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CTSO STATE WINNERS

A Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSO) provide leadership, teambuilding and an opportunity to apply what is learned in the career and technical education program to real-world applications. Students in CTSO's compete in career skills events at the district, state and national level. Many Manatee CTSOs recently participated in state-level competitions. Today's issue highlights state winners in these competitions.

Manatee County FFA was crowned National Champions at the National Land Judging Finals in Oklahoma City. They also were recognized as a 3 star chapter, the highest honor an FFA chapter can receive in the nation. The results are just impressive across the county with the FFA membership more than doubling this year at many schools. Braden River High School under the leadership of Debra Alwin and Danielle Dimon was just named one of Florida's Finest FFA Chapters along with SEHS under the leadership of Mike Buckley.



Manatee County HOSA State Winners
HOSA: Healing with Our Hands, Helping with Our Hearts

Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) is a student organization whose mission is to promote career opportunities in health care and to enhance the delivery of compassionate, quality health care to all people. HOSA provides a unique program of leadership development, motivation, and recognition exclusively for secondary, postsecondary, adult, and collegiate students enrolled in health science technology education programs. HOSA is 100% health care! Since its inception in 1976, HOSA has grown steadily reaching 80,622 students through nearly 2,500 chapters. www.hosa.org and www.flhosa.org

Manatee District Schools were once again well represented at the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) State Conference. With over 1600 in attendance at the Daytona Beach event, Manatee had an awesome presence in the recognition ceremonies. All HOSA Chapters within our school district sent representatives to compete and participate, including Harlee Middle School (Patti Hartman, Advisor), King Middle School (Marie Chirico, Advisor), Lincoln Middle School (Hakeem Lewis, Advisor), Nolan Middle School (Delena Jeffers, Advisor), Manatee High School (Laura Sollenberger, Advisor) and Manatee Technical Institute (MTI) (Kimberly Bland, Advisor). King Middle School was honored for having the largest chapter in the state for the HOSA Career Health Division and Manatee Technical Institute was honored for having the largest HOSA Postsecondary Chapter in the state. Manatee High School brought home 1 gold and 1 silver; Harlee Middle won 1 gold, 1 silver, and 1 bronze; Nolan Middle brought home 1 gold and 1 bronze, and King Middle won 1 silver and 1 bronze. MTI brought home 4 gold, 3 silver, and one bronze. Secondary and Postsecondary first, second, and third place winners are now eligible to attend the HOSA National Leadership Conference and Skills Events in Orlando in June.



Manatee County Takes FBLA States By Storm
FBLA-PBL: Your Ticket to the Future

Future Business Leaders of America—Phi Beta Lambda (FBLA-PBL) is a nonprofit education association of students preparing for careers in business and business-related fields. It is the largest business education student organization in the world! Nearly a quarter of a million high school and middle school students, college and university students, faculty, educators, administrators, and business professionals have chosen to be members of FBLA-PBL. Its mission is to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs. www.fbla-pbl.org and www.floridafbla-pbl.com

Manatee County had the strongest showing in the history of our participation in the state Future Business Leaders of America competition. Many students are going on to Nationals this summer in Chicago to compete against the best of the best from around the globe. Top notch business skills are essential for our students to compete in a global economy, and we are providing them here in Manatee County. High schools earning two trophies at the state competition include a 1st place in Business Law and a 3rd place in Programming C++ for two Southeast High School students, a 3rd place trophy in Cyber Security and 4th place in Intro to Business was claimed by Lakewood Ranch High School, and Bayshore High School's top awards include the Multi-Media team which placed 2nd and an individual 4th place student medal in Business Law. High schools with one student award are Palmetto High School with a 3rd place student trophy in Marketing, Manatee High School with a 3rd in Banking and Financial Systems, and a Braden River High School student receiving a 5th place medal in Word Processing 1. Lincoln Middle School had three students claim top positions: 2nd in the Keyboarding Applications, 3rd in Spreadsheets, and 4th in Business Math. Our advisors are to be commended for putting Manatee County on the map and providing skills and knowledge that will allow our students the foundation for rewarding careers. Congratulations to advisors Bonnie Condon, BHS; Bette Brown, BRHS; Bill Gaynor,

BRHS; Gretta Sancho, Johnson MS; Elaine Waldron, Johnson MS; Lori Kish, LRHS; Judy Bodmer, LRHS; Barb Kitzman, LRHS; Kari Reddish, LRHS; Lori Pike, LRHS; Vana Meyers, Lincoln MS; Vicki Cunningham, MHS; Crystal Bundrage, MHS; Sally Rikard, PHS; Gayle Twitty, PHS; Randy Funderburke, SEHS; Cheryl Gaynor, SEHS; John LaBelle, SEHS; and Cindy Rees, SEHS for giving up their time to take students to the recent Future Business Leaders of America competition.



Manatee's SkillsUSA State Winners
SkillsUSA: Champions at Work

SkillsUSA is a national nonprofit partnership of students, teachers, and industry representatives working together to ensure America has a skilled work force in trade, technical, and skilled service occupations, including health occupations. It helps each student excel, and carries the motto, "preparing for leadership in the world of work." It provides quality education experiences for students in leadership, teamwork, citizenship and character development. It builds and reinforces self-confidence, work attitudes and communications skills. It emphasizes total quality at work: high ethical standards, superior work skills, life-long education, and pride in the dignity of work. SkillsUSA also promotes understanding of the free-enterprise system and involvement in community service. <http://www.skillsUSA.org>

Congratulations to all of the Manatee Technical Institute (MTI) students that participated in the 40th Annual Florida SkillsUSA State Leadership and Skills Conference hosted by MTI. Over 1,000 students from 69 high schools, technical centers, and community colleges from across the state competed in 48 skills contests and 20 leadership contests. MTI students won more medals than any other school in Florida history! There are too many successes to mention by name. We wish we could mention them all—but just look at these numbers! MTI students raked in 152 student medals, of which 89 were gold, 33 were silver and 28 were bronze. Many of these winners will be advancing to the National SkillsUSA Conference June 24-30 in Kansas City where MTI will be defending their National Title of the most medals ever won three years in a row. Thank you to all of the staff that helped facilitate contests, and those that assisted in a successful conference. Once again, Manatee County came home a big winner in SkillsUSA!!



Manatee's FCCLA State Winners
FCCLA: Building Skills for Life

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) is a dynamic and effective national student organization that helps young men and women become leaders and address important personal, family, work and societal issues through family and consumer sciences education. Since 1945, FCCLA members have been making a difference in their families, careers and communities by addressing important personal, work and societal issues through family and consumer sciences education. Today over 227,000 members in 7,100 chapters are active in a network of associations across the nation. www.fcclainc.org

Manatee County FCCLA finished strong at the State Conference in Orlando in April. 65 students and advisers from Manatee County attended the conference with over 900 statewide attendees. Three Manatee students ran for State Office. Lindsey Patton from Manatee High was elected V.P. of Careers and Jessica Hagood from Lakewood Ranch was elected President-elect. Joan Stencik, Assistant State Advisor, was in charge of the overall conference and State Officers. Elaine Bowling and Jill Bergeron became the new co-DA's for District VIII. Lakewood Ranch High School was awarded 3 gold, 4 silver, and 2 bronze; Manatee High came

home with 2 silver and 3 bronze; Palmetto High had 1 gold, and Southeast High had 1 bronze. Braden River Middle shone with 4 gold and 6 silver awards; King Middle had 2 gold. Congratulations to all participants and winners! In addition to the advisors listed above, congratulations to FCCLA Advisors Nancy Acton, MHS, Lynda Elkin, PHS, Colleen Keip, SEHS, and Millie Torres, KMS for giving up their time to give students the opportunity to participate.



Manatee DCT/CECF State Winners
CECF: Pathway to High Skill/High Wage Careers

The Career Education Clubs of Florida (CECF) was established to promote educational and civic programs for students involved in Diversified Cooperative Training (DCT). Its mission is to develop leadership, work proficiency, learning opportunities, and scholarships for its members; to promote a better understanding of career and technical education; and to provide job related experiences in high skill/high wage careers. <http://www.cecf.org>

Sixteen of Lakewood Ranch High School's Diversified Career Technology & Career Education Club of Florida organization along with students from Palmetto High attended their State Leadership Conference in March, held at the Orlando Airport Marriott. Students participated in various career skills and employment related competitions throughout their four day event. Overall LRHS CECF students proudly brought home first place trophies in: Automotive Technician & Brain Bowl team. Second place in: Parliamentary Procedure, American Government & Customer Service. Third place in: Hospitality, Photography & Graphics Design. Over nine Honorable Mention medals were also awarded. Congratulations to teachers Melissa Gagnon, LRHS and Mike Ingram, PHS and the 2006-2007 LRHS and PHS CECF TEAM!



Manatee State FPSA Winners
FPSA: Our Future Public Protectors

The Florida Public Service Association (FPSA) is the organization of choice by the Florida Department of Education to provide leadership training and explore career opportunities in the field of public service, particularly for students interested in careers in criminal justice. www.fpsainc.org

Andy Glenn and 12 students from the Criminal Justice Operations High School program competed with 25 other high schools for the 2007 Florida Public Service Association State Competition for Law Enforcement, held in Daytona Beach at the Plaza Resort in April. They took home a total of 8 medals, 4 ribbons and 5 trophies. They placed 4th overall in the state out of 25 high schools. It was an impressive showing with 4 gold medals in CPR, Fingerprinting, Defensive Tactics, and Incident Report Writing. The team also brought home a silver in Criminal Incident Investigation Team and 2 bronze in the Traffic Stops and Criminal Incident Report Writing competitions. Congratulations to FPSA advisors and MTI instructor Andy Glen and Marley Henderson for taking the time to help our future public servants be a success!



National FFA: Learning to Do... Doing to Learn... Living to Live...Living to Serve

The National FFA Organization is dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. FFA was the acronym for Future Farmers of America but the association, in an effort to broaden its scope beyond youth working in traditional "production" agriculture, changed the official name of the organization to the National FFA Organization. www.ffa.org



DECA: Developing Future Leaders

The mission of DECA, Inc. is to enhance the co-curricular education of students with interest in marketing, management and entrepreneurship. DECA helps students to develop skills and competence for marketing careers, to build self-esteem, to experience leadership, and to practice community service. Membership in DECA has grown to over 185,000 students in the U.S. and abroad. <http://www.deca.org> Lakewood Ranch High School under the direction of chapter advisor and marketing teacher Bob Jenkins took dozens of students to the State Convention where Lakewood Ranch High School had a strong showing this year and learned much about developing future leaders.



FBA: Learning Today, Building Tomorrow

Future Builders of America is a nonprofit workforce development and student leadership program of the Florida Home Builders Foundation, the charitable arm of the Florida Home Builders Association. Future Builders of America links students in area schools with the local building community. The organization provides students a real world understanding of what it means to be a home builder in Florida, promoting opportunities for leadership and post-graduation employment. Manatee County has more active chapters in the State than any other district. Currently we have chapters at Manatee Technical Institute (MTI), Southeast High School, Manatee High School, and Palmetto High School. Our students are building the foundation for their future careers today through FBA.



Manatee TSA State Winners
TSA: Learning to Live in a Technical World

The mission of the Technology Student Association (TSA) is to prepare its membership for the challenges of a dynamic world by promoting technological literacy, leadership, and problem solving skills resulting in personal growth and opportunities. TSA is the oldest student organization dedicated exclusively to students enrolled in technology education classes in grades K-12. www.tsaweb.org

Lakewood Ranch under the direction of Greg McGrew and Steve Harvey claimed its first state tech championship in the high school division of the annual Florida Technology Student Association Conference in Orlando. In the middle school division, Nolan Middle finished second under Bill Kebler, who came out of retirement three years ago to lead Nolan's Tech Ed program and TSA chapter. Braden River Middle took third under the new leadership of Kirsten Lawler, first year teacher. Haile Middle took fourth place under tech teacher Justin Erickson. All in all, when you count individual student trophies (1st, 2nd, and 3rd place), Manatee County won a new State record of 154 student trophies! Manatee students claimed 56 first-place student finishes, 49 second-place finishes, 49 third-place, and more than 400 top-10 finishes. Four charter buses carried 163 Manatee students, the largest delegation in the state, to the three-day event. First-place winners from Manatee County qualified for nationals in Nashville this summer. Congratulations the advisors listed above and the following advisors Tim Estep (BHS), Gil Burlew and Dan Crumpler (BRHS), Joe Orr (MHS), Bob Lounds (PHS), Steve Van Colt and Margi Nanny (SEHS), Linda Chambers and Ryan Brenner (HMS), Hollis Bostic and Suzanne Jarrell (JMS), Tammy Schuler (LMS) and David Sheppard (SMS) for beating all State records and preparing our students to be technologically literate.



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