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SkillsUSA Nationals

The SkillsUSA Championships, held in Kansas City, Missouri, took place June 24th to 26th, 2014, five students—Daniel Alday, Alec English, Joe Espinosa, Lina Maeng, and Django Schermerhorn— attended. It was the 50th annual SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC) a showcase of career and technical education students.

During the national competition, the students worked against the clock and each other. Lina Maeng and Daniel Alday competed in the Chapter Display competition and placed 18 out of 32. Joe Espinosa, Alec English, and Django Schermerhorn placed 8 out of 30 in Community Service.

SkillsUSA is a national partnership of students, teachers and industry, working together to



ensure America has a skilled workforce. The week was filled with social and training activities and was somewhat bittersweet with the retirement of Mr. Jessen.

SkillsUSA California Leadership Training

The Leadership training day was a great experience for me, I was able to bond with other SkillsUSA chapter leaders from Region 3 and I learned new tips on how to be a more effective leader for our chapter at school. Everyone was friendly and loved to talk about what their schools were doing, the leaders were kind and willing to help on any problem. At the meeting we received one of three colored shirts, red, blue or gold, separating us into groups that went to the workshops. I got to see Parliamentary Procedure play out in the workshop, learn skillsUSA etiquette and get my questions and concerns about the upcoming competitions answered.



Article By Sydney Michel

FBLA: Mock Election

On Tuesday, October 28, MyVote California held the student mock general election at South Pasadena High School. During lunch, the school's library was especially full of students filling out and submitting mock ballots. The students voted on six different propositions and for the state's governor. Governor Edmund "Jerry" Brown (Democrat) won this election with 79% of the vote versus his opponent Neel Kashkari (Republican) who only received 21%.

The propositions that were voted on were 1, 2, 45, 46, 47, and 48. 83% of students voted "Yes" on Prop. 1, which funds water quality, supply, treatment, and storage projects. 57% voted "Yes" on Prop. 2 for annual transfer of state general fund revenues to budget the stabilization account. Prop. 45 requires the Insurance Commissioner's approval before health insurers can change anything affecting the charges associated with health insurance. 57% voted "Yes." Prop 46 had an approval rate of 68% for

the requirement of drug and alcohol testing on doctors. Prop. 47 requires a misdemeanor sentence instead of felony for certain drug and property offenses, won by a 68% "Yes" vote. Prop. 48 is a referendum on whether or not state contracts will go into effect for new off-reservation Indian gaming. 48 had a "No" agreement of 58%.



FBLA: Walking Shield

If you took a step into room 513 during the first weeks of October, the only thing you would see is backpacks... Backpacks stuffed to the point of bursting, climbing up walls, covering the floor, and even some generous students adding to growing pile. This messy collection of school supplies wasn't from disorganized SPHS students; this was FBLA's Walking Shield backpack-drive. Backpacks full of school supplies, clothes, games, and books were waiting to be shipped off to dozens of Native American children living in reservations across the country.

Mrs. Cathy Mason, the FBLA advisor, hosts this philanthropic tradition in her classroom where she collects the backpacks, which are put together by willing SPHS students and faculty. This year, fifty Kindergarten through Eighth grade students from



the Spirit Lake Reservation in North Dakota and the Hoppa Reservation in Eureka, California, were chosen to be "adopted." The tailor-made backpacks were collected in Mrs. Mason's room to be sent to Walking Shield, Inc. for distribution. The fifty children on the reservations will receive their backpacks before the Thanksgiving holiday.

Computer Safety Begins at Home

Article By Ms Matson-Fennell

These days it is common for adults to assume that teenagers know everything there is to know about computers and technology. While it may seem this way, we have to remember the human brain is not fully formed until about age 25 and the last part to mature is the section controlling sound decision making. Many teenagers are unable to fully understand the consequences of their actions especially when it comes to technology.

In a recent survey conducted by Drexel University, 61% of students polled did not know that sending nude photos via text could be considered child pornography. 30% admitted sending photos in a sext. California has strict laws against this and if convicted, a minor can be required to register as a sex offender and possibly lose their financial aid and college placement.

In my own classes, students are astounded at the types of things I can find out online about them. Inappropriate photos, postings and personal information. I enjoy reminding them that if I can access this type of info, so can their college and prospective employers.

As parents and teachers, it is important to continue to educate students in the appropriate use of technology. You wouldn't hand over the keys to your vehicle to a teen without providing some training and boundaries and technology is no different. Here are a few tips to assist you:

- Locate the computer in a central location such as kitchen for easier supervision
- Stay current with the technological devices and software your student is using.
- Research parent guides for software and devices online
- Have your student "friend you" or provide access to sites they use
- Be aware of what they are posting
- Take a look at what their friends are posting
- Look at your student's browser history
- Invest in software that allows you to monitor and or restrict online activities
- Have "the talk" about appropriate technology use

New Teachers



Mr. Anthony Garcia
Sports Medicine, Athletic Trainer



Mr. Pat Rini
Woodshop, Cabinetry.



Ms. Beverly Goldin
Instructional Design Specialist
Career Technical Educator

Our Ultimate Fan Returns



Pawprints biggest fan, Mr. George Mosher and his daughter recently paid us a visit. Mr. Mosher is so fond of SPSHS that he had the school name and mascot applied to his prosthetic leg with a decal. (UCLA is on the other leg) A graduate from the South Pasadena High School class of 1942, Mr. Mosher recently celebrated his 91st birthday and invited a multitude of his friends and classmates to the party. Of course the dress code of the day included his favorite t-shirt design created by Pawprints. He also presented us with a large handcrafted point of purchase display for the class room. Happy Birthday Mr. Mosher and we hope you have many more!

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FROM Skills USA COMPETITORS

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- The teachers are amazing! Thanks for the donation!

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ACCOUNTING—DECA brings home trophies

The South Pasadena High School DECA (Distributive Education Club of America) entered into various competitions in November.

They brought home four trophies with Raquel Ba and Kate Ba being 3rd Place Overall both written exam as well as presentation in Team Decision Making for Hospitality and Tourism. Alex Wong and Kendrick Shen also placed 3rd Overall in Team Decision Making for Sports and Entertainment.

We ranked Number One in California for VBC DECA Challenge – Personal Finance. Congratulations to Alex Wong who spent many hours to work on the challenge. They gained 21st Century Skills through participation in activities, learned how to communicate



thoughts and ideas, organize presentation and more about what business expects from employees. They are gaining independence through personal challenge, strengthening friendships, and acquiring invaluable practical knowledge along the way.

Spotlight on CTE-Alec English

Article By JC Limon

Alec English, finding himself spending more time in woodshop and SkillsUSA than the typical teenage scenes, has made a name for himself in the field of carpentry through classes and working up the ranks of SkillsUSA and CTE. Currently Technical Education offers woodshop (which Alec adores) and provides an array of classes that will tap into the potential of young students, if given the chance. From discovering his passion in woodworking to being qualified as a National Merit Semifinalist, Alec has truly found solace in his skill set. Yet Alec's skills expand into the athletic realm, playing baseball for the high school team. Manning third base, "the coolest position" claims Alec, and primarily a pitcher, makes himself an essential asset to the team. Having won two blue ribbons at the California State Fair, Alec's exquisite lumber creations all deserve pedestals, something he is more than capable of creating. Alec's interest and passion in his skill has worthily earned him scholarship possibilities, which is close to being paid for the passion

exuded in his work. On a personal level his personality makes failure not an option and his acceptance even harder to obtain. In class his intelligence astounds his fellow peers, and from a student perspective, seems to make the teachers jobs a tad bit more challenging. In Alec's journey through life he has more than accomplished the minimum and continues to exceed expectations by succeeding in the unexpected and providing an example for his peers.



Photos by Sean Kelley



SkillsUSA at SPHS

Article By Katie Markese

Another year of SkillsUSA has begun at SPHS and the progress is underway. This year over seventy students enrolled in the program, which is twice the amount of members from last year, including returning members and new students looking to take part in the diverse program. This year SPEF was very generous and donated fifteen hundred dollars towards the expensive uniforms, that the Skills members need in order to compete. The wonderful donation allowed Skills members to focus all their efforts on their specialties and competitions, instead of having to raise all the money on their own. So far this year, the students have formed committees for different jobs needed in the chapter, such as, Professional Development, Championships, Ways and Means, Public relations, Employment and Social Events. All these committees elected a chair and are busily working on there tasks. Professional Development is in the process of finding professionals in specific fields to come and talk to the chapter about the industry. The Championships committee has been very busy helping all the Skills members make resumes for their competition. They have also organized and assigned uniforms to all the members who are competing. The Ways and Means committee is in charge of

fundraising and they have come up with many great ideas to raise money, which will soon be put in action. The Public Relations committee is working on ways to advertise what SkillsUSA is to the community and to other students around campus. The Employment committee has been working on finding opportunities and ways for the members to gain professional experience in the field. The Social committee is in charge of hosting small parties and events for the members. They started of the year with a fun Christmas party in December for all the members, new and returning, to get to know each other. Skills meets every Thursday during lunchtime where all members come, enjoy provided refreshments and share ideas and suggestions for their committee. All these meetings are in preparation for the upcoming competitions, the first of which are in January, on the 24th and the 31st. Following the January competitions the students who place first, second, or third will then advance to the State completion in April on the 9th through 12th and the ones who advance from there will go to nationals on June 22 through the 27. Last year many of the extremely talented Skills members advanced to state and nationals. This year is off to a great start, with so much young talent and ambition this years' Skills chapter is going to go far.

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2014 California State Fair Awards

PLACE	NAME	DIVISION
1st Place	Flona Li	Digital Print
1st Place	Katherine Shinno	Print making
2nd Place	Joe Espinosa	Furniture Construction
2nd Place	Stephanie Kuizon	Digital Print
3rd Place	Romeal Strong	Altered Photography
3rd Place	Talia Wun-young	Digital Print
Honorable Mention	Amanda Espinosa	Animated Video
Honorable Mention	Nick Santos	Action Video
Honorable Mention	Romeal Strong	Altered Photo
Honorable Mention	Shinichi Homma	Digital Print

California State Fair Results 2014

PLACE	NAME	DIVISION
1st Place	Malcolm Jones	Best of Show Photography
1st Place	Celia Zeiger	Darkroom Developed Photography
1st Place	Danting (Fiona) Li	Digital Print Design
1st Place	Django Schermerhorn	Wood Group Project
1st Place	Hanna Crowley	Event Photojournalism
1st Place	Jared Smith	Wood Project
1st Place	Katherine Shinno	Print Making
1st Place	Malcolm Jones	Altered Photography
1st Place	Django Schermerhorn	Outstanding Group Project
1st Place	Tatiana Karme-Scalisi	Outstanding Award Photography
1st Place	Tatiana Karme-Scalisi	Studio Photography
2nd Place	Bella Sullivan	Darkroom Developed Photography
2nd Place	Bella Sullivan	Studio Photography
2nd Place	Celia Zeiger	Event Photojournalism
2nd Place	Joe Espinosa	Furniture Construction Over \$150
2nd Place	Joong Min Cho	Altered Photography
2nd Place	Matt Postrel	Furniture Construction Over \$150
2nd Place	Stephanie Kuizon	Digital Print Design
2nd Place	Bella Sullivan	Darkroom Developed Photography
3rd Place	Hanna Crowley	Event Photojournalism
3rd Place	Joong Min Cho	Studio Photography
3rd Place	Matt Postrel	Wood Project
3rd Place	Romeal Strong	Altered Photography
3rd Place	Talia Wun-Young	Digital Print Design
Honorable Mention	Amanda Espinosa	Animated Video
Honorable Mention	Andrew Sessions	Nature & Outdoor Photography
Honorable Mention	Celia Zeiger	Nature & Outdoor Photography
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Honorable Mention	Clayton Kabealo	Event Photojournalism
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Honorable Mention	Clayton Kabealo	Studio Photography
Honorable Mention	Django Schermerhorn	CAD 2D Pictorials
Honorable Mention	Django Schermerhorn	Mechanical Drafting Group Project
Honorable Mention	Django Schermerhorn	Wood Project
Honorable Mention	Emma Bross	CAD 3D Renderings & Pictorials
Honorable Mention	Fiona Bock	Studio Photography
Honorable Mention	Hanna Crowley	Event Photojournalism
Honorable Mention	Katie Markese	Studio Photography
Honorable Mention	Katie Rodriguez	Studio Photography
Honorable Mention	Leah Schexnayder	Studio Photography
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Honorable Mention	Maia Thomas	Event Photojournalism
Honorable Mention	Maia Thomas	Nature & Outdoor Photography
Honorable Mention	Maia Thomas	Studio Photography
Honorable Mention	Maia Thomas	Studio Photography
Honorable Mention	Malcolm Jones	Studio Photography
Honorable Mention	Mira Pusateri	Studio Photography
Honorable Mention	Nicholas Santos	Live Action Video
Honorable Mention	Nicolas Ortiz	Nature & Outdoor Photography
Honorable Mention	Piaget Moranon	Nature & Outdoor Photography
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Honorable Mention	Romeal Strong	Altered Photography
Honorable Mention	Sean Kelly	Nature & Outdoor Photography
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Honorable Mention	Shinichi Homma	Digital Print Design
Honorable Mention	Sonny An	Studio Photography
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SkillsUSA Regional Competition 2015

The following students qualify for advancement to the state competition in April

Gold Medal	Action Skills	Sean Kelley
Gold Medal	Cabinetry	Alex English
Gold Medal	Career Pathways Showcase	Brandon Zhu
Gold Medal	Career Pathways Showcase	Jae Jin Lee
Gold Medal	Career Pathways Showcase	Young Song
Gold Medal	Chapter Display	Jennifer Zhang
Gold Medal	Chapter Display	Lina Maeng
Gold Medal	Chapter Display	Rachel Kim
Gold Medal	Community Service	Faith Kawakami
Gold Medal	Community Service	Victoria Venardi
Gold Medal	Community Service	Santiago Tolentino Pacheco
Gold Medal	Entrepreneurship	Noelle Cho
Gold Medal	Entrepreneurship	Chris Chen
Gold Medal	Entrepreneurship	Animesh Mangu
Gold Medal	Entrepreneurship	Jake McCurdy
Gold Medal	Job Demo	Santiago Tolentino Pacheco
Gold Medal	Woodworking	Matt Postrel
Silver Medal	3D Animation and Visualization	Anna Jung
Silver Medal	3D Animation and Visualization	Jennifer Srichandr
Silver Medal	Action Skills	Louis Camarillo
Silver Medal	Cabinetry	Django Schermerhorn
Silver Medal	Computer Programming	Damian Ugalde
Silver Medal	Outstanding Chapter	Sydney Michel
Silver Medal	Outstanding Chapter	Katie Markese
Silver Medal	Photography	Hannah Crowley
Silver Medal	Promotional Bulletin Board	Eugene Song
Silver Medal	Promotional Bulletin Board	Jesse Chen
Silver Medal	Promotional Bulletin Board	Elaine Wang
Silver Medal	Screen Printing	Nicole Nugroho
Silver Medal	Technical Computer Applications	Taleen Mitchell
Silver Medal	Woodworking	Maximum Wilder-Smith

The following finalists also qualified to advance to state

Firefighting-JC Limon

Promotional Bulletin Board-Natalie Urbina

Quiz Bowl- Jeanne Kim, Daniel Pazmino, Jared Smith, Cate Latting, Omni Lott, Amanda Chen

Screen Printing-Kevin Sohn and Tyller Garcia