

Friday Flash. . .

The Best of the Week in SkillsUSA Georgia 10.14.11

→ **Debbie Peabody named ACTE Region II Advisor of the Year**

Congratulations to Mr. Stephen Potts of Jordan High School in Muscogee County, Dr. Sarah Heath formerly of Georgia DOE, Ms. Rachel McClain of Lanier Charter Career Academy in Hall County, and Ms. Debbie Peabody of Union Grove High School in Henry County for representing GACTE at the ACTE Region II Conference in Asheville. Steve was the 2010 GACTE Outstanding Teacher in Community Service, Sarah was the 2010 GACTE Outstanding Career & Technical Educator, Rachel was the 2010 GACTE Outstanding New Career & Technical Teacher, and Debbie was the 2010 GACTE Teacher of the Year. *Debbie was selected as the overall winner in the Teacher of the Year category for Region II and will now advance to the awards program at the ACTE Convention in St. Louis next month.* Congratulations to Steve, Sarah, Rachel, and Debbie for being recognized!

→ **Meet Whiz Kid: Maxim Earl Waterhouse**

SkillsUSA Georgia Region 3 Vice President Maxim Earl Waterhouse is highlighted in the Decatur Patch online newspaper at <http://decatur.patch.com/articles/meet-whiz-kid-maxim-earl-waterhouse> Make sure to read and share this inspiring article and you might just catch on to Max's positive outlook on life and people!

→ **SkillsUSA STORM Keeps Moving Through Region 3**

Hiram High School hosted a Region 3 STORM this past week and had over 60 students from three schools attend. Attendees remarked how much they enjoyed the training and getting to know students from other nearby schools. For those of you who were unable to attend the STORM session at Hiram High School, there is an additional Region 3 STORM at Decatur High School on Tuesday, November 1 from 4:30-8:00pm. In order to plan, please Mark Jones by Thursday, October 20th to register your school. Cost is \$10.00 per student and advisor. Chick-Fil-A box dinners will be served.. Session will begin in the Media Center and then students will rotate through (4) workshops to learn about leadership skills. Certificates will be earned at the end of the evening. Please contact Mark Jones with any questions, just email (mjones@csdecatur.net) or call (404.644.4032).

→ **Dawson County High School SkillsUSA participates in Community Service**

Dawson County High School SkillsUSA reports that they had a great time at the Champions Rally! SkillsUSA Advisor, Eric Dicus reports that they are preparing for a fundraiser and toy collection that the members are conducting to benefit the children at Northside Hospital-Forsyth. They are planning to take a delegation of students and deliver the toys to the children on Halloween. Their fundraiser (oil changes and car washes) will also benefit children in the Dawson County area that are in need of toys for the holidays.

→ **CBS Evening News features CTE and Skilled Workers**

The CBS Evening News story on CTE featured Air Products and John McGlade, who is our SkillsUSA CEO Champion of the Year. The three-minute segment does a great job of highlighting the role of CTE in preparing a skilled workforce. Among the points made: CTE leads to well-paid careers; it's needed by employers; it involves academic rigor and results in postsecondary credentials. And, there are references to cutbacks in federal funding.

Here's the link <http://www.cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=7384501n&tag=contentMain:contentBody>

→ **Weekly Lesson Plans/Activities**

Looking for ways to get your students connected and integrate activities into your classroom or chapter meeting! We have what you need – each week a new Weekly Lesson Plan/Activity will be included in the Friday Flash!

Week 10 – Completing a Job Application

<http://skillsusageorgia.org/teachers-lessons.htm>

→ **Winning Solutions!** Need to exhibit the value of your program to your administrators or during a parent meeting. Have them tune in to one of the most well-known and trusted news sources, CBS – Features CTE and Skilled Workers - <http://www.cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=7384501n&tag=contentMain;contentBody>

→ **Champions Membership Circle – NEW Membership Year!**

OVER 10,000 members in 2011-2012!

* Exceeded membership from previous year.

Bold text indicates new entry for the week or an increase in membership over the last report.

Bronze Medal Membership (20-59members):

Albany High School (Dougherty Co. / Region 7) – 34*

Arabia Mountain High School (DeKalb Co. / Region 3) - 25

Berrien High School (Berrien Co. / Region 8) – 28*

Cedartown High School (Polk Co. / Region 1) – 40

Cross Keys High School (DeKalb Co. / Region 3) - 35

Dekalb High School of Technology South (DeKalb Co. / Region 3) - 37

Evans High School (Columbia Co. / Region 6) – 56*

Grovetown High School (Columbia Co. / Region 6) – 39

Harris County High School (Harris Co. / Region 4) - 52

Heard County High School (Heard Co. / Region 4) – 27

Henry County High School (Henry Co. / Region 5) – 20

Jackson County Comprehensive High School (Jackson Co. / Region 2) - 21

Jonesboro High School (Clayton Co. / Region 5) - 21

Kendrick High School (Muscogee Co. / Region 4) - 33

Miller Grove High School (DeKalb Co. / Region 3) – 21

Riverdale High School (Clayton Co. / Region 5) – 28*

Spalding County High School (Spalding Co. / Region 5) – 26

Stephens County High School (Stephens Co. / Region 2) – 22

Towers High School (DeKalb Co. / Region 3) - 23

Ware County High School (Ware Co. / Region 8) – 27

Westover High School (Dougherty Co. / Region 7) – 35*

Silver Medal Membership (60-79 members):

Forest Park High School (Clayton Co. / Region 5) - 64

Gold Medal Membership (80 plus):

Floyd County Schools College and Career Academy (Floyd Co. / Region 1) – 167*

Hiram High School (Paulding Co. / Region 3) – 242*

Maxwell High School of Technology (Gwinnett Co. / Region 3) – 112

Sandy Creek High School (Fayette Co. / Region 5) – 143*

Shaw High School (Muscogee Co. / Region 4) - 84

Technical Education Center of Carroll County (Carroll Co. / Region 3) - 205

Troup County High School (Troup Co. / Region 4) – 165

Worth County High School (Worth Co. / Region 7) – 86*

Something happen in your week - tell us about it and we will post in the Friday Flash – just email gsilvey@skillsusa.org

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