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# CTE CHATTER

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## Teacher Association of Future Educators

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Three members of the PN-G TAFE (Teacher Association of Future Educators) Organization competed at the State TAFE Convention/Competition which was held in San Antonio from February 23-25. The trio, all seniors, included Tracy Bonilla, Shelby Brashers and Claire Brown. Their sponsor is Mrs. Cortnie Schexnaider.

Brashers and Brown competed in the "Storybook" competition. The girls were required to compose a storybook, complete with illustrations, geared to the second-grade reading level. Brashers authored the story and Brown served as illustrator. "Our story is about a little girl who is harassed at school for dressing differently," Brashers said. "She dreams of another world where she meets a friend who teaches her that it is good to be unique."

Bonilla competed in the "Bulletin Board" contest, in which contestants must demonstrate their knowledge, skills and ability to create a bulletin board display for teaching and/or for student interaction. Participants must prepare a display and an oral presentation introducing the display and summarizing how it could be used in a classroom setting to teach a lesson.

The three girls earned their chance to compete at state after placing at the district level competition held at the Region V Regional Conference held at Lamar State College Orange on January 10. "I'm excited that all of our hard work has paid off and excited to learn more about the career in education that I am looking forward to pursuing," Brashers said.



Peer tutors bring their field-based experience to TAFE contest.



## DECA Program Thriving

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PN-G took 32 DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) students to the District 4 Career Development Conference on January 18, in College Park, Woodlands. Sixteen of the 32 advanced to the state level of DECA competition. Those chosen to advance competed in Dallas, February 20-22. "Each of these students met in front of a judge and role played a retail situation," DECA sponsor Eldridge Ravey said. "The setting ranged from acting the part of an assistant manager to presenting an advertising campaign."

Seniors Chris Mangini, Rayce Romero and Jacob Underhill advanced in Sports and Entertainment Promotion Planning, and senior Raul Rios advanced in Sports Entertainment Series Event. Junior Victoria LaFleur advanced in Accounting Applications, while sophomores Karyn Ewing and Trey Selman advanced in Advertising Campaign. Also, sophomore Phoebe Welch advanced in Food Marketing, and fellow sophomore Railie Guidry advanced in Hospitality and Tourism Selling Professional Event.

Freshmen Tayrn Robison and Mady Rogers advanced in the Travel and Tourism contest, while fellow freshman Harshraj Garcia advanced in Hotel and Lodging Management. Also, freshmen Mackinley Brown and Makenna Fore advanced in the Business Law and Ethics Team Decision Making, and freshmen Ty Riddell and Seth Martin advanced in Sports and Entertainment Team Decision Making.

According to Ravey, more than half of the students that competed are from the freshman class. LaFleur said that being a member of DECA and competing in the contests has opened her eyes to a whole new world. "It's amazing with how much I have learned with this being my first year in DECA," LaFleur said. "This is the great organization to be involved in." Ravey is happy with the numbers his club has drawn in the 2013-14 school year. "I have never had this many people in DECA in my 28 years of working at PN-G," Ravey said. "We currently have 94 members. These young people have worked very hard to get to this level and will have to work even harder to get the international part of the competition," Ravey added. "I am extremely proud of each of them."

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**UPDATE: Victoria LaFleur in Accounting Applications—State Finalist and National Alternate**



## MORE COMPETITIONS

### SkillsUSA

#### District Competition

##### **HVAC**

Chance Davis – 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Luis Flores - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Brandy Barnard – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
Darren Nguyen - 4<sup>th</sup> Place

##### **Early Childhood Education**

Kayli Chaisson – 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Breanne Brown – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Kayla Anderson – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
Tracy Bonilla – 4<sup>th</sup> Place

##### **Customer Service**

Brock Brennan – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

##### **Entrepreneurship – 4<sup>th</sup> Place Team**

Timothy You  
William Ntsoane  
Lizabeth Jensen  
Nathan Abalos

##### **Interview**

Elisabeth Tatum – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

##### **Employment Application Process**

Anna Cormier – 1<sup>st</sup> Place

##### **PIN Design**

Anna Cormier – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

##### **Prepared Speech**

Anna Cormier -4<sup>th</sup> Place

##### **Cosmetology**

Erika Thibodeaux – Superior  
Emma Lugo – Superior  
Marian Pham – Superior  
Briana Uriostegui – Superior  
Jasmine Gardner – Superior  
Holley LaVergne – Superior  
Christie Clark – Superior  
Kaley Gobble – Superior  
Cortlyn Caballero – Superior  
Brenna Nguyen – Superior  
Ashley Hopkins – Excellent  
Tabitha Sutton – Excellent  
Diana Martinez – Excellent  
Colton LeBouff – Excellent  
Haley Wiggins – Excellent

#### State Competition

##### **Cosmetology**

9 Blue Ribbons for the 9 projects; Superior Rating in the Fantasy Job Exhibit category.

##### **HVAC**

Brandy Branard placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, Silver Medal.

##### **Other News:**

Adam Schaper and Ian Holman competed in Chapter Display; Ryan Webb competed in Employability Skills Technical; Michael Petix competed in Promotional Bulletin Board; Anna Cormier competed in Employment Application Process and placed 4<sup>th</sup> and Pin Design and placed 6<sup>th</sup>; Brock Brennan received a gold medal in Customer Service Technical Testing and won a Silver medal in Employability Skills.

Kayli Chaisson received the gold medal in Early Childhood Education and will compete at Nationals in Kansas City June 24-28.



### Welding Skills USA

PN-GHS welding students Hagen Brown, Bryce Boudoin, Drake Martin, and Jason Beavens built a BBQ pit/smoker on a trailer for Skills USA competition and won blue ribbons!



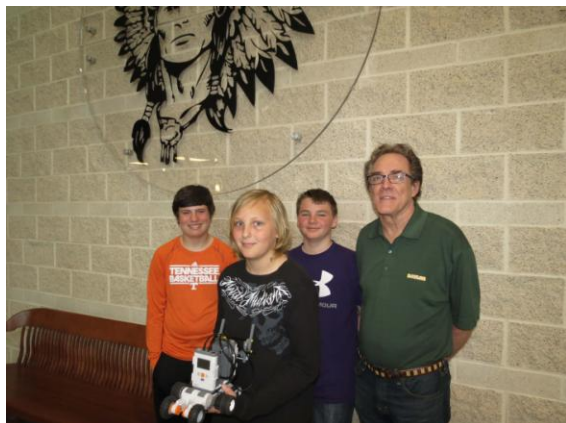
## Cosmetology Competition

Cosmetology students competed in the Skills USA District 7 contest in the “Cosmetology Job Exhibit – Fantasy” category. Ten mannequins were rated superior....



## Middle School Robotics

Port Neches-Groves ISD will be well represented at the state robotics contest on April 12 at Deer Park High School South. Port Neches Middle School will have two teams competing in the “Inventions” category: Swifter Bot and Janitor Bot. Groves Middle School’s Team USA robotics team will compete in the Intermediate Inventions division. We appreciate Bryan Collins and Huntsman for the continued support of our robotics program.



GMS Robotics Team



PNMS Robotics Team



## HB5 Information

Current year eighth graders are required to select an endorsement as they begin their high school career in one of the following areas: STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math); Business and Industry; Public Services; Arts & Humanities; or Multidisciplinary Studies. The following chart shows how CTE clusters fit into the endorsements:

Business and Industry	Arts and Humanities	STEM	Public Services	Multidisciplinary Studies*
Architecture Construction Welding, HVAC, Auto Communication Business Information Tech Finance Accounting Manufacturing Marketing	Political Science Fine Arts Literature Languages History	Science Technology Engineering Advanced Math	Health Science Health Occupations Education Law Enforcement Culinary Arts	Courses from each of the other four endorsement areas.

## Automotive Grant

Larry Feidler, PN-G automotive instructor, recently applied for the Automotive Technology Grant for the SETX Region and was awarded funds for purchasing the Gensisys EVO Scan Tool with a DVD training kit for his students. According to Mr. Feidler, the scan tool replaces the outdated one currently being used and provides up-to-date software for newer vehicles. The software will be used to teach students to diagnose and repair complex systems in modern vehicles.

## Recycling Fundraiser

HOSA recently sponsored a recycling fundraiser to earn money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. MDA is the world's largest nonprofit health organization sponsoring research seeking the causes of and effective treatments for neuromuscular diseases. Way to go, HOSA!

## CTE Advisory Committee

The PN-GISD CTE Advisory Committee met in October and 17 committee members were in attendance. Informational topics included an overview of HB5, CTE enrollment, dual and articulated credit, certifications, and the Ashland Partnership. Business and industry members reiterated the importance of safety training for students as they prepare for the workforce. Mrs. Cortnie Schexnaider's Principles of Human Service students prepared the soup and salad meal for the luncheon with a Halloween twist! The spring meeting is scheduled for April 29, 2014.



## CERTIFICATION NEWS

### CareerSafe

Safety continues to be a priority in CTE classes this year. Currently, 120 CTE students in cosmetology, marketing dynamics, computer maintenance, BECP II, small engine technology, and electrical technology have received their CareerSafe certification which is endorsed by OSHA. Topics include preventing falls, personal protective equipment, blood borne pathogens, electrical safety, machine guarding, hazardous communications, ergonomics, preventing workplace violence, and emergency action planning.

### OSHA Construction Safety

Mr. Paul Paris, certified OSHA instructor, recently trained his HVAC students and seven students received their OSHA Construction Safety Certifications.

### Certified Nurse Aides

Senior Health Science Technology students recently took their exam to become Certified Nurse Aides. In preparation for the exam, each student had to successfully complete 100 hours of the nurse aide curriculum which combined classroom instruction with clinical rotations in a nursing home. In order to become a CNA, each student had to travel to a testing center in Livingston, Texas, where they then had to pass both a skills and a written test. The skills test required the student to perfectly perform 5 nurse aide skills drawn at random from a pool of 22 skills they learned and practiced this year. The written test was composed of 70 questions that drew on information from the entire nurse aide curriculum. The following seniors are now Certified Nurse Aides: Oxy Benites, Ashley Caraway, Kimberleigh Dixon, Morgan Fowler, Morgan McLain, Birtton Melancon, Katherine Morales, Ryan Moran, Kristine Nguyen, Kasey Nguyen, Victoria Owens, Josie Shirley, and Cory Werner.

### Microsoft Certification News



Mrs. Davis's BIM II students are currently testing for their **Microsoft Office Specialist Certifications!** As of this print date, 13 students have passed the Word and PowerPoint MOS exams while 8 have passed the Excel MOS exam. MOS testing will continue through the rest of the year.

### Welding



Welding students will be testing for their American Welding Society (AWS) welding certifications in Shielded Metal Arc later in the spring. Good luck!

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