



# TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION

## News & Views

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

**Cheryl Lickliger**  
T & I President



*The dream begins with a teacher who believes in you, who tugs and pushes and leads you to the next plateau, sometimes poking you with a sharp stick called "truth."*

~Dan Rather

**G**reetings fellow trade and industrial division educators! I hope that each of you is having a wonderful school year. As I put pen to paper to create this first article it is nearing the end of the first semester. I've had a wonderful year, but I have to admit that there are days that I feel that I am just barely able to tread water and keep up with the inexhaustible flood of responsibilities and commitments. I know that most of you are feeling the same way. However, let me encourage you to never lose sight of the students we serve. It is easy to get so

bogged down in the "business of education" that is very easy to get distracted from our primary purpose as instructors. Don't let your commitments whether professional or personal; deter your mission as a Career and Technology educator instructor. The lives you touch today will be the leaders of tomorrow.

Take time to listen to your students. Let them know that you care. The teachers I remember are the ones who genuinely cared about their young charges. They did a great deal more than just impart knowledge, skills or facts. The teachers who had the biggest impact on my life were the ones who showed me that they cared and were great role models. They inspired me to dream and reach for the stars. They motivated me to step outside my comfort zone and become more than I ever thought I could. Are you inspiring your students? Are you making a difference in their lives?

Our student organization SkillsUSA is a wonderful vehicle for inspiring students. I can't

tell you how many of my past students have testimonials about how SkillsUSA made a huge difference in their lives. Every Trade & Industrial division instructor also serves in the role of student organization advisor. Embrace the organization, get your students involved and empower them to lead. Then step back and be there to encourage and advise them along the way.

SkillsUSA is a fun way for students to learn how to solve problems, work in teams, negotiate, come to a consensus and interact with business and industry. There are also a multitude of opportunities for them to compete and assume leadership roles on the local, district, state and national level. Did you know that we have two national officers from Oklahoma this year?

I challenge you to get involved and make a difference today!

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# T & I Award Winners



## T & I Teacher of the Year

Jerry Bogle, Gordon Cooper Tech Center



## Outstanding Teacher in Community Service

Zena Amer, Moore Norman Tech Center



## T & I New Professional

Mark Pierce



## T & I Golden Fork Award

Larry Killebrew - Mid America Tech. Center



## T & I Golden Fork Award

Steve Ketchum - Pioneer Tech. Center



## Region IV Teacher of the Year

Ed Melott - Metro Technology Center

## Not Pictured

T & I Golden Fork Award - Terry Taylor - Canadian Valley El Reno

T & I Outstanding New Teacher - J.R. Wythe - Francis Tuttle Tech. Center



# Oklahoma Successful at SkillsUSA Nationals

By Randy Henderson  
 Kansas City – With more than 5,000 students competing at various contests at the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference Oklahoma was very successful and represented well.

Oklahoma had 30 medalists, 6 Gold, 8 Silver, and 16 Bronze. Having this many medalists at such a level confirms those teachers are preparing their students for their career at an extremely high level.

Josh Brooks won gold in the Computer Maintenance Technology. Josh Brooks attended Mid-Del Technology Center. Richard Caldwell at Mid-Del Technology Center said "Josh first came to MDTC as a junior from Midwest City HS, 3 years ago. He was in my A+/Net+ class and was one of my best students. He competed in the district contest for Computer Maintenance Technology (CMT) as a junior.

His senior year, he was selected for an internship program, working for the Mid-Del Schools IT Department. His instructor for that year was

Johnny Clark. He proved to be a very quick learner and got



## Oklahoma State Officer Team 2007-2008

outstanding reviews for his professional attitude. That year, he again competed in the district CMT contest and won first place. He also won first place at the state contest and went to Nationals in Kansas City, where he placed 16th out of 45 contestants in the Secondary division.

Last year, he was granted a "13th Year" scholarship to attend MDTC as an adult. He was enrolled in Mr. Clark's cable installation class and also continued as an intern for Mid-Del Schools. As a post-secondary student, he again won the state championship in the CMT event. I was privileged to accompany him to Kansas City and to be present when he competed and when he won the National Gold Medal in Computer Maintenance Technology for Post Secondary students. It's hard to describe the feeling of pride that went through me, as I sat in a packed Kemper Arena and heard his name called and watched him mount the podium to receive his medal. It was the biggest thrill I have ever had in my 30 year career in the IT field and my 7 years as a Career Tech. Instructor.

Josh is now employed full-time as a Network Engineer for United Systems in OKC (a SkillsUSA supporter). He plans to attend Rose State College and take the Cyber Security classes, as time permits."

The T&I Association would like to congratulate all the participants at the national conference.

# Ford/AAA Student National Contest

## *Ford/AAA Student Auto Skills National Contest – June 2007*

Aspiring auto technicians Jesse Cobb and Allen Johnson, both attend Mid-America Technology Center in Wayne, were among the fastest to diagnose and repair a deliberately bugged Ford Fusion in a recent national competition.

The pair took seventh place in the Ford/

AAA Student Auto Skills national finals at Ford World Headquarters in Dearborn, Mich.

Cobb and Johnson were coached by instructor Randy Henderson. "I am very proud of these two. To be eligible they won the state finals that were held in April at Oklahoma State

University-Okmulgee." This is the first time I have ever had 2 juniors win this contest."



As part of an effort to encourage students to pursue automotive careers, Ford and AAA handed out more than \$6 million in prizes to competition participants. Both Cobb and Johnson got a scholarship to OSU-Okmulgee's Assesst Program.

The best of the best "Jesse

and Christopher have proven they are among the very best of the best high school automotive technicians in the United States," said Chuck Mai, spokesman for AAA Oklahoma, the local sponsor along with Ford.

"It's essential to the motoring public that the automotive industry attract such driven and dedicated young

men and women to keep America's vehicles operating safely and trouble-free."

Teams finishing second through 10th won scholarships valued from \$400 to \$2,000 from Ford Motor Co. and AAA in addition to the scholarship and prizes they won at the state competition.

## Contact us...

Share your good news. If you have a story about you, your program, or your students that you would like to share with other Oklahoma trade and industrial educators please contact us. We would love to help you spread the good word.

Contact the editor of the Trade and Industrial Education News & Views, Cheryl Licklider at 580-242-2750 or e-mail her at [clicklider@autrytech.com](mailto:clicklider@autrytech.com). Feel free to include photos. Often a photo is worth a thousand words. We look forward to hearing from you.



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# 2008 T&I Leadership Academy

FRIDAY  
**January 25**  
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.



***Oklahoma Department of CareerTech***  
*Tuttle Seminar Center*  
*Stillwater, Oklahoma*

## Join Our Team!

**P**lease consider joining the Trade and Industrial Division officer team. We are looking for some enthusiastic individuals willing to step up to the plate and lead our division throughout the upcoming school year. This is your

chance to make a positive difference in CareerTech education.

If you are interested encourage your administration to send you to the T & I Leadership Academy in January. The seminar will be both fun and

informative. You will learn more about OkACTE, Career Tech, Legislation and the T & I Division.

You will have an opportunity to submit nominations for office online during the Spring. Watch the website and join us!