

**Recognition**  
**Board of Trustee Meeting**  
**May 24, 2016**

**ATC**

**Commercial Photography students clean up at ATPI contest**

A dozen students from the LaGrone Advanced Technology Complex were recently recognized as state winners in the annual Association of Texas Photography Instructors Rising Star competition.

Each of the students submitted three samples of their work in a variety of categories – architecture, nature, sports, portrait and documentary – and compiled a portfolio. ATC students compiled the most points in the portrait category, earning the school the Rising Star Award.

Ten students also earned first place for at least one of their portfolio submissions, with two more taking honorable mention. These students included: Carolyn Jimenez, Lauren Wintz, Erin Roberts, Kristina Hjelte, Mireya Villanueva, Amy Collins, Desiree Owens, Courtney Greer, Suleyma Robledo, Ainsley Wood, Rae French and Nakai McPhate.

Will Milne is the commercial photography instructor at the ATC.

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**Cosmetology students earn big wins at Skills USA state contest**

Students from the LaGrone Advanced Technology Complex were recently recognized for their performances at the annual Skills USA Texas Leadership and Skills Conference in Corpus Christi.

Skills USA is a non-profit youth organization that facilitates trade and industry education while developing leadership skills and pride in workmanship. At the Corpus Christi event, ATC students accounted for 19 state victories, one state runner-up finish, four Gold Medal State Champions and one Bronze Medal State Finisher.

These 11 students included: Geneva Alexander, Abby DeHart, Alex Feuer, Michelle Mare, Daisy Malagon, Abby Melrose, Nicole Silva, Fernanda Rivera, Lindsey Roman, Taylor Voss and Lacey Vardel.

Brenda Buster is the cosmetology instructor at the ATC.

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**Architecture Design students earn nine wins at TSA state contest**

Students from the LaGrone Advanced Technology Complex were recently recognized for their performances at the annual Technology Student Association state competition in Waco.

TSA is a national, non-profit organization that engages students in science, technology, engineering and math. At the Waco event, ATC students accounted for nine top-five finishes with four of those accounting for state victories.

These five students included: Kevin Reyes, Sindi Malelli, Luis Orellana, Braden King and Brandon Harwell.

Jeffrey Koenig is the architecture instructor at the ATC.

## **ATC**

### **AVP student earns a state semifinalist spot in UIL video contest**

Alicia Nava, a student in the LaGrone Advanced Technology Complex's Audio and Video Production program, had her film selected as a semifinalist in the UIL's annual state video competition.

Alicia's short film, titled "The Sandwich Thief" was one of 750 films selected to the state semifinals. This is the second consecutive year that an ATC student in the AVP program has reached the state semifinals.

Chris Vochoska is the AVP instructor at the ATC.

## **RYAN HIGH**

### **Ryan High HOSA students perform well at state contest**

Ryan High School's chapter of Health Occupations Students of America sent six students to represent the district at the 2016 HOSA State Conference and Competition in Galveston.

Each of these students won their event at the regional HOSA contest to qualify for state. HOSA is a national technical and career organization that prepares the largest number of students to enter the healthcare field.

Five of the six students went on to win in Galveston, with the other placing among the state's best. These students included: Jackie Willis, Brielle Johnson, Jaile Schindler, Ana Sargent, Natalie Sargent and Thomas Wilson.

Helen Hays is the HOSA sponsor at Ryan High.

## **HARPOOL MIDDLE SCHOOL**

### **Harpool student claims Texas Quiz Show victory**

Harpool Middle School eighth-grader Kaylee Bragg recently won a statewide history trivia contest, beating nearly 4,000 students to claim the victory.

Competing at the Texas Quiz Show in Austin, Kaylee faced off against 21 other middle school students across the state in the final round of the competition and pulled out the victory. In claiming the Texas Quiz Show victory, Kaylee earned a private tour of the Alamo and a private bat-watching cruise at sunset on Lady Bird Lake among other prizes.

The win also marks the culmination of Kaylee's three-year participation in the Texas Quiz Show as a Harpool student. In sixth grade, she competed as part of Harpool's team, and in seventh grade she placed among the contest's top three finishers.

Travis Turek, history teacher at Harpool, is the Texas Quiz Show sponsor.

## **DENTON ISD**

### **District employees donate more than \$113,280 to United Way**

Dr. Lesli Guajardo, the United Way representative for the Denton Independent School District, will present a check to representatives from the Denton County United Way signifying the more than \$113,280 donated by district employees during the 2015-16 school year to the non-profit's campaign.