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Technology Education (Technology Student Association)

“Together Building a Stronger Future: Georgia TSA and Georgia Southern University”

The Georgia Southern University's Technology Education Collegiate Association, better known as TECA, works throughout the year to serve the members of the Georgia Technology Student Association (GA TSA). TECA members are enrolled in GSU's Technology Education Program and are preparing to enter the classroom in the near future. These members work with TSA advisors and students throughout the year in a number of events and activities such as: serving as judges during Technology Day at the Georgia National Fair and State Conference, leading teambuilding and technical workshops during the conferences and serving as judges



Dr. Alexander with his award honoring his achievements in GA TSA.

during the annual “Build a Boat and Hope It Floats” race on Jekyll Island. While these activities enable the TECA members to put their classroom skills to work, the partnership is beneficial for TSA members as well. After learning about a career in Technology Education, more TSA members are considering this as a field of study. The Technology Education Program at GSU is under the direction of Dr. Creighton Alexander. Recently Dr. Alexander was honored for his dedication to serving and fostering a strong relationship between TECA and TSA. Georgia TSA is grateful for the support of not only Dr. Alexander but all of the outstanding GSU TECA members and we look forward to one day working with these students as GA TSA Chapter Advisors!

“Tommy Pitchford Inspirational Teacher and Scholarship Recipient”



Dr. Creighton Alexander, Brice Fogle, and Tommy Pitchford's son, Ben Pitchford.

Pitchford Inspirational Teacher Award and Scholarship Fund. The scholarship is given to a student that is pursuing a career in Technology Education and is of upstanding character. The 2006 Tommy Pitchford Scholarship Recipient is Brice Fogle. Brice is a graduate of Collins Hill High School and his local TSA chapter advisor was Mr. Barry Gillespie. Brice is currently studying Technology Education at Georgia Southern University under the direction of Dr. Creighton Alexander. The Tommy Pitchford Inspirational Teacher of the Year Recipients are Ms. Carol Burke from Fannin County Middle School and Mr. John Kirby from Mount Zion High School. We applaud these individuals for their dedication to their profession and desire to serve others.



John Kirby, Ben Pitchford, Carol Burke.

“Georgia TSA Officers are Excited about the Future!”



2005 – 2006 State Officers: Erin Summerlin, Stanley Wyre, Leslee Stalvey, Mary Catherine Farrell, Matt Ralston, Jenna Phillips, Zoe Wolford.

While most groups of young people tear up at the prospect of departing from a great year serving as a state officer, this year's Georgia TSA officers were all smiles and a few tears as they departed company. They were all smiles because of the teamwork, camaraderie and friendships they had built with one another and GA TSA members over the past year. This group of seven dedicated State Officers had been charged with overseeing four statewide conferences, leading their delegation at the National TSA Conference and encouraging and supporting chapter members across the state. This summer several of the former officers will head off to college, others will participate in the Governors Honors Program and still others will be returning to serve another term as a Georgia TSA State Officer.

The incoming 2006-2007 Georgia TSA State Officers are also excited about several upcoming leadership opportunities that they will take part in participating and developing: GA TSA State Officer Workshop, CTSO State Officer Training, and the National TSA Conference in Dallas, Texas. While in Dallas, the new officers will have a chance to put their skills to work as they lead the Georgia TSA delegation and participate in competitive events. During their upcoming training the State Officers will be developing goals for the upcoming year which will include the celebration of Georgia TSA's 45th Anniversary! These officers are looking forward to a banner year!



2006 -2007 State Officers: Craig Lynberg, Sergeant-at-Arms; Stanley Wyre, President; Abu Barrie, First Vice President; Erin Summerlin, Reporter; Ashlee Hatcher, Secretary; Chintana Phravorachit, Treasurer; and Erin Farrell, Second Vice President

Youth Apprenticeship

“Youth Apprenticeship Pays Off”

Heather Hester, a senior at Johnson High School in Hall County will be attending Emory University in the fall of 2006. She plans to pursue a career in the healthcare field. Heather has participated in the Youth Apprenticeship Program (YAP) as an apprentice at Northeast Georgia Medical Center for two semesters. As a part of her responsibilities, she has had the opportunity to rotate through eight departments at the hospital. According to Heather, Physical Therapy was by far her favorite. She said she was inspired by the patients in the 4 West Rehabilitation Center.



When asked how this program has helped her, Heather replied, “It was awesome! I actually got to work side by side with real doctors and nurses. The YAP experience has exposed me to the reality of the healthcare field and has made me realize I really want to be a part of it. I feel that my participation in this program helped with my decision to apply at Emory as well as with the whole application process. I just want to thank all of the staff at the hospital who helped give me such an awesome experience.

Heather stated that even though they do not have the health occupations program at Johnson, she learned about the opportunity through her Human A & P class. Because of this program, Heather also participated in the Region & State Competitions for SkillsUSA in medical and leadership competitions.

“Catoosa County Youth Apprenticeship”

For many years Catoosa County has developed a dynamic Youth Apprenticeship Program (YAP) providing work-based learning experience for seniors at Ringgold High School and Lakeview/Ft. Oglethorpe High School. Catoosa County celebrated the success of all 60 YAP students at their Annual Awards Luncheon held at the Ringgold Depot on Thursday, May 4th 2006. The theme of the luncheon was the “Railroad Crossing” of Scholastics and the World of Work highlighting the seniors’ transition of secondary studies to post-secondary and work-related opportunities available to the students. The YAP students’ journey does not end with the Awards Luncheon. They will be tracked for the next several years by the Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator, David Beard, as they complete 2000 hours of work in their chosen career path as well as a post-secondary credential. The luncheon also highlighted the new Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) satellite training program scheduled to begin in the fall of 2006 at Catoosa County’s own Performance Learning Center (PLC) located near the Chickamauga Battlefield. TVA “School-to-Work” coordinators Jim Kurtz and Bill Myers were also present to help acknowledge the new program which will be housed at the PLC with TVA providing supervisory personnel and equipment used in YAP student training. Also recognized were Angelese Griffin (LFO) and Maira Mousourakis (RHS) who received “#1 Top Performer” awards for their diligent hard work during their YAP studies. Congratulations to all these students and remember to “focus on the future” with Georgia Youth Apprenticeship!



Angelese Griffin, #1 Top Performer at LFO



Maira Mousourakis, #1 Top Performer at RHS

Marketing Education (DECA Student Organization)

“10,000 Marketing Students/DECA Members Compete for International Awards and Scholarships”

Two hundred and eighty-seven marketing students and DECA members along with sixty-nine DECA advisors/chaperones from Georgia attended the 60th Annual National DECA 2006 International Career Development Conference in Dallas, Texas on April 29 – May 2. Students experienced a time of competing, participating in leadership academies, attending workshops and seminars, campaigning, going to the rodeo, sightseeing, etc.

Competitors from around the world were tested on their skill and proficiency in various career and skill areas through managerial decision-making role plays or their skills were measured through their development of a 30-page business plan and an oral defense of their research and conclusions to business professionals. Industry icons, like Foot Locker, Art Institute, J.C. Penney, etc., helped DECA identify the skills that were tested and judged at the DECA's competitive events.

DECA's renowned Competitive Events Program uses role-play events, comprehensive tests, online simulations and written projects to evaluate the academic and job skills their members develop in their marketing education classes, workplace experiences and through the DECA activities. Both the education and business communities recognize these skill sets as essential for future success.

DECA operates in all 50 United States, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, Canada, Mexico, Germany and Korea preparing its membership for careers in marketing, management and entrepreneurship.



Second Place in the Nation – Retail Marketing Research Event
Liz Dennis, Ashley Teale & Kelly Thwaites, South Forsyth High School

Junior ROTC

“Patrick Henry Award Presented to Northview High School Junior ROTC Instructor”



The Silver Patrick Henry Award was presented to First Sergeant (Retired) John Adams during a ceremony held at the Ansley Golf Club on May 21st, 2006. The Patrick Henry Award is presented for significant patriotic contribution to the community. First Adams is in his fourth year teaching Junior ROTC at Northview High School. In preparation for Veterans Day, his students conducted in depth research on military leaders and created display boards. Working with the orchestra and chorus, two assemblies were held at the school and JROTC cadets hosted a luncheon to honor all community and

school veterans. The Honors Media Technology students videotaped the assemblies and produced a DVD. The ceremony was subsequently aired on Georgia Public Television. The Military Order of the World Wars is a patriotic veteran's organization that promotes national security, patriotism, good citizenship and service to country.

“Hutchings High School partners with BMW as an AYES School”



Hutchings High School Teachers and Bibb County Board Member Tom Hudson toured the BMW Training Center on May 31, 2006. Russ Lucas, BMW Training director hosted the event. BMW's goal is for the schools to become better acquainted with the high tech training needs of today's automobiles. There is an urgency as the ranks of master technicians grays and retire. The academic teachers accompanied the automotive teacher to learn of the new technology of the high tech automobiles that BMW markets and

how BMW selects and trains their technicians.

As a result, Hutchings High School plans to partner with BMW as an Automotive Youth Educational Systems (AYES) school in the fall of 2006. Levon Tarver was chosen as an AYES intern at the Macon BMW dealership. Levon is a junior at the Hutchings automotive service technology program. He was a great candidate for the internship because of his accomplishments as a gold metal winner at last years SkillsUSA and a contestant in Ford AAA this year.