships

On April 12, six CTE Center Culinary Arts students received scholarships from the Greater Dallas Restaurant Association (GDRA) totaling \$30,000. Read full story here.



CHS FFA Wins Land Judging Contest

Frisco Centennial FFA Land Judging team placed 3rd at the Area V contest. By placing in the top 5 teams, they qualified for the state contest to be held at Tarleton State University on April 19th. Team members included, Mike Rauch (4th place individual), Alyssa Rodgers, Austin Hinson, & Jacob Schluns (3rd place individual)



Cliff Weiss Memorial Essay Contest Winner

Christie Shokler's, Advanced Graphic Design and Illustration student at the CTE Center, entry was selected as the winner for the multimedia essay category in the 2012 Cliff Weiss Essay Contest. Her brochure will be published on the ACTE website in the coming weeks.

Eleven DECA Students Nationals Bound

Frisco ISD DECA traveled to Corpus Christi on March 1-3 to the Texas DECA State Career Development Conference with 54 students from six campuses. The students participated in various events related to marketing, business, finance, and hospitality. Over 3,000 students statewide competed at the conference for the chance to advance to the International Career Development Conference on April 28 to May 1 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Frisco ISD has eleven state winners advancing to compete at the international conference next month. The winners include Frisco High School students, Stephanie Adriaenssens, Hunter Chitwood, Caitlin Gillespie, and Varun Prasad; Lone Star High School students, Alyssa Wright, Stephanie Samuelson, Kate

Doerr, and Krista Bojarski; Centennial High School student, Desiree Natali; and Liberty High School students, Annie Lu and Matthew Deng.

BPA National Qualifiers Announced

Ten Frisco ISD Business Professionals of America students competed at the State Leadership



Conference in Dallas, March 1-3, earning the opportunity to compete at the National Leadership Conference to be held in Chicago, Illinois in April. BPA is the leading CTSO (Career Technical Student Organization) for students pursuing careers in business management, office administration, information technology and other related career fields. Read all the results here.

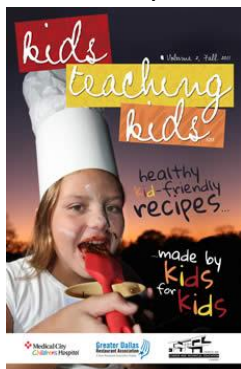
Frisco ISD-TV Takes Home National Awards

Frisco ISD-TV received several honors for work produced during the Student Television Network (STN) national convention held March 21 -24th at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Dallas. More than 1900 student journalists and filmmakers from all over the country were in attendance to experience the various workshops offered and on-site contests. Read more.



Kids Teaching Kids

Medical City and Genghis Grill are in a special partnership with area school districts, including



Frisco ISD, to work to protect kids against obesity and diabetes by teaching smart healthy ways to create enjoyable and nutritional snacks for youth. The program utilized CTEC students in Culinary Arts and Graphic Design. The students were featured on Good Morning Texas, December 20. Click here to watch. To view the recipes the students were preparing on Good Morning Texas click here. The winning cover show right was designed by Advanced Graphic Design student, Andrea Shaver.

FISD Graphic Arts Student Designs Winning Poster

Frisco Square Development and Frisco Arts, the Official Art Agency of Frisco, announce the Arts in the Square student artist poster contest winner for the 2012 arts festival. Samantha Hicks, a senior and first year Graphic Design & Illustration student at the FISD Career & Technical Education Center, is this year's winner with an overwhelming 125 votes; a contest was held for the public's vote on the Frisco Square facebook page.



Former Frisco ISD-TV Student Makes Anchor Debut

Former Frisco ISD-TV producer/editor and 2009 Frisco High School graduate Ally Crutcher recently made her live anchor cut-ins debut on KOMU, the NBC network affiliate station in Mid Missouri, according to Eva Coleman, Executive Producer of Frisco ISD-TV and instructor at the FISD Career and Technical Education Center. Read more.

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Frisco ISD-TV producer/editor Alyssa Herzog of Frisco High School is one of 12 students selected from around the country to present awards at the Student Television Network (STN) Convention closing ceremony on March 24, 2012. The Student Television Network annual convention will take place March 21st – 24th, 2012 at the Hyatt Regency Dallas, Texas. Herzog had to audition for this honor, which included preparing and delivering a script on-camera without the use of a teleprompter. According to the Student Television Network website and contest rules, criteria for selection were “professional presentation, poise on camera, and the ability to deliver copy with a natural, comfortable presentation”. Of the 12 students selected, only two are from Texas. See listing here.

CTEC Boasts Two PLTW Master Teachers

Chris Patterson, an engineering teacher at the FISD CTE Center, has been named a PLTW (Project Lead The Way) National Master Teacher for instruction in Digital Electronics. CTEC Principal Wes Cunningham notes, "This is a huge honor for Chris, for the CTE Center, and for Frisco ISD. We now have two national master teachers, as Ken Strong was named a PLTW National Master Teacher for instruction in Civil Engineering & Architecture last year."



Calf Scramble Winners

Austin Hinson (left in photo) from CHS and Stephen Bechtold from LHS (right) ran in the calf scramble at the Fort Worth Livestock Show at the end of January. Stephen caught a calf and received a certificate for \$500 to help with the purchase of a show heifer. Both students are scheduled to run at two more shows in San Antonio and Houston which if won would also assist in the purchase of an animal for next year.



New BPA CTE Chapter Takes Home Awards

On Saturday January 21, the new Frisco CTE Chapter of Business Professionals of America competed at the regional conference and won several awards. BPA is the leading CTSO (Career Technical Student Organization) for students pursuing careers in business management, office administration, information technology and **other related career fields**.

Award Winning Culinary Arts Student

Culinary Arts II/Practicum student Nicole Hathaway (FHS) received two awards January 19, 2012, at the HEAT sponsored Cupcake Battle hosted at Allen High School. Nicole received Best Presentation and placed 2nd out of 48 cupcake entries. Nicole will now proceed to state competition in April.



DECA Tackles Cyber-Bullying

The DELETE Cyber-Bullying project was a collaboration by DECA, Graphic Design and Web Technologies. The CTE DECA Chapter introduced the campaign regarding the impact of Cyberbullying to the Middle and High Schools in Frisco ISD during November 2011. Lindsey Parking, Liberty Senior, chaired the project and plans to present it at the DECA District Career Development Conference on February 4. She also coordinated the implementation of the campaign with the Graphic and Web courses. The winning logo (shown above) and poster design was created by Advanced Graphic Design student, Christie Shokler. The website created by Web Technologies student Priya Raj. To check out the website click [here](#).



Broadcast Student wins Scholarship

Frisco ISD-TV producer/editor Micha Caldwell of Lone Star High School was awarded a \$1500 scholarship by the Dallas-Fort Worth Association of Black Journalists (DFW/ABJ) at their 30th Anniversary Scholarship Gala on Thursday evening, December 1st, featuring CNN's Soledad O'Brien. For the full story click [here](#).

Graphic Design partner with Texas DECA

Frisco CTE Center Advanced Graphic Design student, Alberto Angarita, created a banner for Texas DECA's annual community service project. The organization has embraced the challenge of leaving "footprints" in each city hosting the State Career Development Conference. The city of Corpus Christi will benefit from the initial project effort as Texas DECA plans to raise \$15,000 for the Texas State Aquarium. The banner will be presented with the check to the city of Corpus Christi and the aquarium with the donation at the conference on March 1-3, 2012. It will also be displayed at each District level conference in an effort to raise the funds toward the project throughout January 2012. Texas DECA intends to use the banner as a trademark of the annual community service in the years to come.



DECA Float Receives Superintendent's Award

The Frisco CTEC DECA Chapter participated in the Frisco Community Parade on Saturday, November 12. The float featured a silhouette cut-out replica of the photo taken of Marines securing the American flag during the Battle of Iwo Jima during World War II. Payden McDowell, DECA and FFA member, and Kyle Calverly FFA member, built the float piece. The DECA members on the float wore camouflage t-shirts saying "Frisco CTEC DECA Supports Our Heroes" designed by Henrik Hiort, Advanced Graphic Design student. The Frisco CTEC DECA Chapter's float received the "Superintendent's Award" in the high school division.



Chef Garms Awarded Good Neighbor Award

The Greater Dallas Restaurant Association supports Texas ProStart Teachers in numerous ways. One such fashion is a great networking opportunity held at local restaurants which are members of the GDRA for the area teachers. Our last dinner was at the NEW Original Pancake House (tollway and Beltline). Katie Garms was the teacher receiving the most votes for the "Good Neighbor Award" sponsored by OPH. The Good Neighbor Award is given to a teacher that goes above and beyond not only with his/her students, but in assisting fellow teachers with the Texas ProStart Program.



CHS FFA wins National Hall of States Contest

The Centennial HS FFA competed in the National Hall of States contest held in Indianapolis, Indiana. FFA groups from all 50 states along with Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands competed against each other where they were judged on the creativeness of the booth, the information presented, and the students interacting with visitors. The CHS FFA students built a booth to resemble an iPhone, where each of the "Apps" discussed an area of Texas Agriculture or parts of the FFA. Hall of States exhibits help develop pride for members from that state as well as introduce non-residents to the traditions of others states and expose all show attendees to America's agricultural diversity.



Frisco ISD-TV Wins Honors

Frisco ISD-TV stories that recently won first place honors in the Press Women of Texas (PWT) competition have now earned honors in two out of three video categories in the National Federation of Press Women (NFPW) High School Communications Competition. See results [here](#).

Frisco ISD Career & Technical Education Center 2010-2011 Archived News

2011 High School Law-Related Education Teacher of the Year

American Lawyers Auxiliary is proud to announce that Mr. Benjamin Ewald will receive the 2011 High School Law-Related Education Teacher of the Year Award at the American Bar Association Convention in Toronto, Ontario in early August. Mr. Ewald is the Legal Studies teacher at the CTE Center. Read the full announcement [here](#).

Law Classes Win National Competition

Two Constitutional Law classes recently won and placed in the Harlan Institute for Constitutional Studies' inaugural fantasy Supreme Court League. Taught at the CTE center by Legal Studies teacher Benjamin Ewald, the 3A Constitutional Law class placed first in the national competition, and the 1B Constitutional Law class came in second. Read more [here](#).

Centennial FFA Receives National Recognition

Centennial High School's FFA chapter was recently honored at the July State FFA convention in Lubbock. The chapter was a recipient of the National Chapter Award. Check out the main story on the FISS website for full details and photos.

2011 GDRA Scholarship Recipients

CTE Center Culinary Students were awarded \$25,000.00 in Greater Dallas Restaurant Association Scholarship funds this year. Nine students across the district won scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000. The students will attend a scholarship dinner on April 28 to receive their award.



Ewald Honored by American Lawyers Auxiliary

Ben Ewald, legal studies teacher at the Frisco ISD Career and Technical Education Center, has been chosen as the recipient of the American Lawyers Auxiliary High School Law-Related Education Teacher of the Year Award. Ewald was recognized by the ALA as a true professional educator who brings the highest standards to assisting young people in learning their rights and responsibilities under the law. The teacher of the year judges were from Arizona, California and Illinois, two being lawyers and one an educator. Read the full story on the FISS home page.

Frisco ISD-TV Student Places 3rd in National Competition with Story on Diversity

The Student Television Network (STN), the largest scholastic broadcasting network in the country, has announced winners of its Spring Nationals competition. Frisco ISD-TV Producer/Editor Sydney Gray received 3rd place in the Lifestyle Reporting category for her coverage of "Diverse Abilities Day" at Corbell Elementary School in Frisco ISD. Read full article and see broadcast by [clicking here](#).

Legal Studies Student Wins Essay Scholarship

Legal Studies student, Caitlynn Hughes, won a \$1,000 scholarship from University of Texas at Dallas for competing in the Criminology Essay Contest. Students were required to submit an

original 750 word essay taking a realistic look at crime in your own neighborhood or local community. Students were to address a specific crime problem in your area and describe an innovative, cost-effective means to reduce offenses.

UIL Interscholastic League Press Conference

The Career & Technical Education Center Student Media Division of Frisco ISD-TV received four silver medals, one bronze medal, and three Honorable Mentions in a variety of Broadcasting Individual Achievement Awards.

US Navy Rear Admiral Speaks to CTEC Students

The CTE Center was honored to host US Navy Rear Admiral Ken Carodine on Monday, April 11. He toured and spoke to CTEC students on responsibility, leadership, accountability and necessary skills needed to achieve in today's 21st century world.



CTEC Chef Honored as 2011 National ProStart Educator of the Year for Texas

The Texas Restaurant Association Education Foundation announced that Jennifer Gause-Prestridge, culinary instructor at Frisco ISD Career & Technical Education Center is the 2011 National ProStart Educator Excellence Award recipient for Texas. Gause-Prestridge will join 34 other top educators from across the country in Chicago, Ill. for the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation's (NRAEF) ProStart Educator Excellence Awards from May 19- 21, 2011.

Creating Award Winning Journalists

Frisco ISD-TV students was featured in NeighborsGo this past month (May 2011). To read the full story please click [here](#).

CTEC Graphic Design Student Wins Local Poster Contest

Danielle Letourneau was selected as the 1st place local winner of the National Foundation for Credit Counseling's 2011 National Be Money Wi\$e Poster Contest. The contest is sponsored by the Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Greater Dallas; CCCS is a nonprofit provider of credit and housing counseling and financial education. This year's contest theme was, "Be a Super Hero, Save Money." The local winners receive a \$20 gift card and an NFCC poster contest T-shirt. The entries will be submitted into the national contest as the CCCS of Greater Dallas' finalists. National winners will be announced in April during Financial Literacy Month.



Frisco ISD-TV receive Honors

Frisco ISD-TV crew members receive honors for videos entered in the Press Women of Texas (PWT) 2011 Edith Fox King High School Journalism Contest. Winners will be honored during the PWT Annual Conference on April 30 at Southwestern University in Georgetown. You can view these stories and more on the Frisco ISD cable channel, or by visiting the Frisco ISD-TV blog.

Junior Market Steer Show

Mike Rauch (CHS) competed in the Junior Market Steer Show this year at the Collin County Show and at the Houston Livestock Show. He also has been competing in various calf scrambles this spring. He ran at Ft. Worth Rodeo, San Antonio Rodeo, and Houston Rodeo where he caught a calf at all 3 places gaining \$2800 in prize money to purchase a heifer for next year. Picture above is Mike and a committee member from Ft. Worth Rodeo.



Culinary Chef wins State Award

Chef Jennifer Gause has been selected as the 2011 Texas Educator Excellence Award Winner for her hard work and dedication to the Pro Start program. ProStart is the career-building program for high school students who are interested in culinary arts and foodservice management.

Mindbender Academy

Mindbender Academy will be held at the CTE Center, June 13-17 from 1 to 5 p.m. Campers will learn about science, technology, engineering and math with the help of volunteers from FISD, Raytheon, Alcatel-Lucent, and Cisco. Visit the FEF page for more information. In addition, the Web Technology students at the CTE Center created a website for the Mindbender Academy.

Be Fit Frisco Logo Winner Honored

Bria Fox, a CTEC Graphic Design and Illustration student was honored at the March 1 City Council meeting by Mayor Maso for designing the winning logo for the Mayor's Health Initiative - Be Fit Frisco. Over 60 logos, all designed by CTEC graphic design students, were submitted to the Be Fit Frisco committee. Finalists were Brandon Bostic and Dakota Richins. Click here to see the winning logo and two finalists.



Frisco Arts in the Square Poster Winner

The Arts in the Square poster advertising the City of Frisco March 5-6 event was designed by CTEC Graphic Design student, Christie Shokler. She is seen above receiving her blue ribbon with instructor, Dianna Bacon. Read the NeighborsGo featured story here. Four fellow graphic design students were awarded as Red Ribbon finalists.

Engineering: Project Lead the Way

Several CTEC engineering students participated in the January 2011 Texas Project Lead The Way (PLTW) Conference in Dallas. The students presented course information and helped answer questions regarding the PLTW curriculum. The Director of the Ingenuity Center at The University of Texas at Tyler stated, "the Student Showcase given by the CTEC students was a highlight of the conference for attendees. All of your students are to be commended." PLTW is offered at the CTE Center and prepares students to be innovative and productive leaders in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). The program encourages the development of problem-solving skills, critical thinking, creative and innovative reasoning and a love of learning.



Students serve culinary curriculum from national program

Attendees of the Nov. 15 Culinary Showcase Dinner were treated to a four-course meal with exquisite names like butternut squash soup with crème fraiche followed by braised short ribs with root vegetables and bleu cheese polenta. They finished the evening with apple dumplings topped with caramel sauce and Chantilly cream. Read the full article featured in the Frisco Enterprise.

Frisco ISD-TV earns top honors

Frisco ISD-TV crew members traveled to the Journalism Education Association (JEA) / National Scholastic Press Association (NSPA) Fall National High School convention held November 11 – 14th in Kansas City, MO. Walking in as one of ten named finalists, crew members were excited to wear the special ribbon provided for attachment to their convention badges that stated so. During the Saturday afternoon NSPA awards ceremony, Frisco ISD-TV was named a Broadcast Pacemaker winner along with four other schools. Further details on award [here](#).



Emmy award winning animator visits CTEC Animation Students

Emmy award winning animator, Dan Kuenster, visited the CTE Animation classes on Friday October 15th. He showed his work from 30 years in the animation industry including drawings from working at Disney and Don Bluth Studios. He gave students a hands-on demonstration of how the Disney animators learned how to draw frame by frame for 2D animation. Mr. Kuenster won his Emmy award for Individual Achievement in Storyboarding for the PBS show "Jakers". He was an animator for feature films including "Fox and the Hound", "The Secret of NIMH", "An American Tail", and "The Land Before Time". He also co-directed the movies "All Dogs Go to Heaven", "Rock-A-Doodle", and "Fern Gully: The Last Rain Forest".



Graphic Students Collaborate with Mayor's Fitness Initiative

Graphic Design students from Frisco ISD's Career and Technical Education Center have created 68 possible logo designs for the proposed Mayor's Health Initiative program. For more click [here](#).

Culinary Students Work with Chef Guy Fieri

Two FISD culinary arts students, Sophie Schaeffer and Mason Rougk, have been selected to be student assistants of Chef Guy Fieri on Friday, November 5, at Northeast Mall in Hurst. Click [here](#) to read more.

CTE Constitutional Law students Skype with Penn State Faculty and Attorneys

On November 11th and 12th the Constitutional law students at the CTE center participated in Skype teleconference to discuss several of the current cases pending before the U.S. Supreme Court. Mr. Ewald's students debated the merits of Snyder v. Phelps and Schwartznegger v. EMA, with Mr. Josh Blackman and Mr. Kenneth Berland. Mr. Blackman is a teaching fellow at Penn State Universities Dickinson School of law, and clerk to the Honorable Kim R. Gibson, U.S. District Court judge. Read more [here](#).

FISD Partners in Education

When FISD Partners in Education needed a logo where did they turn? They contacted the CTE Centers' Graphic Design and Illustration classes. The students went to work and over 20 logos were submitted. The finalists were Jacob Mehr (LSHS), Joey Ochoa (WHS) and Andrea Shaver (LHS). In the end it was Andrea Shaver's design selected as the winning logo. Read more about Partners in Education [here](#).

CTEC Constitutional Law Students Participate in National Contest

CTEC's Constitutional law and mock trial students are participating in a national contest, where they study and predict the actual outcome of 5 cases before the U.S. Supreme Court this term. Students are dissecting cases based on Free Speech, immigration law, prosecutor immunity, and the death penalty. Students are also blogging about the issues, and some have been recognized for their ideas by Constitutional law professors from school such as Boston College and Penn State. Student contributions have also found success by being mentioned as examples of what the contest hopes to achieve by the competitions founder Josh Blackman on his legal blog. Mr. Ewald, the Constitutional law teacher, also sits on the Teacher Advisory Network.

The students that have been recognized are:

Travis Howell - *For his blog on our classes take and the proposed Supreme Court view on the Snyder v. Phelps free speech case*

Farah Aridi - *For her blog on the Snyder v. Phelps case and its link to the idea of states v. federalism*

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CTE Center Animation Students

From concept to finished product, animation student draw storyboards before they create it in 3D format using Maya software. [Click here to see the storyboards and the finished product.](#)

2010 NSPA Broadcast Pacemaker Finalists

The NSPA Broadcast Pacemaker contest is co-sponsored by SchoolTube.com and the Radio Television Digital News Foundation. Entries consisted of an entire broadcast news program no longer than 20 minutes, and categories included Weekly/Biweekly programs and Monthly or less programs. The Student Media Division of Frisco ISD-TV placed as a finalist in Weekly/BiWeekly category. Winners will be announced on November 13. You may view the news story below. Anchors Courtney Aviles and Kellen Wright lead this episode, featuring stories from Ogle and Ashley Elementary schools, Fowler Middle School, the announcement of Lone Star High School's mascot, and Frisco ISD's Wacky Wired World parent ed event.

Open World Russian Delegation Visits CTE

The Frisco ISD Career and Technical Center is often toured by educators and leaders from throughout the United States but it has now hosted an international tour group. The Open World Russian Delegation was a special guest at the CTE Center Thursday, October 14. The delegation was given a tour of this award-winning facility, led by Jamie Driskill, FISD Communications Coordinator. The delegation members are the guests of the noon Rotary club in Frisco. [Read the full story here.](#)

CTE Students Win Animation Contest

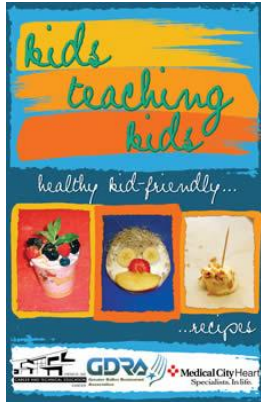
Congratulations to Liberty High School Senior Kristen Robinson and Centennial Junior Adam Dunn for winning first place in the annual 'A Bunch of Short Guys' Student Animation Competition. Both students were enrolled in the Career and Technical Animation One class during the 2009-2010 school year when they entered their animation short [Captain, My Captain](#) into the state competition. [Click here to read full story.](#)



ACTE Featured on NBC Today Show

As part of NBC's Education Nation Summit, NBC News and the Today Show profiled CTE programs on Tuesday, September 28. Mrs. Jan Bray, ACTE Executive Director, highlighted how CTE has changed to evolve with the needs of the changing economy and the critical need for CTE to educate and train the future workforce. [Click here to see the video clip.](#)

CTEC Culinary Arts & Graphic Design Students Create Kids Teaching Kids Cookbook



In 2009, Medical City Heart reached out to the Greater Dallas Restaurant Association, Frisco ISD CTEC, and Genghis Grill to come together to fight childhood obesity and produce KIDS Teaching KIDS, a cookbook that features snacks for children created by children that both meet the criteria of nutritionists as healthy, and also connect with children's imaginations to ensure that the food will be eaten and enjoyed again and again, facilitating a real and vital lifestyle change. In addition to the Culinary Arts students, we involved the Graphics Design students at the CTEC to create the layout and design of the booklet further showcasing the creativity and imagination of our youth. To download a copy of the cookbook, [click here](#).

Student Designs Frisco Sister Cities Logo

The Graphic Design & Illustration students were given the opportunity to design the logo for the new Frisco Sister Cities project. The winning logo was designed by Wes Dunham of Liberty HS. All seven finalists were recognized on Wednesday, April 28 by Mayor Maso in a private meeting at City Hall along with family and committee members. Wes was then honored at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, May 4. He is shown above with Mayor Maso and Nicole Krasa who is committee lead for the project. [Click here](#) to see the 7 finalist's designs. This story was also featured in the Frisco Enterprise.



FISD Broadcast Team Wins Awards

Frisco ISD-TV continues to gain national recognition, according to instructor Eva Coleman. The Frisco ISD-TV Student Media Division received numerous honors in the Texas A & M – Commerce National Broadcasting Society 2010 High School Production Awards competition. They were also among the winners when the Student Television Network (STN), the largest scholastic broadcasting network in the country, announced winners of its Spring Nationals competition.

Student Traveling to NASA Space Camp

Elliott LaJoie (WHS) has been selected to travel to NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston this summer to participate in a one-week summer internship. Nominated by Senator Florence Shapiro, Elliott is one of 368 high school juniors from across Texas to be part of High School Aerospace Scholars (HAS). Elliott is currently enrolled at the CTE Center in Engineering and Networking courses.

Culinary Students Take Home Scholarships

The GDRA Scholarship dinner was held in April at City Place Conference Center. All senior students in the DFW area participating in FS Prep Culinary Programs are eligible to complete the scholarship application process. Daniella Angarita, senior at Centennial HS, was awarded a \$1000 scholarship and will be attending Collin College. Mackenzie Graham (below right), senior at Wakeland HS, was also awarded a \$1000 scholarship and will be attending Johnson & Wales University in Denver. She was also granted \$17,000.00 per year in scholarships from J&W. The gentleman in both pictures is Baine Brooks, Executive Director of the GDRA.



CTEC Culinary Arts Student takes 2nd place

Senior Terilynn Cotton competed successfully Saturday, April 17, in the International Culinary School's "Best Teen Chef 2010 Competition" at the local Arts Institute at Dallas. The competition drew 14 of the regions top teen chefs including a participant from Bentonville, Arkansas. Terilynn was joined at the competition by her mentor and favorite instructor Chef Gause (see picture above). Scholarships were awarded to the top three finalist, Terilynn placed 2nd in the event which awarded her a \$3500 scholarship toward her college plans. She was also given an additional \$2000 scholarship for competing.



Be Money Wi\$e Poster Contest Winner

The National Foundation for Credit Counseling (NFCC) held a poster design contest. Katie Dodge (FHS, senior) is a current CTEC Graphic Design & Illustration student and she was awarded 1st place in the local high school category. Her design will be entered in the national competition this May. The contest was a great way to get young students thinking about how to manage money effectively and offers them a creative outlet to demonstrate their knowledge.

CTE Center achieves Project Lead the Way Certification for Engineering Program

Frisco ISD Students Now Eligible to Receive College Credits at PLTW Affiliate Universities for Certain "Pathway to Engineering" Courses. The Frisco ISD CTE Center and PLTW Continue Partnership to engage more students in Engineering and Technology fields that are critical to the U.S. Economy. Read the full press release [here](#).

Frisco ISD-TV Sweeps Press Women of Texas Contest

Frisco ISD-TV students took awards in all of nearly three categories, receiving honors for videos entered in the Press Women of Texas (PWT) 2010 Edith Fox King High School Journalism Contest. View results.

Peter Burns of Alcatel-Lucent presents trophy to student

Symone Gamble, a senior at Frisco High School, received 1st place at the annual American Business Enterprise Leadership Speech contest, sponsored by Alcatel-Lucent on February 25. She moved on to become the North Texas Council 2010 winner March 20th and will compete at the Leadership Development Conference Contest in San Antonio, Texas on April

10th. Symone is the National President of Business Professionals of America (BPA) Secondary (High School) Division.

Ag Students take 1st Place

Centennial FFA and current CTEC students participated at the Area V Land Judging contest at Tarleton State University on April 7. They placed 1st out of 24 teams and will be advancing to the state competition at the end of the month.

Participants included: Jacob Schluns--1st Place individual; Joey Wilson (CTEC student)--3rd Place individual; Garrett Voegeli (CTEC student)--8th Place.



2010 UIL Press Conference Honors

The Career & Technical Education Center Student Media Division of Frisco ISD-TV received three gold medals, one silver medal, one bronze medal, and five Honorable Mentions in a variety of Broadcasting Individual Achievement Awards. Read the full story here.

National Financial Capability Challenge

The National Financial Capability Challenge is an awards program designed to increase the financial knowledge and capability of high school aged youth across the United States so they can take control over their financial futures. It challenges high school teachers and other educators to teach the basics of personal finance to their students, and rewards students, educators, schools, and states for their participation and their success. Mrs. Gibson, who teaches Financial Planning, Accounting 2 and BCIS 2 at the CTE Center had a total of 50 students take the challenge. Twelve of the students received certificates for being in the top 20th percentile of all students nationwide who participated. In addition, those 12 students will be entered into a drawing to win a \$1000 scholarship for their success in the Challenge.

Dallas Stars High School Media Day

The Dallas Stars Foundation held its annual High School Media Day this past Friday, as students from area high schools gathered in Frisco to watch a Stars' morning practice at Dr Pepper Arena. The students from Frisco ISD-TV that attended the Media Day were: John Soular, Brenna Arthur, Julia Duke, and Courtney Wilson (pictured left to right in photo). Read the full article here.



Ag Mechanic Contests

The Ag Mechanics 1 & 2 students competed at 3 shows in the last 30 days. Read the results and view pictures here.

Frisco ISD-TV Team Receive National Recognition

Senior Producer/Senior Editor Julia Duke, Producer/Editor Courtney Aviles, and Producer/Editor Kellen Wright have been selected for the National Scholastic Press Association's Journalism

Honor Roll. All are broadcast students at the Fisd Career and Technical Education Center and students of instructor Eva Coleman. Pictures & story here.

Engineering Club

Members of our Engineering Club went to the Plano Convention Center February 17 to participate in the Engineering Week sponsored by Raytheon. Click here to read the full story and see the team's project.

Vet Tech Competition

The CTEC Vet Tech students competed on February 5. The LHS team competed in the Division 1 Contest for Vet Tech 1 students and the WHS team completed in the Division 2 contest. LHS took 5th place. Click here to see individual results.

CISCO Students Take 1st and 2nd place

Carson Hamer (WHS) and Jarred Askins (FHS) competed in the BPA Regional contest on Saturday, January 23. Carson placed first and Jarred placed second in Cisco Systems Administration. State competition will be in Ft. Worth on March 5 and 6, 2010.

Animations students take 2nd at BPA

Frisco High School students Michael Ely and Helen Oldham placed 2nd out of 5 teams in the Business Professionals of America animation competition on January 23rd. They will advance to the state level of competition in Austin in early March.

Mock Trials Year in Review

This year Frisco ISD saw a rise in the number of students competing in mock trial for the first time since the competition came to Frisco four years ago. Frisco CTE, Centennial, and Wakeland all had teams competing in Region X this year. The CTE Center is home for both the CTE and CHS teams...To read the full story and see photos, click here.

Platinum Calf Scramble Winner



Mitch Reames, CTEC Ag Mechanics student from FHS, was the platinum calf scramble winner at the February 6, 2010 San Antonio calf scramble. He was the first student to halter his calf and bring the calf into the holding pen. Mitch won a \$1000 certificate from the San Antonio Livestock Show to use towards the purchase of next year's breeding animal.

Frisco Liberty FFA Officers Visit Capitol

On February 25, 2010 approximately 400 members of the nation's largest student organization descended upon the state's capitol on a day that would go down in history as the first time Texas FFA member sat on the House Chambers floor. Continue reading story & see photos.

Ag Mechanics take 1st Place

Two CTEC Ag Mechanic students, Garrett Voegeli and Joey Wilson, competed in the State Fair of Texas Ag Mechanics Show on Tuesday. The students competed with a 5'x8' utility trailer. They placed first in their class. For winning their class, they received a box of welding electrodes and an auto-darkening welding hood along with receiving a blue ribbon for the quality of project. See picture above.



Game Design Students Place 3rd

The Game Design students taught by Mr. Daniel Jones, competed in the Texas A&M Computational Thinking competition in College Station on Saturday, October 3. The "Red Team" consisting of four CTEC students (Josh Cabebe, Mickey Gressman, TJ Sullivan, Vincent Thieu) placed 3rd in the competition out of 15 teams.



FFA Senior Skills Team

Centennial FFA Senior Skills Team competed at District and received 3rd place overall. FFA district consists of 21 schools in the Frisco, McKinney, Allen, Plano and smaller surrounding areas. The team made up of Joey Wilson, Garrett Voegeli, and Seth Mullis are all CTEC students. This contest was 20 minutes long and the students made a presentation about their skill as well as completed their skill in front of the judges. The "skill" was to make a plaque using the laser engraver which is utilized in their Ag Mechanic course & curriculum.

CTE Students Promote Hands Free Devices

All members of the CTE DECA Chapter in the Marketing program participated in the Hands Free campaign. Students shared information at the high school booths, displayed promotional items in the city and high schools, and located sponsors to donate hands free devices. Read the full story here.

Administrator's Distinguished Service Award

Dr. Wes Cunningham, the Director of the CTE Center, was recently awarded the Administrator's Distinguished Service Awards from Business Professionals of America (BPA). The award recognizes those superintendents and administrators who: contribute above-normal expectations of Business Education programs; enthusiastically support BPA; and perform outstanding special acts or services in the promotion of Career and Technical Education. Only two administrators in Texas received this award at the BPA State Leadership Conference, which was held in Fort Worth this month. *The Area 1 Region 3 Co-Advisors Kelly Munro and Jerry Burks nominated Dr. Cunningham for this award.*



CTEC Students visit Cowboy Stadium

The Marketing, Civil Engineering/Architecture and Advertising Design II students received a tour



of the new Cowboy stadium this month. The tour took them through the entire stadium focusing on the construction, marketing and design. Some of the facts the students learned were that the stadium is the largest domed stadium in the world, has the world's largest column-free interior, holds the largest HD video screen which hangs from 20 yard line to 20 yard line as well as all the Dallas-based firms that helped design and construct the stadium.

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GDRA Scholarship Awards

More than \$80,000 in scholarships will be awarded to 21 deserving North Texas students, including *six Culinary Art students from FISD*. The generous honors for highly accomplished culinary students were presented at the Greater Dallas Restaurant Association (GDRA) Scholarship Dinner, held at CityPlace Conference Center on April 21. Read the article in the Pegasus News.

Spring Computing Fest First Place Winners

Michael Intondi (FHS) and David Zheng (FHS) placed 1st in their division beating out six other teams in the UTD Spring Computing Fest, which is a competition for programmers. Total there were about 50 high school students that participated in the three different levels (beginner, intermediate, and advanced). The project was something the two students developed on their own and is a game that was made for the Xbox and is playable on the Xbox.

Grimminger Wins for Money Management Project

Taylor Grimminger (LHS), Texans Credit Union Student Employee and CTEC student recently won top honors at the Texas DECA competition for her project focused on money management for fourth grade students. As a state winner, Taylor will compete in the international competition, which will be held in Anaheim, California in late April. Read the full story.

CTE Students Design Dropout Campaign Ads

Assistant Principals Vicki Perkowski and Bruce Coachman at Frisco High School applied for a grant that would help prevent students from dropping out of high school. "The Tassel is worth the Hassle" or the "Commit Not To Quit" program is a school wide program to educate the FHS student population on the limitations of dropping out. Several Advertising Design students from the CTE Center designed ads for the campaign. The above poster was designed by Andre Jurgensen (Liberty HS). [Click here to view all posters chosen for the program.](#)

Books for Babies Brochure

Frisco ISD Libraries are proud to be part of the Books for Babies program which provides a canvas bag with a classic board book and information on the importance of reading to the parents of every baby born at Centennial Medical Center. The program is partnership involving

FISD, Frisco Public Library, and Centennial Medical Center, with generous support from the Frisco Noon Rotary Club. The new brochure included in the bag was designed by CTEC Advertising Design student, Jennifer Karr (Liberty HS).

Ad Design wins ACTE Essay Contest

The Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) today announced Cindy Bai (LHS) won the secondary category for the 2009 Cliff Weiss Essay Contest. The winners wrote essays on the topic "What would you tell President Obama about your CTE experience?" ACTE received 158 entries, and each of the winners will receive an award of \$250 and the essays will be published in the May issue of *Techniques*. [Click here to read Cindy's essay.](#)

Ad Design Student Wins 2nd place

Zaid Mohammed (LHS) was the 2nd place winner of The Art Institutes and Americans for the Arts poster design competition at The Art Institute of Dallas. [Click here to see the winning entry.](#)

Animation Winners Advance to State

Frisco High School students, Isaac Blackmon, Patrick Hoyle, Connor Sims and J Goltz placed 1st in the BPA Computer Animation Team Event at Regional's on January 24 at North Garland High School. They are going to the BPA State competition in Austin on March 4-7 to determine whether they will move on to nationals in May. Isaac Blackmon and Patrick Hoyle are also students at the CTEC Center in Animation I.

GDRA FSPrep Culinary Competition

On Tuesday, January 27, 2009, the Greater Dallas Restaurant Association hosted its 1st Annual GDRA FSPrep Student Competition at the Frisco ISD CTE Center. Seniors Nataly Mora (FHS) and Jordan Molder (WHS) brought home 3rd place honors in the competition. Their instructor is Chef Jennifer Gause. [Click here to view an article posted by the McKinney newspaper.](#)

CTE Technology Awards

CTE students participate in a variety of contests and competitions throughout their coursework. One of the main contests students compete in is the Texas Computer Education Association's annual technology contests. To see some previous winners, [click here.](#)

2009 UIL Interscholastic League Press Conference

The Career & Technical Education Center Student Media Division of Frisco ISD-TV received one gold medal, one bronze medal, and Honorable Mention in a variety of Broadcasting Individual Achievement Awards. Frisco ISD-TV received 1st Place in the General News Story category for the piece on Tadlock Elementary School's session on Bullying featuring Jay McGraw by Ally Crutcher, Zakiyah Johnson, Tony Holthaus, and Caroline Wolf; 3rd Place in the Editing category for the Bledsoe Elementary School Sock Hop piece by Zakiyah Johnson; and Honorable Mention in the Feature category for the Healthy Snacks piece by Caroline Wolf, Ally Crutcher, Julia Duke, Zakiyah Johnson, and Tony Holthaus, about the CTE Center Culinary Arts students no-bake snack recipes featured in

Medical City Heart's Healthy Heart Magazine. Congratulations Frisco ISD-TV Crew!

2009 High School Production Awards

Media Technology students (Frisco ISD-TV) from the Career & Technical Education Center traveled to Texas A & M – Commerce and participated in Communication Career Day sponsored by the National Broadcasting Society – Alpha Epsilon Rho. Frisco ISD-TV swept three categories in the organization's 2009 High School Production Awards competition. [Click here for the honors.](#)

CTEC Building featured in Architecture Week

The CTE Center was designed by the SHW Group and is being featured in Architecture Week. The CTE Center currently serves all four Fisd high school in its 126,000-square-foot facility. Students take upper level courses on the CTEC campus that help prepare them for real-world professional environments. [Click here to view the article \(scroll towards the bottom to Frisco, TX\).](#)

CTEC In the News

The SHW Group recently submitted the CTEC for the McConnell Award, a prestigious international award from The Council of Educational Facility Planners. The CTEC was also featured on the cover of this month's issue of School Planning & Management Magazine.

FHS Business Students Advance to State

Frisco High School is pleased to announce that on Saturday, January 24, twenty-seven students competed in the Business Professionals of America Regional Leadership Conference in Garland, Texas. Most of our students placed in the top six, and 17 qualified to compete at the State Leadership Conference in Austin in March. [Click here to see the full list of results and who will be advancing to State, and the events in which they placed.](#)

The33TV.com visits the CTE Center

Sandra Hernandez of The 33 News station visited the CTE Center's culinary arts program. [Click here to read the full article.](#)

On their way to Culinary School...

Three CTE students are well on their way to having a career in culinary arts. Syndey Klein (CHS), Amelia Braden (LHS) and Heather Mulloy (FHS) have all been accepted to Johnson & Wales University. All three students have career aspirations of someday owning their own restaurants. Heather Mulloy was also awarded a scholarship. *December 2008*

Culinary Arts Class Holds Demonstration, Taste Test

[Click here to read an Frisco Enterprise article about the CTE Culinary Arts Program.](#) *October 2008*