

# Connections

Newsletter For Columbia Area Career Center Parents and Friends

Summer 2010

## 2009 – 2010 Outstanding Students

At the end of the school year, teachers nominate their best students in each program as an Outstanding Student Finalist. The students nominated must write an essay describing how the program/class will help them reach their career goals and submit a resume.

Personnel from the University of Missouri Administrative Services Division interview these finalists. The interviewers rate the students on their interview, resume and essay. Out of all the nominees, one student is chosen as the Outstanding Student in that program area. At the Student Recognition Ceremony held May 13 on the MU campus, these Outstanding Students were recognized. Congratulations to the winners!



A+ IT Essentials.....Bradley Chandler  
Advanced Animal Science.....Leigh Rettenmaier  
Advanced Broadcast Journalism.....Benjamin Ryo Ogawa  
Advanced Computer Aided Design.....Robert M. Hon  
Advanced Computer Programming.....Reshma Khanna  
Advanced Culinary Arts.....Sarah Brodhead  
Advanced Electronics.....Kaylie Vogt  
Advanced Laboratory Technology.....Xiangyu Zhao  
Advanced Marketing.....Alison Moore  
Advanced Teaching Professions.....Theresa Reinkemeyer  
Advanced Welding and Project Fabrication.....Brandon Gerardy  
Animal and Veterinary Science.....Tory Chasteen  
Automotive Technology.....Troy James Smith  
Broadcast Journalism.....Meghan Mueller  
Business Management and Ownership.....Noble D. Carpenter  
C++ Computer Programming.....Matthew England  
Certified Welding 1.....John Dalton Krueger  
Certified Welding 2.....Jacob Newell  
Civil Engineering and Architecture.....Charlie Henderson  
Commercial and Residential Wiring.....Brent Huckaby  
Commercial and Residential Wiring (Adult).....Corey Lee Sooter  
Computer Aided Design.....Sian Elyse Tweeddale  
Construction Technology.....Kody Henneke  
Cooperative Occupational Education.....Samantha Richardson

Culinary Arts.....Julia Matera  
Digital Media.....Russley Shaw  
Digital Video and Motion Graphics.....Trevor Lee Muzzy  
Electronics 1 and Electronic Essentials.....Bradley Sherman  
Floral and Plant Design.....Wei Wu  
Geospatial Technology.....Timothy Robertson  
Graphic Design and Desktop Publishing.....Sara Sabulsky  
Greenhouse Production.....Rachael Shaw  
Introduction to Professions in Healthcare – Honors.....Erin E. Foster  
Introduction to the Construction Industry.....Ryan Edington  
Introduction to Professions in Healthcare.....A. Delayne Hart  
Laboratory Exploration.....Azeem A. Khan  
Landscape Design.....Brady Chasteen  
Laser Technology.....Andrew Pestle  
Marketing.....Morgan Scott  
Networking Exploration.....Sean D. A. Despina  
Photonics.....Marlos Hickam  
Professions in Healthcare.....Madelyn Tegerdine  
Professions in Healthcare – Honors.....Morgan White  
Small Gas Engines.....Mike Musket  
Teaching Professions.....Kelsey Whittet  
Web Design and Interactive Media.....Tianna Mone't Ellis  
Welding Technology and Agriculture Mechanics.....Stephen Harris  
Wildlife Conservation and Forestry.....Kody Henneke

## DECA National Qualifiers

### INDIVIDUAL SERIES

**Ashlie Anderson** – Accounting Applications  
**Alicia Wagner** – Marketing Management  
**Brian Smarr** – Retail Merchandising  
**Michael Richardson** – Leadership Delegate

### TEAM MANAGEMENT EVENTS

**Maggie Pace & Drew Gieseke** – Buying & Merchandising  
**Sara Sabulsky & Adam Kidwell** – Financial Analysis  
**Gavin Hart & Jordan Versleus** – Financial Analysis

## FBLA National Qualifiers

**Banking and Financial Systems Team:**  
**Gavin Hart**  
**Ashlie Anderson-Rice**  
**Jorie Neech**

## Broadcast Journalism

Missouri Scholastic Press Association  
Superior Award for CPS360 News Show

## HOSA National Qualifiers

Certificate of Achievement Biotechnology:  
**Nikhilesh Sharma** – Gold  
**Michael Pisano** – Silver  
**Azeem Khan** – Bronze

## Skills USA National Qualifiers

**Commercial Baking:** Meghan Hardman  
**Culinary Arts:** Rachel Koppelman  
**Electronics Technology:** Travis Salvo



Professions in Healthcare Certified Nursing Assistant Class of 2010 – Pinning Ceremony

## Breaking Traditions



2010 Breaking Traditions State Daphna Jones Spirit Award Winner: **Kate Hodges**

The Daphna Jones Spirit Award is presented by the Missouri Center for Career Education to an individual who exemplifies the unbreakable spirit of Daphna Jones, someone who has overcome undue hardships, braved harsh obstacles, stood courageously against troubles,

and has had the tenacity to surpass all the odds. William Irvin, CACC Certified Welding instructor nominated Kate for this award. Kate completed the two-year welding program and will attend Tulas welding school in the fall.

## More Awards:

### Tommy Hutchinson Memorial Scholarship:

**Sean Despins** – Network Administration  
**Taylor Steele** – Accelerated C++ Programming and A+ IT Essentials

### Arden Boyer-Stephens Scholarship, presented by Columbia Missouri National Education Association:

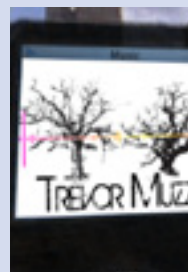
**Heather Eaton** – Graphic Design & Desktop Publishing

### Jill Berni Memorial Scholarship:

**Rachel Koppelman** - Culinary Arts

### Digital Media Awards

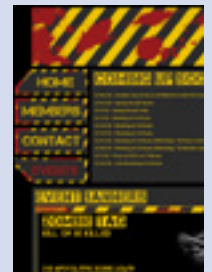
**Daniel Por** ..... Best of Show – Graphic Design  
**Bryan Tweeddale** ..... Best of Show – Web Design  
**Trevor Muzzy** ..... Best of Show – Video Editing



Trevor's Video



Daniel's Book Cover



Bryan's Book Cover

# Columbia FFA Has Record Contest Year

Columbia's FFA Horse Evaluation Team dominated the competition at the Missouri State FFA Contest. The team consists of **Sadie Barnes, Leigh Rettenmaier, Natalie Sauble, and Jennifer Walls**. Sadie and Leigh, are a junior and senior from Rock Bridge, and Natalie and Jenny, are a senior and junior from Hickman. Leigh took high individual at the competition with Jenny coming in eighth. Natalie and Sadie placed 40th and 47th. Kevin Duncan coaches the Horse Evaluation team.



The Meat Evaluation team also placed first at the Missouri State FFA Contest. The team is comprised of **Cooper Martin**, a junior at Hickman High School, **Andrew Perry**, a senior at Hickman, **Brandon Barnes**, a senior at Rock Bridge High

School, and **Brianne Abramovitz**, a senior at Columbia Independent School. Martin placed first, Barnes placed second, and Perry placed third, Abramovitz placed seventh. Kevin Duncan coaches the Meat Evaluation team.

Columbia's FFA Forestry Team placed first at the Missouri State FFA Contest with **Noble Carpenter**, a senior at Hickman High School, receiving high individual and **John Marshall**, a junior at Rock Bridge high school, coming in second. **Courtney Johnson** and **Brandon Gerardy**, Rock Bridge juniors, placed sixth and ninth. Larry Henneke coaches the Forestry team.



Columbia's FFA Poultry Team placed first at the Missouri's State FFA Contest. **Benjamin Carpenter**, a Hickman sophomore, was high individual and **Nicholas Sun**, a Rock Bridge sophomore, placed second. **Tory Chasteen**, also a Rock Bridge sophomore came in 11th. Kevin Duncan coaches the Poultry team.

Columbia's FFA Nursery and Landscaping placed first at the Missouri FFA State Contest. High individual went to **Logan Forsythe**, a Hickman senior. **Andrew Pestle**, a Rock Bridge senior, placed third and Hickman junior **Kris Rankin** came in fourth. **Matthew Terry**, also a Hickman senior, placed 14th. Larry Henneke coaches the Nursery and Landscaping team.

Columbia's FFA Agricultural Mechanics Team placed second at the Missouri State FFA Contest. **Brady Chasteen**, a senior at Rock Bridge, came in sixth. **Nick Sublett**, a Rock Bridge junior placed 15th at the competition, and **Kody Henneke**, Rock Bridge senior, came in 20th. Larry Henneke coaches the Mechanics team.

The Columbia FFA Environmental and Natural Resources Team was faced with a lot of tough competition, but managed to pull off a first place win in the FFA portion of the contest. Rock Bridge seniors, **Russ Chambers, Brady Chasteen, and Kody Henneke**, and Hickman senior **Kirsten Stephenson** and Hickman sophomore Rachel Shaw, made up the first place team. Larry Henneke coaches the Environmental and Natural Resources team.

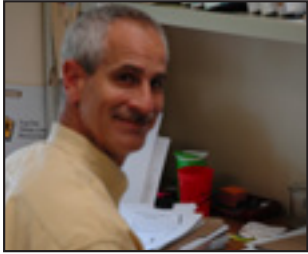


The Dairy Cattle Team for Columbia's FFA placed sixth at the Missouri State FFA Competition. **Zak Shern**, a senior at Hickman came in sixth, **Ashton Rhine, Bryanna Gates, and Jenahly Felten**, sophomores at Hickman, placed 27th, 39th, and 98th respectively. Chuck Miller coaches the Dairy Cattle team.

**Kody Henneke** won the State FFA Sheep Proficiency Award. **Cooper Martin** won the State FFA Speciality Animal Proficiency Award.

# CACC Retirees

## Thanks, David!



David Heath began his 30 year teaching career at Hickman High School in 1980. During his first 14 years, he taught business, coached boys' tennis, served as interim girls' tennis coach and interim boys' J.V. basketball coach. Over those 14 years, he taught several business courses: Typewriting, Basic Business

Skills, Accounting 1& 2, Independent Accounting 3 and Financial Management.

In 1995 he began serving as the Business Education Coordinator and taught half time as the Columbia Area career center. Under his guidance, the Business Education Department began receiving received enhancement grant funding each year. These grants helped expand computer instruction at the career center.

In 2005, David was hired as the Practical Arts Coordinator for the Columbia Public Schools covering grades 6-12. In this role he helped Family and Consumer Science teachers and Industrial Technology teachers through program evaluation, writing of curriculum and its implementation.

Looking back on the past 30 years, David states, "The relationships that I have been able to build with students and colleagues will be cherished the rest of my life. One of my greatest strengths over these years has been working with other teachers in various areas to improve the education that students receive. The opportunities I have been given to teach and lead others have allowed me to grow as not only an educator, but as an individual."

## Thanks, Vicki!

Vicki Phillippe started with Columbia Public Schools in August 1984 and retired April 1, 2010. She worked at Jefferson Jr. High School for 10 years, the Administration Building for 8 years and the Columbia Area Career Center for 8 years. Along with being a secretary in the school district, Vicki also taught four adult education classes and presented for different organizations and businesses in Columbia.



Vicki was active in her local, state, and National associations: Columbia Association of Educational Office Professionals, Missouri Association of Educational Office Professionals, and the National Association of Educational Office Professionals. She served as President of the state association in 2000.

## Thanks, Maggie!

Maggie Jeffery began her teaching career in 1981 at the career center in the newly formed Computer Programming program. In 1985, she transferred to Rock Bridge High School, where she developed a new Introductory Computer course. The program grew and she then developed a Career Internship program. Her teaching assignments rotated back and forth from CACC to RBHS as programs and curriculum changed. In all, Maggie has taught six different programming languages from introductory courses to college-level. Although she has worn many hats over the years, the most rewarding assignment was working with the School-to-Career program because she got to see students transition to internships in their chosen fields. These were great out-of-building learning experiences, created by a partnership between the community and the schools.



## Thanks, Bob!



Bob Jewett, Construction Technology instructor, is retiring after teaching for 25 years. During his tenure, his students built over 31 homes. The last 21 were built in central Columbia, through an arrangement with the Columbia Community Development Corporation that encourages home ownership in this area. In June, 2004, the Construction Technology program was recognized with a Boone County Smart Growth Coalition award, which noted: "This project helps preserve and revitalize urban areas by providing affordable low-cost housing." The Construction Technology homes are quality built and energy efficient, and have been recognized with EPA Energy Star ratings.

Today, graduates from the program are found working in a range of careers including; commercial/residential general contractor, electrician, and electrical contractors, plumber, cabinet maker, HVAC technician, trim carpenter, framing carpenter, Corps of Engineers inspector, painter, concrete contractor and more. Greg Grupe, assistant principal at Hickman High School states, "Bob Jewett helps young men and women learn about basic carpentry and building trade skills while also teaching about what it takes to be a successful, honest, dependable person. I have seen him help young people learn skills which will help them when they interact with others professionally and in their personal lives."

## **Dr. Arden Boyer-Stephens, Director, Retires**

Dr. Arden Boyer-Stephens will retire from the Columbia Public Schools on June 30, 2010. Dr. Stephens began her career with the Columbia Area Career Center in 1980 as a Vocational Evaluator and also served as a Vocational Resource Educator, Assistant Director and has been the Director for the past six years. Prior to coming to the Career Center she was an Adjunct Professor at MU in the Educational and Counseling Psychology department. She also served as the Director of Missouri LINC at MU.

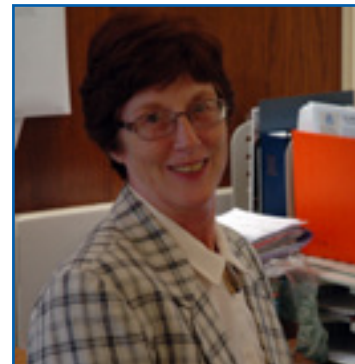
Dr. Stephens has always focused on students and the programs and facilities they needed to help them acquire skills and academic knowledge to equip them for post-secondary opportunities. Stephens points out, "Teaching to the future will ensure that our graduates have the necessary skills required in tomorrow's business/technical world."

When staff members were asked about Dr. Stephens these are the statements they used to describe her leadership:

- She is very approachable but direct.
- She cares about the welfare of students and teachers alike.
- She is a true advocate for the Career Center.
- She is a true leader.
- The Career Center was lucky to have someone of her caliber at the helm.

Besides her role as Director of the career center, Dr. Stephens is a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother.

She and her husband, Rodney, have two children. Her daughter, Lisa, and son Matt, both followed their mother's lead when it came to career choices. Lisa is a junior high counselor and Matt is an assistant principal. Dr. Stephens also has six grandchildren, who are the love of her life. Matt says this about his mother, "My mom is an extremely driven woman who always gives 100% to whatever it is that she is doing. But even though she has been very busy with her career, she has always taken time to be the best mom to me. She has always been there for me and always given me great advice. My mom is the strongest person I know and has shown me the right way to do things throughout my life. I love her very much and hope she enjoys her retirement."



And that is what we all wish for Dr. Stephens.....time to RELAX, travel, read, garden, lay in her hammock, refinish furniture, go to ball games and dance recitals, grandbaby sit and sleep in until 5 AM!

Thank you, Arden, for all you have done for the Career Center, our staff and our students! You WILL be missed!

## **Welcome Linda Rawlings, New Director**

Linda Rawlings, Assistant Director of Columbia Area Career Center, will become Director starting in the 2010-2011 school year. But don't let that fool you! Linda brings a wealth of experience to this new position. She received a Bachelor of Journalism from MU and a Master's degree in Practical Arts and Vocational Technical Education at MU. Linda came to the career center in 1995 where she taught Business Technology, Computerized Medical Applications, Computer Applications and Electronic



Publishing. Outside the classroom, Linda worked to develop a system to collect data for the career center and served as a teacher support and data coordinator for two years.

Linda is married to Dennis, who is a self-employed electrical contractor. They have two children. Their daughter Elizabeth graduated from Rock Bridge high school and now teaches Marketing at Rock Bridge High School for the career center. James graduated from Hickman High School works for a local real estate developer.



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## Check Out Our Summer Youth Camps!

### Calendar

June 22 - 26.... SkillsUSA National Conference  
June 14 - July 16..... Summer School  
July 14 - 17 .....FBLA National Conference  
August 19.....Opening Day of School  
2010-2011



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