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'Demanding Excellence... Recognizing Achievements'

— Theme Of Third Annual Awards Program

Your achievements
are truly commendable'
— President George Bush

The Third Annual Texas Vocational Education Awards Program — which recognizes student excellence and exemplary business/education partnerships in the state's high schools and colleges — culminated with a February 9 banquet in Austin, attended by 180 people.

Hosted by the Texas Council on Vocational Education and Vocational-Technical Education Development Foundation of Texas, the banquet honored 6 winners and 18 finalists — selected from 115 nominations — in four award categories, said William E. Zinsmeyer, a San Antonio businessman who chairs T/COVE. Tonia Cooke — news anchor at KXAN-TV in Austin and graduate of a high school vocational program — served as Master of Ceremonies.

The awards categories were "Outstanding Student," "Outstanding Special Populations Student," "Business/Labor Involvement," and "Vocational Education Advisory Committee." The student awards featured separate secondary and postsecondary divisions. *Articles on the winners and finalists appear throughout the newsletter.*

State Board of Education Chairman Monte Hasie, Lubbock; Commissioner of Education W. N. Kirby, Austin; Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Vice Chairman Cip Guerra, San Antonio; National Council on Vocational Education Executive Director Joyce Winterton, Washington, D.C.; and T/COVE Awards Program Chairman Shirlene Cook, Beaumont, all brought congratulatory remarks to the awards recipients.

Winners and finalists received an award and a congratulatory letter from Governor William P. Clements. Each student winner also received a letter from President George Bush and a \$500 savings bond.

Last fall, school districts and colleges in Texas that offer vocational programs were invited to submit nominations, with the winners/finalists selected in December. Students were recognized for their academic and vocational achievements, involvement in school and community projects, and extracurricular activities. Business, labor, and advisory committees were recognized for exemplary partnerships with schools and promoting instructional excellence in effective and innovative ways.

Hanners, Henson Garner Top Secondary Vocational Education Student Awards

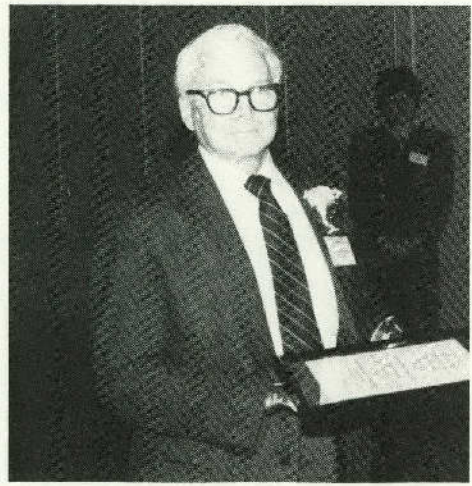
Jennifer Hanners, a senior Home Economics student at Dimmitt High School, and Mark Henson, a junior Vocational Adjustment Class student at Klein High School were the 1989-90 winners of the Texas Vocational Education Awards Program "Outstanding Student" and "Outstanding Special Populations Student" Awards, respectively, for secondary schools.

Hanners, a high school "Who's Who" and honor student "top ten" for each of the past four years, is president of her local chapter of the Future Homemakers of America and a regional vice president in that organization. A talented musician and singer, Jennifer — a former cheerleader — is vice president of her student body.

Henson, considered a "model student and citizen" by his teachers, has received training in a variety of disciplines including Agriculture Science and General Mechanical Trades in addition to a current on-the-job

training stint at Randall's Food Chain as a part of the special education VAC program. Mark plays on his school's football team and is active in the FFA.

Outstanding Student Finalists. Craig Owen, a Denton High School senior Agriculture Science student; Charles Yezak, a sen- (See SECONDARY AWARDS, page 2)



Postsecondary Finalist. Ted Robinson, who lost both his arms and legs to illness, was a finalist for the "Outstanding Postsecondary Special Populations Student" Award. See page 3 for an article on the postsecondary awards recipients.

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ior Business Word Processing student at Marlin High School; and Diana Nguyen, a Plano High School Health Occupations senior, were the finalists for the "Outstanding Student" Award, presented to a student enrolled in a regular vocational program.

Owen, who has an overall "A" average and serves as student body president, is a high school "Who's Who" and academic "top ten." Craig is District V FFA president.

Yezak, president of his local Business Professionals of America chapter, is an "A" student. He received "young scientist" awards in 1989 from the U.S. Army and Bausch and Lomb. He is also a member of the FFA.

Nguyen ranks in the top two percent of her class of over 1,200. Diana — who receives on-the-job training at the HCA Medical Center in Plano — won the "national title" in laboratory assistant competition at the 1989 Health Occupations Students of America Skills Contests. She has earned outstanding student honors in English, math, and history at Plano High School.

Special Populations Finalists.

Matthew Mamo, a senior at Oak Ridge High School in Conroe; Tonya Wiltz, a sophomore at West Brook High School in Beaumont; and Kenneth Wayne O'Neal, a Tyler High School

senior, were the finalists for the "Outstanding Special Populations Student" Award, presented to a handicapped, economically or educationally disadvantaged student.

Mamo, enrolled in a Coordinated Vocational Academic Education Building Maintenance program, is president of his local chapter of the Vocational Opportunities Career Clubs of Texas. He was instrumental in getting other school clubs — Art, Drama, FFA, and Math — involved in working with the United Way.

Wiltz, a Vocational Education for the Handicapped Food Production, Management and Services student at Beaumont ISD's Career Center, made the freshman "A-B" honor roll. Tonya has received awards in science and math and is treasurer of her local FHA chapter.

O'Neal, a CVAE Food Production, Management, and Services student is vice president of his local FHA/HERO chapter. Kenneth has won Gold Star awards in FHA at the national level.



Outstanding Students. Jennifer Hanners (l), a senior at Dimmitt High School was the winner of the 1989-90 "Outstanding Secondary Student" Award. Finalists for the award were (l-r) Charles Yezak, Jr., a senior at Marlin High School; Diana Nguyen, a senior at Plano High School; and Craig Owen, a senior at Denton High School. Photos by Austin Holiday.



Outstanding Special Populations Students. Mark Henson (second from right), a junior at Klein High School, was the recipient of the 1989-90 "Outstanding Secondary Special Populations Student" Award. Finalists were (l-r) Kenneth Wayne O'Neal, a Tyler High School senior; Tonya Wiltz, a junior at West Brook High School in Beaumont; and Matthew Mamo, a senior at Oak Ridge High School in Conroe.

Spring ISD, F.A.A. Win Top Committee, Business/Labor Awards

The Spring ISD Vocational Education Advisory Board and the Federal Aviation Administration won the 1989-90 "Vocational Education Advisory Committee" and "Business/Labor Involvement" Awards.

The Spring Advisory Board was recognized for its leadership in identifying labor market needs, securing training stations for students, sponsoring excellence awards, conducting evaluations, providing guest lecturers, and fostering "2+2" programs with an area community college.

The F.A.A. — San Antonio Branch — was cited for its high technology internships with the Judson and Edgewood School Districts.

Committee Finalists. Three finalists were recognized for the Advisory Committee Award.

The Austin ISD Office Education Committee was cited for lending its expertise and support to instruction, program evaluation, student guidance, and providing scholarships and student awards.

The Texarkana College Allied Health Committee was recognized for helping develop a strong nursing program, which in- (See COMMITTEE/ BUSINESS, page 4)

Kennemur, Lucero Head-up Postsecondary Awards Recipients

Cheryl Kay Kennemur, a sophomore Secretarial Science student at Howard College in Big Spring, and Antonio David Lucero, a sophomore Austin Community College Commercial Art student, were the winners of the 1989-90 "Outstanding Student" and "Outstanding Special Populations Student" Awards for the postsecondary division.

Kennemur — an "A" student and member of Phi Theta Kappa — is president of her Business Professionals of America chapter and won three business awards in national competition in 1989. Lucero — a Purple Heart recipient while serving in Vietnam — is a minister, accomplished brick mason, and artist who recognized a need to upgrade his education and skills.

Outstanding Student Finalists. Three finalists were selected for the Outstanding Student Award.

James DeFore — a sophomore Business Computer Programming student at El Centro College in Dallas — is an honor

student with a 3.9 GPA.

Janie McNair — a vice president with the Converse National Bank — is a straight "A" sophomore Management student at San Antonio College.

Dennis Terry Miller — a sophomore Electronics Technology student at Mountain View College in Dallas — is an honor student and publicity chairman of the Key Club.

Special Populations Finalists. The Special Populations Student Award — which recognizes a student who is handicapped, disadvantaged, a single parent, an adult in need of training, or a displaced homemaker — was presented to three finalists.

Ted Robinson — an "A" student majoring in Drafting and Computer Aided Design

at Eastfield College in Dallas — spent most of his life as a machinist and inspector until he lost both his arms and legs to illness.

Judith Hahn — a Word Processing Specialist sophomore at Central Texas College in Killeen — is a mother of four children who was in need of retraining for the modern work force. She is frequently called on to assist teachers and help other students.

Betsy Bird Eads — an Office Management sophomore at Central Texas College — maintains a high grade point average while dealing with many of life's obstacles, including raising a child with muscular dystrophy. She is active in raising funds for MD, in serving as a "soccer mom," and as a girl scout leader.

Awards Program Sponsors and Banquet Videotape

The Texas Vocational Education Awards Program was sponsored by the Vocational-Technical Education Development Foundation with funding provided by the following:

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The 1990 Awards Banquet — held February 9 in Austin — has been preserved on videotape. The opening audio/visual slide presentation introducing each award recipient and a collection of slides taken at the banquet have been transferred to videotape. To purchase a videotape, send a \$25.00 check payable to the Texas Vocational Education Awards Program to P. O. Box 1886, Austin, Texas, 78767.



Outstanding Students. Kay Kennemur (second from left), a sophomore at Howard College in Big Spring was the winner of the 1989-90 "Outstanding Postsecondary Student" Award. Finalists were (l-r) Dennis Terry Miller, a sophomore at Mountain View College in Dallas; Janie McNair, a San Antonio College sophomore; and James DeFore, a sophomore at El Centro College in Dallas.



Outstanding Special Populations Students. Antonio David Lucero (l), an Austin Community College Sophomore, was the winner of the "Outstanding Postsecondary Special Populations Student" Award. Finalists were Central Texas College sophomores Betsy Bird Eads and Judith Hahn.

'...our vocational programs are among the finest in the country' — Governor William P. Clements



Outstanding Advisory Committees. Brenda Berleth (r), Chairman of the Spring ISD Vocational Advisory Board accepted the winner's award on behalf of the Committee. Accepting finalist awards were (l-r) Carol Hodgson, Texarkana College Director of Nursing, on behalf of its Allied Health Committee; Marie Dalton, San Jacinto College Continuing Education Director, on behalf of its Steering Committee; and Jeannie Center, Chairman of the Austin ISD Office Education Advisory Committee.



Business/Labor Involvement Awards. Bill Czervinske, (r), Air Traffic Hub Manager in San Antonio, accepts the winner's award for the Federal Aviation Administration. Accepting finalist awards were (l-r) Bill McCauslin, an Account Executive for Apple Computer; Jim Skehan, Vice President with the Del Rio National Bank; and Will Mosely, Staffing and Affirmative Action Administrator for GTE-Mobile Communications in Houston.

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cluded assistance in funding a faculty position, part-time recruiter, and scholarships.

The San Jacinto College Continuing Education Steering Committee was honored for its help in moving continuing education from a small defensive driving oriented program to a focus on job training, upgrading skills, economic development, and small business assistance.

Business/Labor Finalists. Three final-

ists were selected for the Business/Labor Involvement Award.

GTE-Mobile Communications was recognized for its support of the Spring and Klein ISD Office Administration Cooperative Education programs.

Apple Computer was honored for donating state-of-the-art computer hardware to the El Paso ISD Technical Center's Business Computer Applications classrooms.

The Del Rio National Bank was cited for its longstanding support of the San Felipe Del Rio CISD Office Education programs—which extends back over 20 years.

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