



Outstanding Career and Technical Education: seniors and business partner honored

By Sally Geer

Career & Technical Education Director

In February, Girolamo Pardo, Lindsey Reeves and Patti Boyce were honored at an awards breakfast hosted by the Macomb Career and Technical Education Administrators Association.

Pardo is in his second year of Business Management, Marketing & Applications class at New Haven High School. He is extremely dedicated and hard working. Pardo is highly driven, motivated and excels at everything that he puts his mind to. By displaying these traits and striving to reach the goals he has set for himself, he far exceeds his peers.

Academically, his work is always of the highest quality. He applies higher-level thinking skills to his classroom work and excels in the content area. He is ninth in his class, with a 3.68 grade-point average. He participates in Business Professionals

of America.

Pardo excels in Business Management, Marketing & Applications as well as other areas. He plans to further his education after high school by attending Macomb Community College and then transferring to Michigan State University, Grand Valley State University or Wayne State University to major in Business Management and English.

Reeves is the outstanding senior in the Medical Careers program. This year she demonstrated outstanding skills in medical terminology. She also has excellent communication skills and has started writing informational medical articles for the school newsletter.

In addition, her oral communication skills are quite captivating to audiences. As for her abilities in practicing medical applications, Reeves demonstrates that she is up for the challenge and is willing to overcome any obstacle she may come across.

She is always ready to help others in the class who are having difficulty with medical procedures.

After graduating from high school Reeves plans to attend Baker College to earn a bachelor's degree in Registered Nursing. She likes to help people and this would be a way for her to give back to the world what has been given to her. Reeves was born with severe asthma problems and was unable to have a normal childhood life. She was unable to play sports and frequently missed school. Many days were spent under the care of several healthcare professionals as she received treatments for her asthma condition. Graduating from high school is a dream that is now coming true. This is made possible because of all of the people who helped her. She also attributes much of her success to the support and encouragement of her mother and brother.



From left, Lindsey Reeves, Deborah Wong, Health Science instructor, Patti Boyce, manager, National City Bank; Lisa Thorley, Business & Technology instructor; and Girolamo Pardo.

Patti Boyce, branch manager of National City Bank, has been instrumental in providing continued support to New Haven Community Schools for many years. She has spent countless hours participating in our mock interview process. Students, dressed for success, arrived at the bank at their appointed time and were expertly interviewed by Boyce. Immediately after the interviews, she critiqued the students to help them better prepare for future success. Her skills provided students with the confidence and knowledge they needed to represent themselves as highly skilled, creditable individuals in an interview. Job shadowing experiences with Boyce and staff are always available to our students. The Busi-

ness Professionals of America students, who compete in the Banking and Finance contest, find her expertise invaluable in planning their own effective strategies for competition. Her vast knowledge and professionalism in these areas provide students with an excellent firsthand view of the challenging business world in which we live in today. She is also a member of the Business, Management, Marketing & Technology Advisory Committee.

Boyce not only gives of her time to high school students, she is also active in the Reading Mentoring Program at the elementary level.

Congratulations to our 2007 Career and Technical Education Award winners.

Health care providers needed

By Deborah Wong
Medical Careers Instructor

As many people know, there is and will be a demand for health-care providers.

Entry-level to administrative positions in the medical fields are always advertised in the classifieds, so why not prepare high school students with the skills needed for some of the entry-level positions?

Through medical careers courses in high school, students gain a better understanding of the skills needed to obtain employment in the medical field. Students who are serious about pursuing a medical profession are more likely to attend a post-secondary institution. Getting students prepared for the real-world job market or post-secondary schooling is the mission of New Haven High School's Medical Careers class.

Medical Careers is an introductory course for students to explore various healthcare professions. Many professionals from different medical fields visit the class to inform the students about the duties of careers, the education needed, certification requirements and the salary and benefits. In addition, some of the visitors have brought equipment that is used on a daily basis to give the students the opportunity for hands-on experience. Some of the fields represented include a dentist, dental hygienist, physician assistant, radiology technician, emergency medical technician, personal trainer, massage therapist and physical therapist.

The students also learn skills that help prepare them for entry-level employment in a medical assistant field. In addition, medical terminology is learned. Communication skills are another goal for the students. It is the students' responsibility to inform their peers, teachers and administrators about various disorders by displaying their presentations in a showcase or bulletin board in the school. Their projects define the problem, describe symptoms, list possible treatments and state how the disorder will affect the patient's daily life.

Another objective for this class is for the students to become trained and certified in CPR/AED. This is made possible upon successful completion of the national cognitive and skills evaluation of the American Heart Association for the BLS from the Healthcare Providers Program. A representative from the Richmond-Lenox EMS will visit in May to train the students.

The students also volunteer at the high school's annual blood drive. A nurse from the American Red Cross explains registration desk duties, canteen service operation, and how to escort the donors to and from the blood drive site. Training is also given on the proper procedures that must be followed to ensure proper labeling of blood packs.

Students have an opportunity to explore different medical careers and health issues. They also learn skills that will help prepare them for their future experiences. It is also apparent that since many of the students wish to fulfill a career in the medical field, they will go on to a post-secondary institution to continue their education and achieve a degree.

This is not just for 'car guys' anymore!

By Dennis Podolan

Automotive Technology Instructor

It is well documented that there is an automotive technician shortage in this country.

Rich White from DoItYourself.com, in a recent article titled "The Automotive Technician Shortage," writes, "Babcox's most recent 'How's Business' study of repair shops showed that 40 percent were looking to hire a qualified technician. When Brake and Front End Magazine asked shop owners if they were currently looking to hire a technician, 65.5 percent said 'yes.'"

At New Haven High School, we are working to fill those opportunities. Although only an estimated 2 percent of all automotive technicians are female, the New Haven High School Automotive Technician Program supports women pursuing non-traditional career opportunities.

In recent years we have realized a steady increase in the number of young women involved in our program. Many more are enrolled in the advanced classes and show a sincere interest in pursuing a career in the automotive industry. These opportunities range from technicians and service writers all the way to shop owners.

During our country's history, women have stepped in to non-traditional roles during times of crisis, such as World War II, and proved they can successfully achieve anything they are challenged to do.

We are pleased to offer this opportunity to our young women, and encourage them to explore non-traditional career opportunities.

After all, women are a substantial part of automotive marketing. Why not "fix" them too?



From left, Automotive Technology 2 students Tiffany Edgil, Tiffany Lenont, Jessica Rivard, Megan Horne, Chelsea Jarvis and Sarah Nerman.

Business Professionals of America New Haven Chapter State Leadership Conference

By Lisa Thorley

Business Professionals of America Advisor

Our students returned from the Business Professionals of America State Leadership Conference, held at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids from March 21-25. The week was jam-packed and we were on the go from the time we checked in until the time we

checked out.

Our trip was filled with competitions, guest speakers on all types of topics such as leadership, college life 101, My Space/Facebook and careers.

Wednesday night we headed to GP Sports, a fun restaurant in the Amway Grand.

Thursday, the group split up and half of the group enjoyed nine holes of golf while the rest

toured downtown Grand Rapids for a fun-filled day of sight-seeing and shopping.

Friday included the President's Parade, where our president, Nick Crawford, and vice president, James Stier, represented New Haven High School in an explosive statewide pep rally.

Saturday continued with more competitions, guest

speakers, and a formal dinner and dance.

Sunday wrapped up with an awards ceremony, where Crawford placed sixth in the state in Advanced Interview Skills.

This exciting week exposed our students — Cassie Yapple, Nick Crawford, James Stier, Anna Cwalina, Raisha Bur-

nette, Alexis Allen, Sara Hartley, Chris Hessel, DeiAngelo Jones, Darius Harris,

Loreal Swan, Heather Lulek, Eric Crayton, Nic Guerrero, Brittini Marzonia, Megan Quinn,

Brian Do and Doug Asbury — to many business opportunities, networking experiences and leadership enhancement skills.

The next CTE page will feature Lake Shore

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