Technology and Engineering Hosts Technology Fair for North East Region Twice in February

For more than a decade, the Department of Technology and Engineering has hosted the Central East/North East Regional Technology Fair for the Alabama Council for Technology in Education (ACTE). Students spanning grades three through twelve are invited to showcase their projects at this regional event.

Nine different competition categories are judged with winners advancing to state competition. Gold, silver, and bronze medals are presented to winners in an awards ceremony at the end of the day.

From a modest beginning of around eighty students in 1998, the participation level in these regional fairs grew so large that the Department now hosts two fairs each year. On both February fifth and nineteenth the fairs brought more than eight hundred students, parents, and teachers to the Leone Cole Auditorium. The Department of Technology and Engineering hosted students from surrounding counties as they showcased their best work in technology-related projects. Students prepared projects using technologies such as Microsoft Powerpoint, digital movie-making, website design software, and robotics.

During recent years, the participation level in these regional fairs has grown so much that Leone Cole Auditorium could not accommodate all of the participants. The decision was made to split the fair based on the participants’ geographical areas. The North East Region extends from Jackson County to Blount and Cleburne Counties. The Central East region encompasses from Talladega to Randolph Counties and southward to Macon and Russell Counties.

Faculty and staff from Technology and Engineering in addition to faculty and staff from across campus help out by judging the projects.

How does the Regional Technology Fair benefit students? Students are given the opportunity to exhibit both their technical and creative abilities in these projects. The Regional Fair follows the state rule of allowing a maximum of three individual plus three group projects per category per level from a school. For “The Information Technology Test” any number of entries are allowed. All projects are required to have a notebook that documents how the project was created and shows examples of output. In addition to preparing the projects, the students must be able to present the projects to judges and answer questions about the technologies they used.

Students who place first or second in their project categories are invited to participate in the The Alabama Association for Career and Technical Education (AACTE) fair will be held on May first in Montgomery.

“Each year, the students’ projects continue to impress the judges. I appreciate the participation of the schools in our region and applaud the effectiveness of the teachers in preparing the students for the competition,” said Mr. Terry Marbut, department head of Technology and Engineering.

CEPS Faculty’s Work Recognized by JSU with Promotion and Tenure

The following CEPS faculty earned a promotion effective October 1, 2010. Dr. Marsha Zenanko, professor; Dr. Larry Beard, professor; Dr. Charlotte Eady, associate professor and tenure; Dr. Dale Campbell, associate professor and tenure; Dr. Nancy Fox, associate professor and tenure; Dr. Jess Godbey, associate professor and tenure; Dr. Debra Goodwin associate professor, and Dr. Jeff Chandler, tenure
JSU Wellness-Anniston partnered with the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce to host the Career Shadow Day. The day long event involved students from the Jacksonville School System and the Calhoun County School System. Approximately one hundred students participated in the program held on March 10, 2010.

During the Career Shadow Day high school students throughout Calhoun County gained additional insight to a job they are choosing to pursue.

According to a press release issued by the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce, “At Career Shadow Day students will acquire a real world view of careers in a variety of fields including physical therapy, education, science and much more.

For Career Shadow Day the Wellness Wednesday program provided educational screenings in the lobby of Regional Medical Center. Ms. Honey Holman, Nursing Instructor and senior nursing students, Ms. Estelle Tientcheu and Ms. Amanda Knightly conducted the screenings.

When asked what area of specialty she would like to eventually concentrate on, Ms. Estelle Tientcheu said, “I will love to work in the operating room, my number one goal is to be a good nurse.”

Ms. Amanda Knightly, who will be leaving for active duty with the U.S.
Ms. Carmelita Rouse works as secretary in the College of Education and Professional Studies for JSU Wellness-Anniston. She has held that position since August of 2008. Ms. Rouse is a graduate of Anniston High School and The University of Alabama. She is married to Mr. Demetrius Rouse.

The Rouses live in Anniston with their daughters, Davia and Davie. Both girls are involved in sports which keeps the Rouses busy. When Ms. Rouse is not at ball game or track meet she likes to relax, go to bible class and spend quality time with her family.

“I feel blessed to have such a gifted and dedicated colleague to support the initiatives of the JSU Wellness-Anniston,” said Mr. Fred Smith, Director JSU Wellness-Anniston.

Ms. Cowart stated that the experience was very beneficial because, “I plan on going to nursing school to be a registered nurse. Helping people has always been my passion so that’s why I chose to be a nurse.”

JSU Wellness-Anniston provided screenings and educational services at the Anniston High School Health Occupation Students of America Health Fair on Saturday, March 20 at Anniston High. Ms. Latricia Gooden, an eleventh grade student, was one of the many Anniston High School students and teachers that participated in the health fair. Ms. Gooden stated “I would like to study Criminal Justice when I go to college.”
The Alabama Association of Family and Consumer Sciences 2010 Conference was held in Florence, Alabama in February. Attending were Dr. Debra Goodwin, Mrs. Robbie Boggs, and Ms. Kim Townsel, along with FCS students Ms. Jessica Ellis, Ms. Derrica Webb, and Ms. Lauren Long.

Ms. Jessica Ellis was awarded a $1000 FACS Education Scholarship.

Attendees participated in workshops on various topics, including Technology Updates, New Trends in Hospitality and Tourism in Alabama, the Alabama Green Initiative, and a presentation by Natalie Chanin, the owner of Alabama Chanin.
The Family and Consumer Sciences Department (FCS) held its Spring FCS Day on March 5, 2010. Local high schools were invited for a luncheon, as well as mini-tours and presentations of the department and programs. During the luncheon, several JSU students spoke to guests. High school instructors who brought students included Kim Mitchell from Talladega County, Rosemary Dallam from McAdory High School in Jefferson County, Lisa Manley from Cedar Bluff High School in Cherokee County, and Carolyn Monroe from Randolph County High School.
Dr. William Kiser, assistant professor in the Department of Educational Resources and chair of the Instructional Leadership Program, presented at the Oxford Round Table. The Oxford Round Table is an independent, not-for-profit organization that conducts educational forums and seminars. This group invites an international delegation of scholars, from universities and colleges in Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and the United States. The session Dr. Kiser attended was held March 14-20 at the Harris Manchester College.

Harris Manchester College is one of the colleges that comprise Oxford University. The college focus is on mature students. In its early days, the college supported reforming causes.

The purpose of the round table was to discuss issues and concerns about “Women at Work: Benefits and Barriers.”

“Dr. William Kiser, assistant professor in the Department of Educational Resources

The Oxford Round Table provides professors with the opportunity to meet, present and discuss research completed on a selected topic facing the world today,” said Dr. Kiser.

“Not only were the forty participants selected to network, they will be able to take newly acquired knowledge back to their universities where they can begin the process of change as they address the problems and issues of women at work.”

The Oxford Round Table’s main purpose is to provide an interdisciplinary forum for discussion of contemporary issues that affect the public good. Participants to Round Tables are determined based on several criteria, among which are nominations by earlier attendees, courses that those invited teach, their presentations and writings, and their professional involvement in a relevant area of interest.

Dr. Wm. Kiser at Oxford

Dr. William Kiser, assistant professor in the Department of Educational Resources

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