

Career Technology classes: Cosmetology, Financial Management travel to Columbus for states

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'Tis the season for career technology students to head to state competition. Cosmetology and Financial Management are two of the several career technology classes that traveled down to Columbus to compete in their state competitions. Last Thursday, March 22, six seniors from the cosmetology program traveled down to Columbus for their state board test to become official licensed cosmetologists. Southview seniors Kelsey Blankerts and Samantha Gentle passed their state board test and received their cosmetology licenses, along with Northview seniors Katie Pizzaa, Brooke Miller, Evelyn Farrell, and Sarah Hildebrandt.

Along with the other cosmetology students, Blankerts is thankful that all of her hard work and studying paid off and that she received her cosmetology license. "We all have worked so hard to prepare for this test. The test was harder because the written portion was all on the computer, which is much different than a traditional pencil and paper test. We

all spent countless hours studying and thankfully it paid off."

Gentle is also excited about passing her state board test because of all of the opportunities it opens up. "Receiving my cosmetology license is such a huge weight lifted off of my shoulders. It allows me to officially practice in a salon, and will be a good job to have during college to make extra money."

Financial Management students from Northview and Southview also competed in the state competition last Thursday. Twenty Northview students and eleven Southview students competed in the Business Professionals of America state competition. Juniors Nicole Darah, Brandon Napierala, and Katie Crisman competed in Small Business Management and had to create a small accessory store in Chicago, where they tested and analyzed their knowledge of financials.

Darah enjoyed the competition and hopes to do better next year. "I really liked my group and I really hope that next year we make it to Orlando for Nationals. I cannot wait for BPA next year because it was such a fun experience."

Napierala shares a similar

opinion as Darah and also hopes to do better next year. "I had a lot of fun and my group worked together really well. I hope that next year we can place in the Top 3 and also qualify for Nationals."

Darah, Napierala, and Crisman placed in the Top 10, along with Seniors Ryan Finch, Jaime Nowakowski, and Josh Fuleky. Nowakowski enjoyed taking financial management and recommends other students to take the class. "Financial Management is really fun because it prepares you for real life situations and you learn more about running a business. Plus, Mr. Bascuk is a really great teacher."

Senior Shelby Schick and juniors Sam Christman and Morgan Poczekaj rounded out the Financial Analyst team and scored the highest of all the Southview and Northview teams, placing in the Top 3.

Southview Financial Management teacher Jerry Bascuk is proud of his students and is looking forward to what next year will bring. "It is a great experience for the students to be able to meet and work with new people. I appreciate all of the students' hard work and I am looking forward to next year in Orlando."



Cosmetology students traveled to Columbus last Thursday to take their state board test for their Cosmetology licenses. All six were able to pass and receive their official certificate for practice.

K. Blankerts

Symphonic Choir competes in contest; scores 1 for sight reading, 2 for performance

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On March 17 Southview's choir attended their first choir competition. This competition was held at Archbold High School where approximately 30 different school choirs gathered to compete. For competition, the choirs were divided into classes. These classes were organized according to difficulty in skill. Overall, it ranged from Class A which is the highest class to Class D which is the lowest. The Southview choir was placed into class C. At this competition choirs had to perform their songs and also sight read new compositions with little preparation.

The day began with a choir meeting at Southview around six in the morning. Once they arrived at Archbold High School the choir

dressed in their robes and began practicing for the competition.

Junior Elayna Levison describes her experience being part of this competition. "We didn't perform until maybe 9:00 or 9:30, but we stayed to watch the Northview symphonic choir perform. I had so much fun, and we were all so excited to get our ratings. I was so proud of our choir since we worked so hard and all the hard work finally paid off. I look forward to doing this again next year," said Levison.

For their performances, the choir chose to sing the songs *Canon of Peace*, *Dindirin*, and *Allelujah*. For scoring the contestants the judges used a scale ranging from 1-5 with 1 being the best score and 5 being the worst. Southview scored a 1 in sight reading and three floor judges gave the choir 2's for their performance. Overall, the choir was

happy with the competition. "I was definitely really proud of our score because it was the first time we went to a large group contest and we worked really hard to try and be the best we could," said Junior Marisa Lucarelli.

The choir also is proud of the choir's direction. "None of us have been to [a] contest before but I think we all surprised ourselves. We didn't expect to get a 2. Our choir has a lot of potential," said Junior Julianne Putano. Lucarelli also shares Putano's optimism, "There were definitely things we could have improved on but we have a lot of potential and getting a 2 was really awesome."

With the help of this year's new choir director, Lindsay Andrews, the choir will continue to practice and work on their performance to prepare for future competitions and performances.

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Dance for a Chance

Dance for a Chance 2012 is just around the corner and the preparations are in full swing. With dancers sorted into teams, two successful team dinners and countless other activities still in the works, the advisers and captains have been working frantically to put every detail in place to make this event a memorable one.

Head adviser Katy Creecy is already impressed by this year's numbers. She says "Lots of people are involved in helping to make this year's Dance for a Chance a success!" Those people include both the faculty who have devoted countless hours to finding donors and fixing all the

hitches in plans, as well as the students who have taken part in the committees: food, finance, activities, and ambassador.

Creecy says many all new, never before seen aspects are to be unveiled this year. "This year is exciting and unique, [we are] pairing with PRO (Professional Re-modelers Organization) [and] will have opportunities after Dance for a Chance to keep with the build."

Another new feature to the fundraiser this year was the Pancake Breakfast at Village Inn, in which teams collectively raised \$1200. The Silent auction was also a new feature to the Dance for a Chance preparation this year, and it also

raised over \$1000 for Project Haven. The auction took place during the Northview versus Southview basketball game and featured items such as a graduation themed basket, a chocolate themed basket, and many others.

As for new additions to the actual event, Creecy said there will be "new team challenges related to the issue of accessibility, and some traditional favorites like line dance, relay, lip sync, etc."

The new additions and old favorites will create a Dance for a Chance experience that no students will have seen prior. The event takes place on Saturday, March 31.

TMA Field Trip

Darlene Blakely's senior AP Literature and Composition class took a trip to the Toledo Museum of Art Tuesday March 6. The class has been studying a unit on poetry, and one type of poetry, called ekphrastic poetry, calls for inspiration from other works of art. The students spent the entire day at the museum, examining works of art from across the genres.

The poetry unit will eventually culminate into what students call a "Chap Book." The book will include all of the students' poems. The students will also have an opportunity to share their poems with their classmates in what they call

"Coffee House Fridays." During these sessions, students share their poems with one another.

There were no restrictions on the types of work students could examine for their ekphrastic poems, and senior Susan Salari made sure to examine "all of them: renaissance, impressionist, Indian [etc]." Salari enjoyed many of the impressionist works at the museum, but says her favorite was "The Coming Train" by Edward Lamson Henry. Of the poetry unit as a whole, Salari says, "The poetry unit has really made me more conscious of everyday sensations and feelings, and has ultimately helped me express myself more."

Another student, Yifang Cao, says she also enjoyed the impressionist era artwork, but her favorite piece was actually a videoloop called "danDAN" by Tabaimo, a Japanese animation artist. Cao enjoyed the loop because it was "looking into the life and inner working of Japanese domestic life" with some "unsettling" aspects added, such as mushrooms growing from a melting television set.

The trip to the museum gave students a new perspective on artistic creationism and expression, and is a considered success for all who attended.



Members of the Symphonic Choir gather for a picture after finding out their scoring of 2 for their performance and a 1 for their sight reading skills. It was the choir's first competition and they were one of the thirty different school choirs that attended the competition at Archbold High School March 17.

H. Johnson

Speech and Debate attends districts, states; Yuran Chen qualifies for Nationals

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On Saturday, March 17 Southview's Speech and Debate team traveled to the Columbus Statehouse to participate in the Western Ohio NFL District Congress Tournament. The team was entered into 4 sessions; Sophomore Yuran Chen qualified for national competition that will take place in Indianapolis in June. He finished second in Senate. As usual, the team "fought

the good fight" at this competition and that of OHSSL. From March 1-3, the team competed in the OHSSL State Finals competition. The debate team advisor, Alexander Clarkson described the tournaments as much like those of a track meet. "There is not just one event, but thirteen simultaneous events," said Clarkson. Several students broke into the elimination rounds at the state competition and Yuran Chen placed 10th in Student Congress for the state. Joanna Peng would likely be ranked as the next best showing for the Southview team as she received a 5 in 1 in the Lincoln Douglass debate (the topic of discussion was, "Targeted killing is a morally permissible foreign policy tool") and is described as the best Southview has done in said debate. To have a 5 in 1 means that Peng was entered into six philosophy debates and won five, losing only one. Peng lost one negative, but won three affirmative and two negative arguments.

Junior Hunter Baehren commented on the overall success and enjoyable season as well as the dedication and support of the speech and debate coaches. "Without the commitment of Mr. Clarkson, Mr. Moffitt, and Ms. Shepard, Southview Speech and

Debate would not be the success it is today," said Baehren. At this point, the season is over for the speech and debate team other than the upcoming competition for Chen. Many of the students have already begun preparing for next year's competition. Speech and debate is one of the longest competition seasons. Students begin meeting in September and attend competitions November - March. Although there were no state qualifiers for speech (Youseff Badder was the first alternate), the team had more speech placements throughout the season than in the past ten years.

In preparation for next season, Omar Gad, formerly an oratorical interpretation and original oratory speaker, is going to try his hand at extemp. Youseff Badder will be double entering in humorous interpretation and original oratory, and Keith Dona and Alex Ulrey have already started looking for a new duo interpretation speech.

To close the season, the Speech and Debate team will be having their end of the year banquet where goodbyes are said to seniors and new captains are chosen. Aside from the competition in June, Speech and Debate will not be meeting again until the upcoming season in September.

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