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"Earning this award is a tribute to your enthusiasm, talents, and dedication."

— President George Bush

The Best of Texas

"You reinforce my contention that our programs are among the finest in the country."

— Governor Ann Richards

— Fourth Annual Awards Banquet Theme

The Fourth 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 March 9 banquet in Austin, attended by 236 people.

Hosted by the Texas Council on Vocational Education and Vocational-Technical Education Development Foundation of Texas, the banquet honored 8 winners and 24 finalists — selected from 115 nominations — in five 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 Achievement Student," "Outstanding Non-Traditional

Student," "Business/Labor Involvement," and "Vocational Education Advisory Committee." The student awards featured separate secondary and postsecondary divisions, except for the non-traditional awards. *Articles on the winners and finalists appear throughout the newsletter.*

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board member Larry Jenkins, Austin; State Board of Education member Will Davis, Austin; and T/COVE Chair Zinsmeyer brought congratulatory remarks to the awards recipients.

Winners and finalists received an award and a congratulatory letter from Governor

Ann Richards. Student winners also received a letter from President George Bush. Savings bonds were presented to the student winners.

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

Kucherka, Arredondo Selected as Top Secondary Vocational Students

Diana Kucherka, a senior Office Administrative Systems student at Seguin High School, and Norma Arredondo, a junior at Fabens High School who attends Office Education classes at the El Paso ISD Technical High School were the 1990-91 winners of the Texas Vocational Education Awards Program "Outstanding Student" and "Outstanding Special Achievement Student" Awards, respectively, for secondary schools.

Kucherka, an honors student, carries an overall "A" average and ranks in the top ten percent of her senior class. She is state historian for the Business Professionals of America.

Finalists for the secondary division outstanding student award were: Brent Allmon, a junior Health Occupations student at Westfield High School, Spring ISD, Houston; F. Garrett Condel, IV, a senior Drafting student at MacArthur High School, North East ISD, San Antonio; and DeLeah Lockridge, a junior Health Occupations student at Waco

High School.


Arredondo, who was told four years ago that she could never do anything in life because she is only three feet tall with fingers no more than one inch long, has learned to type better than 60 words per minute with

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Non-Traditional Females. Jo Ann Petty (l), a senior at Kennard High School, was the winner of the 1990-91 "Outstanding Non-Traditional Female Student Award." Also shown is Heather Granzin, a Miles High School senior, who was a finalist. Both are agriculture students.

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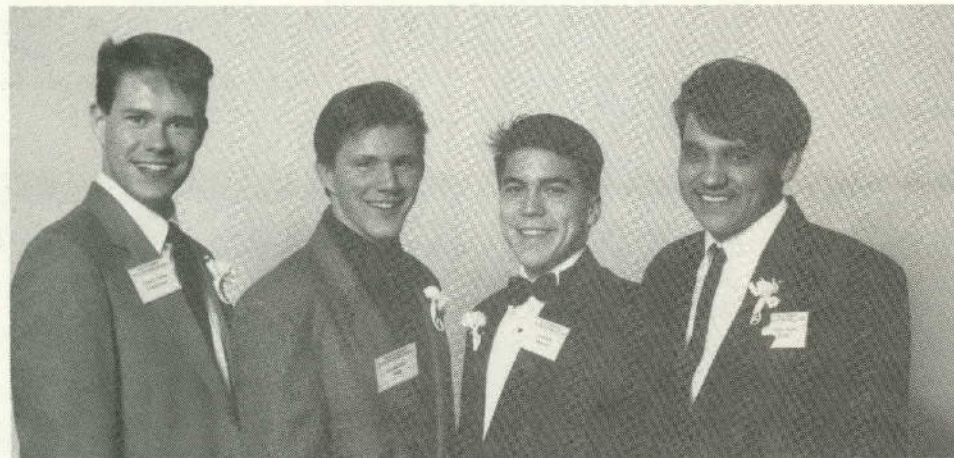
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Outstanding Students. Diana Kucherka (second from left), a Seguin High School senior was the winner of the 1990-91 "Outstanding Secondary Student Award." Finalists for the award were (l-r) Garrett Condel, a senior at MacCarthur High School in San Antonio; DeLeah Lockridge, a Waco High School junior; and Brent Allmon, a junior at Westfield High School in Houston.



Outstanding Special Achievement Students. Norma Arredondo (front), a Fabens High School junior who attends the El Paso ISD Technical High School, was the recipient of the 1990-91 "Outstanding Secondary Special Achievement Student Award." Finalists were (l-r) Leslie Lee, a senior at Clyde High School; Bonnie Jean Scoggins, a senior at Judson High School; and Luz Silva, a graduating student at the Northside ISD Mackey Training Center in San Antonio.



Non-Traditional Males. Chad Carlon (l), a senior at Friendswood High School, was the winner of the 1990-91 "Outstanding Non-Traditional Male Student Award." Finalists were: (l-r) Gerald Jost, a senior at Wall High School; Sean Bell, a senior at Palo Duro High School in Amarillo; and Aaron Alaniz, a senior at Irving High School.

Petty, Carlon Selected as Non-Traditional Vocational Student Award Winners

Jo Ann Petty, a senior Agriculture Science/Business student at Kennard High School, and Chad Carlon, a senior Office Administrative Systems student at Friendswood High School were the winners of the 1990-91 "Outstanding Secondary Non-Traditional Female and Male Student" Awards, presented by the state's Vocational Education Sex Equity Specialists.

Petty is an honors student with a straight "A" average, ranking first in her senior class. She is area president of the Future Farmers of America.

Female finalists were: Mia Balko, a senior Agriculture Science student at Banquete High School; Michelle Garcia, a senior Horticulture/Plant Production student at Nixon High School in Laredo; and Heather Granzin, a senior Agriculture Science/Technology student at Miles High School. Balko and Garcia were unable to attend the awards banquet.

Carlon is an honors student with an overall "A" average, ranking in the top ten percent of his senior class.

Male finalists were: Aaron Alaniz, a Home Economics senior at Irving High School; Sean Bell, a senior Home Economics student at Palo Duro High School in Amarillo; and Gerald Jost, a senior Home Economics student at Wall High School.

Secondary Division Student Awards

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accuracy, and has a goal of becoming a legal secretary.

Finalists for the secondary division special achievement award, presented to a disabled, economically or educationally disadvantaged student, single parent or homemaker were: Leslie Lee, a senior Home Economics student at Clyde High School; Bonnie Jean Scoggins, a senior Home Economics student at Judson High School, Converse; and Luz Silva, a graduating Vocational Education for the Handicapped Student at the Mackey Training Center, Northside ISD, San Antonio.

Harrison, Delgado Head Up Postsecondary Awards Recipients

Amanda Harrison, a Data Entry student at the Dallas County Community College District Edmund J. Kahn Job Training Center in Dallas, and Lana Delgado, a sophomore Travel and Tourism student at North Harris County College in Kingwood, were the winners of the 1990-91 "Outstanding Student" and "Outstanding Special Achievement Student" Awards for the postsecondary division.

Harrison — referred to the Kahn Center by the Job Training Partnership Act — is an "A" student and is listed in the top ten percent of the student body. Her goal is an associate degree in computer programming.

Finalists for the outstanding student award were: Jeffery Beilue, a sophomore Radiologic Technology major at Kilgore College; Jeffrey Gould, a sophomore Instrumentation Technology student at the Texas

State Technical Institute in Waco; and Stephanie Zuccaro, a sophomore Aviation Maintenance major at TSTI in Waco.

Delgado — a business administration University of Houston graduate working as an accountant in the oil industry — is pursuing a travel and tourism associate degree in order to consult the travel industry on how to improve services for disabled persons. A paraplegic, Lana says she has encountered

numerous problems traveling on business trips.

Special achievement award finalists were: Bernardo Curiano, a Construction Management major at Austin Community College; Karen Hamlett, a Vocational Nursing student at Austin Community College; and Ceci Cozby Woods, a Mechanical Engineering Technology major at Texas State Technical Institute in Waco.

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For the banquet, Austin ISD's Murchison and Covington Middle School vocational handicapped programs provided boutonnieres and table arrangements, and Lanier High School's Horticulture program provided corsages. Bowie High School's Home Economics program catered the reception.

The Texas Education Agency's Eleanor Mikulin donated \$1,000 she received from Piney Mountain Press — for being selected as the 1990-91 "National Special Needs Administrator" — to provide additional savings bonds to the "special achievement" award recipients.

IBM allowed the use of its video on Texas that began the awards banquet.



Outstanding Students. Amanda Harrison (second from left), a student at the Edmund J. Kahn Job Training Center in Dallas was the winner of the 1990-91 "Outstanding Postsecondary Student Award." Finalists were (l-r) Jeffrey Gould, a student at Texas State Technical Institute in Waco; Stephanie Zuccaro, a student at TSTI in Waco; and Jeffery Beilue, a student at Kilgore College.

Master of Ceremonies. Tonia Cooke, KXAN-TV news anchor in Austin and a former vocational student in high school, credits vocational education with giving her confidence to succeed in life.



Outstanding Special Achievement Students. Lana Delgado (seated), a student at North Harris County College, Kingwood, was the winner of the "Outstanding Postsecondary Special Achievement Student Award." Finalists were (l-r) Ceci Cozby Woods, a student at Texas State Technical Institute, Waco; and Austin Community College students Bernardo Curiano and Karen Hamlett.



Outstanding Advisory Committees. Bob Huff (l), chair of the Plano ISD Career Development Advisory Board accepts the winner's award. Accepting finalist awards were (l-r) William Haglund, chair of the Spring Branch ISD Advisory Board for Occupational/Technical Educ.; Faye Chessher, chair of the Seguin ISD Vocational Advisory Committee; and Luciano Gonzalez, chair of the Judson ISD Career Studies Advisory Board.



Business/Labor Involvement Award. Lucien Rouze (second from left), director of Training & Development for Bell Helicopter Textron accepts the winners award. Accepting finalist awards were (l-r), Elvin Brown, director of Electronics for LTV Corp.'s Electronics & Missiles Group; Frances Standridge, acting administrator for Titus Co. Memorial Hospital; and Leon Bullock, Palacios ISD voc. administrator, accepting for Matagorda Co. Navigation Dist. #1.

Plano ISD, Bell Helicopter Win Advisory Committee, Business/Labor Awards

The Plano ISD Career Development Advisory Board and Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc., won the 1990-91 "Vocational Education Advisory Committee" and "Business/Labor Involvement" Awards.

Plano was recognized for its leadership in curriculum development, inservice training, and raising funds for scholarships.

Bell Helicopter Textron was recognized for its more than 20-year partnership with

Tarrant County Junior College in upgrading and expanding programs.

Committee finalists were: Judson ISD Career Studies Advisory Committee; Seguin ISD Vocational Education Advisory Committee; and Spring Branch ISD Advisory Board for Occupational/Technical Education.

Business/labor finalists were: LTV Corporation – Electronics and Missiles Group, Dallas, for its partnership with Paris Junior

College; Matagorda County Navigation District #1, Palacios, for its partnership with Palacios High School; and Titus Co. Memorial Hospital, Mt. Pleasant, for its partnership with Northeast Texas Community College.

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