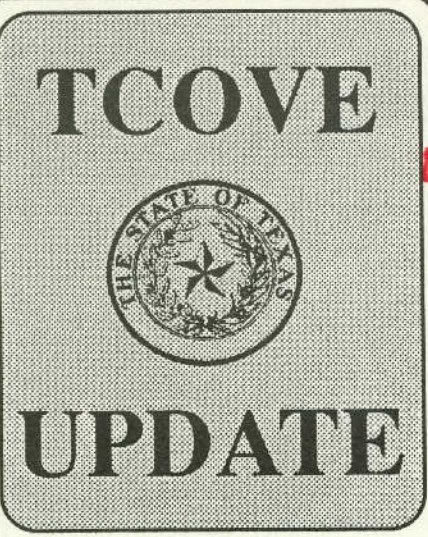


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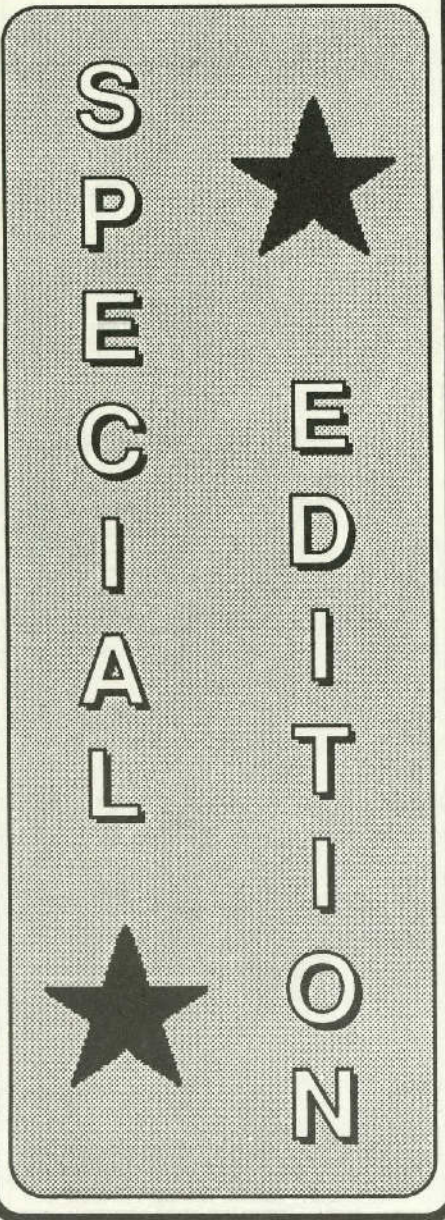
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FIRST ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET HONORS OUTSTANDING PARTICIPANTS IN VOC ED



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The Texas Council on Vocational Education recognized outstanding high school and community college vocational education students and exemplary business, industry, and labor involvement during an awards banquet held February 12 in Austin.

The ten winners and 24 finalists in the five award categories were enthusiastically received by the 140 supporters of vocational education in attendance.

The winners and finalists were presented certificates of award by Mrs. Maria Elena A. Flood, State Board of Education member from El Paso; and Mr. Sam Carroll, III, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board member from San Antonio.

In addition to the certificates of award, the winners were presented a personal letter of congratulations from Texas Governor William P. Clements. The student winners were also presented a personal letter of congratulations from George Bush, Vice President of the United States.

The awards program was initiated by the Texas Council on Vocational Education and sponsored by the Vocational-Technical Education Development Foundation.

The recipients were selected from over 130 nominations submitted by public school districts, community colleges, and technical institutes from throughout Texas.

Students were judged on performance in the classroom and/or on the job, leadership abilities, and involvement in school and community service projects. The Business/Labor and Advisory Committee nominees were judged on their assistance to schools in planning and evaluating programs, modernizing instruction and equipment, and in helping students with career guidance, training, and job placement.

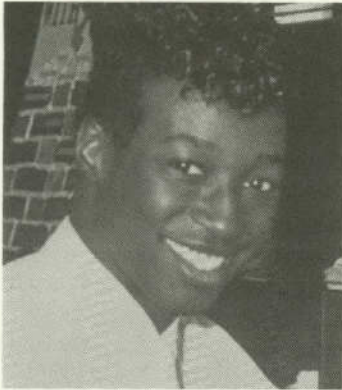
State Representative Robert Hunter of Abilene, former Chairman of the Council, served as Master of Ceremonies for the Awards Banquet held at the Radisson Plaza Hotel. Keynote remarks were delivered by Mrs. Flood, Mr. Carroll, and Mr. Fred McClure, Staff Vice President for Government Affairs, Texas Air Corporation, Washington, D.C. McClure, a former member of the Council, is a former state president of the Texas FFA. Prior to joining Texas Air Corporation, McClure served as a special assistant to President Ronald Reagan, chief legislative aide for former Senator John Tower, and an attorney in the Justice Department.

The Council and Foundation expressed their gratitude to the nominators, recipients, families, schools, and communities for their support, encouragement, and involvement in making vocational education a dynamic force in molding the future of Texas and for their involvement in making the inaugural awards program a tremendous success.

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1988 Student Award Winners

Outstanding Student in Vocational Education (Secondary)



Marcus Lovell Stevenson

Marcus is a Cooperative Education student at the High School for Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice in Houston. He receives on-the-job training as a Legal Assistant with "Attorney Services of Houston," a full service legal support company serving the attorneys of Harris County. Marcus has a 97 grade point average and is in the top 5% of his senior class. He holds the "Most Outstanding Student Award" at his school in the following categories: Physical Science, Biology, Computer Math, and Law/Legal Lab. He is a recipient of the National English Award, Academic All American Award, and the United States National Leadership Award. A Who's Who in American High Schools, Marcus was president of his freshman and sophomore classes. He is a member of numerous organizations including the Office Education Association, the Hi—Y Club, the Computer Math Club, Honor Society, and Drama Club. He was 1st runner-up to the "Mr. National Youth Conference for Christ Award."

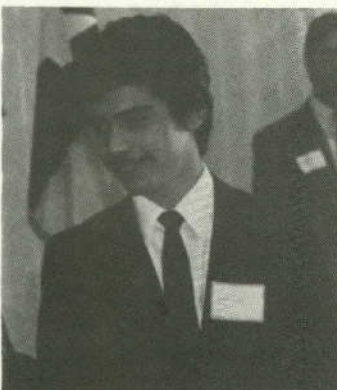
Outstanding Student in Vocational Education (Post-Secondary)

Rita Ann is enrolled in Hotel/Motel Management at Central Texas College in Killeen. She earned an Associate Degree in General Studies in December 1987 with a 3.9 grade point average. She will earn an Associate Degree in Applied Social Science in May of this year. With the exception of one B, she has maintained a 4.0 grade point average while working part-time, to support her family, as a substitute teacher and secretary with the Copperas Cove ISD. She will pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Business. Rita has progressed so well in her studies at Central Texas College that she has been processed and approved to begin teaching classes in Hotel/Motel Management on a part-time basis this summer. She is a "Who's Who in American Junior Colleges." She has passed the American Hotel and Motel Association Certification Examination, with honors, for food and beverage management and tourism/hospitality. Her son's cerebral palsy has sparked her involvement in the Association for Retarded Children and Texas Education for Exceptional Children.



Rita Ann Brown

Outstanding Student With Special Needs (Secondary)



Armando Tijerina

Armando is enrolled in the CVAE-Office Duplication Practices Cooperative Education program at the Dallas ISD Business & Management Center. He receives on-the-job training at the Fire Prevention and Engineering Bureau of Texas. Armando is state president of the Vocational Office Career Clubs of Texas. He is also president of his senior class. Armando is a "Who's Who in American High Schools." He is a member of the Future Homemakers of America, and Junior Achievement. He is frequently called on to speak to other students on the subject of staying in school.

Outstanding Student With Special Needs (Post-Secondary)



Debra Kay Turner

When Debra Kay entered Amarillo College in 1986, she was a single parent in need of retraining who was economically disadvantaged and who possessed a physical disability that qualified her for assistance through the Texas Rehabilitation Commission. She enrolled in the Radiography Program, where she has maintained a 3.2 grade point average. She combines classroom instruction with off-campus training, rotating at 3-week intervals between Northwest Texas Hospital, St. Anthony's Hospital, and High Plains Baptist Hospital. She will have interacted with over 2,000 patients by the time she graduates next August with an Associate Degree in Applied Science. She is in the top 10% of her class. She has worked as a peer tutor, helping other students with their academics. She is a member of the Blue Blazers, a campus service volunteer organization. She is a "Who's Who in American Junior Colleges." She is an officer in the Future Radiographers of America.

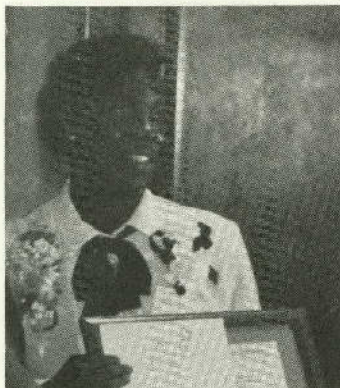
Outstanding Vocational Student With a Disability (Secondary)

Gordon is a Vocational Education for the Handicapped student at the Hurst-Eules-Bedford ISD Technical Education Center. He has been enrolled in food production management and services for four years. Gordon is the first special education student in the school district who has been trained in a vocational program to be placed in employment within the community. Gordon is a courtesy clerk with Albertson's, a local grocery store. Some customers will only shop at Albertson's on the days that Gordon is working. He has been an "Employee of the Month." Gordon has been the "Outstanding Student" for both the Vocational and Special Education Departments. He is an active member in Future Homemakers of America/Home Economics Related Occupations. He is active in all aspects of school activities such as special olympics, bowling, swimming, and Christmas programs.



Gordon Thomas MacArthur

Outstanding Vocational Student With a Disability (Post-Secondary)

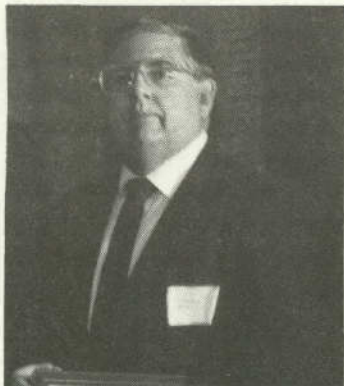


Sharon M. Gordon

Sharon is a Hotel/Motel Management student at Central Texas College. She is a single parent and is legally blind. She maintains a 3.4 grade point average while working 40 hours a week to support her family. Sharon has passed the American Hotel and Motel Association Educational Institute Certification Exams in the following subjects: Tourism/Hospitality; Food & Beverage Controls; Hotel/Motel Law; Supervisory Housekeeping; Front Office Procedures; Hotel/Motel Sales Promotion; and Human Relations/Supervisory Development.

1988 Business/Labor Recipients

Exemplary Business/Labor Involvement (Corporate/Labor)



W. T. "Bill" Eckert, Jr.

The "Corporate/Labor Involvement Award" goes to the Aluminum Company of America - Rockdale Plant, for its relationship with the Texas State Technical Institute at Waco. The ALCOA/TSTI involvement began with an apprenticeship program in 1981 for eleven different maintenance craft classifications. This first venture resulted in TSTI assigning a full-time industrial training specialist to the ALCOA-Rockdale Plant. Over the years, numerous other apprenticeship training programs have been started. ALCOA, benefitting from TSTI, began to donate scholarships and equipment to TSTI. As of December 1987, ALCOA has donated over \$57,000 in scholarship monies and close to \$2 million in equipment and parts to TSTI training programs. ALCOA has a strong and viable relationship between its management and labor unions, notably the United Steelworkers of America and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. Mr. W. T. "Bill" Eckert, Jr. is Engineering Manager at ALCOA.

Exemplary Business/Labor Involvement (Institutional/Education)

The "Institutional/Education Involvement Award" goes to Baylor College of Medicine for its support of the Houston ISD High School for Health Professions. The Health Professions Magnet School was developed in 1972 through a partnership between HISD and the Baylor College of Medicine. Famed Heart Surgeon Michael DeBakey was instrumental in bringing the school from a vision to a reality. Over the years, the High School for Health Professions has served as a model for magnet schools developed throughout the State and Nation. In 1984, the Health Professions Magnet School was recognized by the U. S. Department of Education as one of the 10 best vocational programs in the country. Neither the school nor Baylor stand on past achievements. In the past year alone, Baylor added 500 new reference texts, 455 paperback books, and 3,300 professional journals to the school's library media center. Baylor also conducted an AIDS Workshop for the high school faculty and provided summer inservice activities for the teachers. Baylor also conducted lectures for students throughout the school year and provided summer employment for the high school students. Dr. William A. Thomson is in the Division of Applied Health Sciences at Baylor College of Medicine and Mr. Perry Weston is Principal of The High School for Health Professions.



William A. Thomson

Exemplary Business/Labor Involvement (Small Business)



Jon McCoy

The "Small Business Involvement Award" goes to the Valley Block & Brick Company, located in Pharr, for its support of vocational and community projects in the Rio Grande Valley. For the past 10 years, Jon McCoy, the Owner of Valley Block & Brick, has provided his employees to judge VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) masonry skills contests. He has furnished tools as awards for the contest winners. He has furnished instructional supplies to schools in the Valley. He employs vocational students and has donated monies for scholarships. Jon McCoy's caring goes beyond the school system. He donates materials and the use of equipment to the Gladys Porter 200 in Brownsville, which benefits all the people of the Valley. Jon McCoy sent trucks and materials to help rebuild the town of Saragosa, following the tragic tornado.

1988 Exemplary Vocational Education Advisory Committee



Hank Page

The "Exemplary Vocational Education Advisory Committee Award" goes to Weslaco ISD General Advisory Council for Vocational Education for its support of school, students, and community. Among its successes, the Council formulated a plan to remodel and expand the vocational building and course offerings, resulting in the school board budgeting \$700,000 to accomplish this goal. The Council instituted student scholarships which are now given in each vocational program. The Council organized program advisory committees comprised of business/industry leaders. The Weslaco Council planned and organized a process for annual evaluations of vocational programs. Council members assist in the job placement of vocational students, and in the promotion and recognition of vocational programs and personnel. Mr. Hank Page is Chairman of the Weslaco ISD General Advisory Council for Vocational Education.

1988 State Finalists



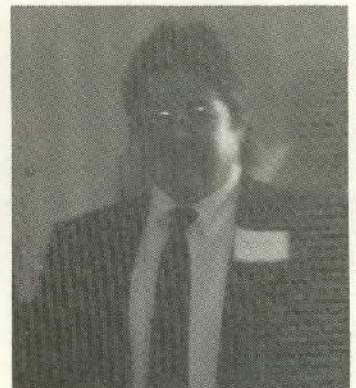
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Outstanding Student in Voc Ed
(Secondary)
Connally ISD



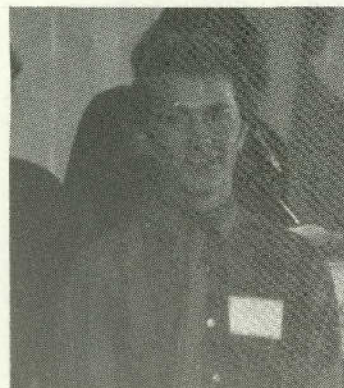
Debra Pena
Outstanding Student in Voc Ed
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McAllen ISD



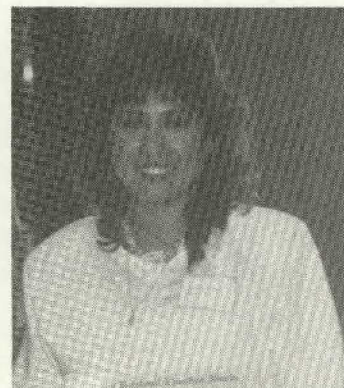
Stephanie Truex
Outstanding Student in Voc Ed
(Secondary)
Coppell ISD



Robert Douglas Ray
Outstanding Student in Voc Ed
(Post-Secondary)
Eastfield College (DCCCD)



Richard McLain
Outstanding Student With
Special Needs
(Secondary)
Ysleta ISD



Elizabeth Martinez
Outstanding Student With
Special Needs
(Post-Secondary)
TSTI-Harlingen

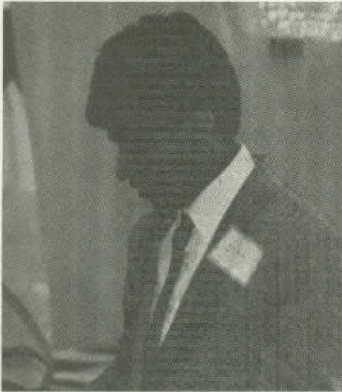


Gita R. Shah
Outstanding Student With
Special Needs
(Post-Secondary)
Eastfield College (DCCCD)

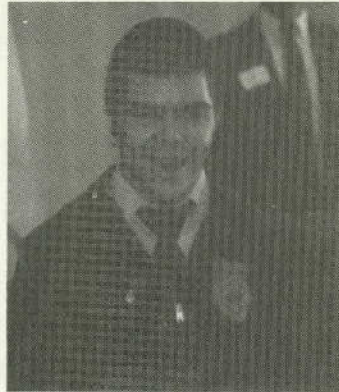


Virginia "Gray" Jeffers
Outstanding Vocational
Student With a Disability
(Secondary)
Alamo Heights ISD

Finalists (Continued)



Gabriel Lira, Jr.
Outstanding Vocational
Student With a Disability
(Secondary)
Odem-Edroy ISD



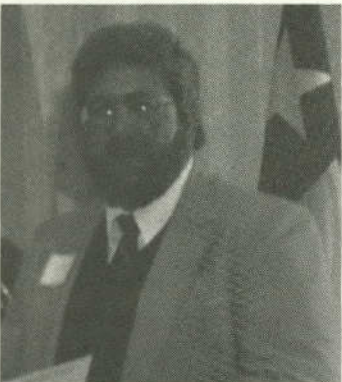
Rex Randall Schoppe
Outstanding Vocational Student
With a Disability
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Klein ISD



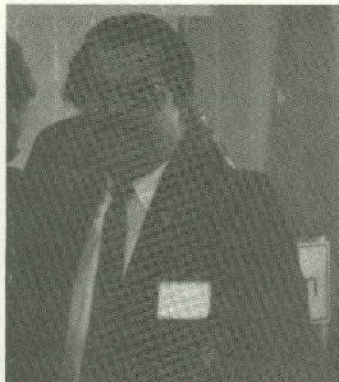
Teresa Ann Janice
Outstanding Vocational
Student With a Disability
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Howard College



Teresa Roberts
Outstanding Vocational
Student With a Disability
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Blinn College



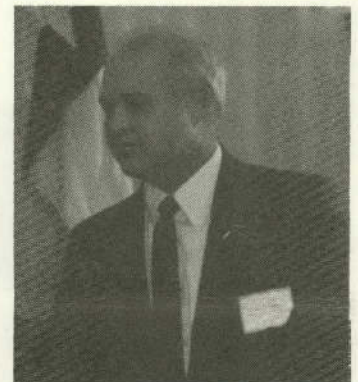
Marvin Isaacks
Exemplary Voc Ed
Advisory Committee
Wolfe City ISD



Arturo Aguirre
Exemplary Voc Ed
Advisory Committee
El Paso & Ysleta ISD's



George Brewer
Exemplary Voc Ed
Advisory Committee
Lubbock ISD



William Czervinske
Exemplary Voc Ed
Advisory Committee
Judson ISD

Finalists Not Able To Attend

Outstanding Student in Voc Ed (Secondary)

Michael Paul Garza, Brooks ISD

Outstanding Student in Voc Ed (Post-Secondary)

Belma Jane Antuna, Bee County College

Julie Ann Rose, TSTI-Harlingen

Irma Torres, Bee County College

Outstanding Student With Special Needs **(Secondary)**

Lori Bounds, Houston ISD

Outstanding Vocational Student With a **Disability (Secondary)**

Stacey Montagne, Waco ISD

Outstanding Vocational Student With a **Disability (Post-Secondary)**

Charles Hearn, Tyler Junior College

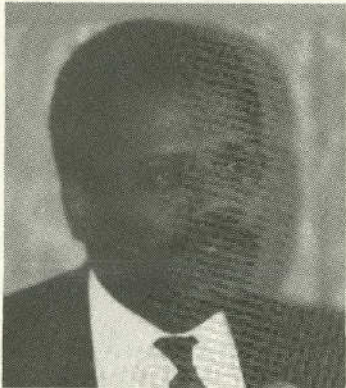
Kristy Swan, Tyler Junior College

Awards Banquet Highlights



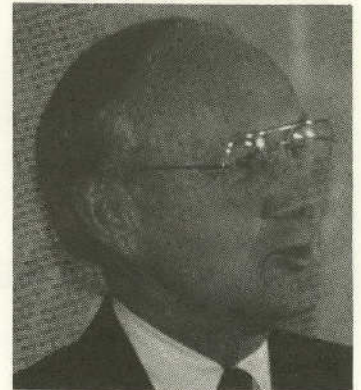
Maria Elena A. Flood

"Without vocational training, at whatever level you wish to give it, this state cannot go forward...vocational education is our future, along with the high level academic student...(vocational education) is not a different track...it is our educational future together, not separate, but rather the basis of all industry, business, discovery, and invention." Maria Elena A. Flood, Member, State Board of Education, El Paso.

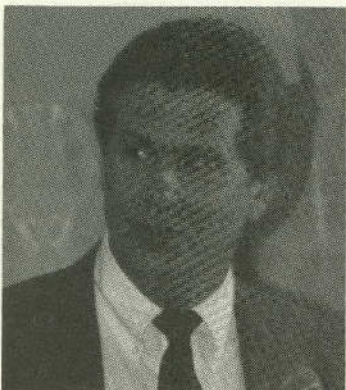


Frederick McClure

"We seek to provide the Nation's young people with some real skills. Far too many people leave high school, and even college these days, with no real skills...vocational education must fill the gap." Frederick McClure, Staff Vice President for Government Affairs, Texas Air Corporation, Washington, D.C.



The Honorable Bob Hunter
Master of Ceremonies
State Representative
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John Samuel Carroll, III

"The achievements of those being recognized tonight exemplify what is best about vocational education. (Vocational education) is a winning partnership between students, businesses, labor groups, and advisory committees." John Samuel Carroll, III, Member, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, San Antonio.

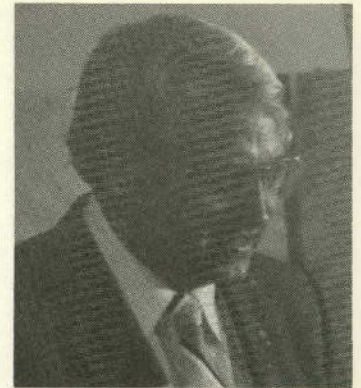


Shirlene S. Cook
Chairman
Awards Committee
Member, Texas Council on
Vocational Education
Beaumont



Bobby Weathers

"The Foundation was formed to enhance the image of vocational education. I can't think of any finer way to enhance vocational education than to honor these individuals who have done such an outstanding job." Bobby Weathers, President, Vocational-Technical Education Development Foundation, Waco.



The Honorable Bill G. Carter
Vice President
Vocational-Technical Education
Development Foundation, and
State Representative
Fort Worth

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