

Practical and Applied Arts Newsletter June 2012

1. **New Curricula Update:** Just a reminder that this past year was the implementation year for Welding and Communication Media. As a result the old Welding and Communication Production Technology (CPT) curriculums will **be removed** from the curriculum website for the start of the 2012-13 school year. Also note that 2012-13 will be an introductory year for Photography, Graphic Arts, and Construction and Carpentry with 2013-14 designated as the implementation year for those curricula. Therefore, the old Photography, Graphic Arts, and Construction and Carpentry curricula **will not be removed** until the fall of 2014.

2. **Skills Canada:** Congratulations to all the students who traveled to Edmonton to compete at the **National Skills Competition**, May 13 – 16, 2012 at the Edmonton EXPO Centre, Northlands! They did an excellent job representing Saskatchewan and we are **very proud** of all the national competitors. This was another very successful National Skills Canada Competition with our Saskatchewan competitors bringing back medals from the ten competition areas below. Once again, members of the Saskatchewan team will be going on to represent Canada at the 2013 World Skills Competition in Leipzig, Germany. Good luck to the **Robotics team members** who will be traveling to **Germany in 2013 as part of Team Canada**. **Thank you** again to all the teacher champions, technical committees, mentors, volunteers and sponsors. Without your support, opportunities like this would not exist for Saskatchewan students.

Competition	Medal	Competitors	Home Town
Robotics (s)	Gold	Rachel Machnee, Taylor Pachal, Jayden Leister & Bo Chiasson	Yorkton
Hairstyling (s)	Gold	Tina Whitman	Estevan
Architectural Technology & Design(ps)	Gold	Josh Richard	Moose Jaw
Prepared Speech (s)	Silver	Molly Cross	Prince Albert
Work Place Safety (s)	Silver	Tye Buettner	Moose Jaw
Precision Machining(s)	Bronze	Daniel Hebblethwaite	Prince Albert
Autobody Repair (s)	Bronze	Jackson Campbell	Moose Jaw
Brick Masonry (ps)	Bronze	Joshua Pelletier	Saskatoon
Carpentry (s)	Bronze	Justin Lefebvre	Humbolt
Outdoor Power and Recreation (s)	Bronze	Jonathan Campbell	Nipawin

3. **WorkSafe Saskatchewan “Safety Ambassador” Promotion:** WorkSafe Saskatchewan and their partners will be handing out 35,000 pairs of safety glasses in schools and communities in 2012 as part of their Safety Ambassador program. For more information or to request a presentation at your school, contact prevention@wcbask.com or call (306) 787-6916.

4. The Saskatchewan Dream Video Concept Contest: This year marks the **100th anniversary** of the completion of the **Saskatchewan Legislative Building** and in commemoration of this, three winning groups of students were selected from applicants across Saskatchewan on the basis of the video concept plans they submitted. Please click on the following link to view the videos created by the winning teams from Val Marie, Kindersley and Saskatoon: <http://www.youtube.com/user/SKLeg100> . All the teams did a wonderful job of reminding us of how truly blessed we are to be living in Saskatchewan and the pride that we should all feel. Thank you to all the participants, film industry mentors, the Saskatchewan Filmpool, the Office of the Capital Commission and the Ministry of Education for your efforts and support around this project.

5. Junior Achievement: The 35th Annual Junior Achievement of Saskatchewan Business Hall of Fame Awards Banquet for Southern Saskatchewan was held in Regina on May 30. The evening was a celebration of the accomplishments of over 25 student-run ventures through the Entrepreneurship 30/Junior Achievement Company Program Integration Initiative. The talents and abilities of some 330 students were showcased as awards were presented in many categories. Congratulations to all the nominees, and especially to the winners:

- Teamwork – Riffel’s Got Talent AND Riffel Events (Riffel High School, Regina)
- Salesperson of the Year – Alanna Dickie – Edible Elegance (Estevan Comprehensive School)
- Production Excellence – Classy Concoctions (Central Butte School)
- Most Improved Company – End of My Leash Treats (O’Neill High School, Regina)
- Shareholders’ Report – Edible Elegance (Estevan Comprehensive School)
- Spirit of JA – Julia Ziyue Peng - Quote Cal (Campbell Collegiate, Regina)
- VP of Human Resources – Anessa Eckert – TeaTopia (Campbell Collegiate, Regina)
- VP of Information Technology – Travis Lavallee – Youth Research Uncovered (Harvest City Christian School, Regina)
- VP of Production – Rebekah Corpuz – Youth Research Uncovered (Harvest City Christian School, Regina)
- VP of Marketing – Laura Sawatzky and Gina Rehbein – Classy Concoctions (Central Butte School)
- VP of Finance – Katherine Levett – Quote Cal (Campbell Collegiate, Regina)
- President of the Year – Victoria Gagne – Youth Research Uncovered (Harvest City Christian School, Regina)
- Product Design – Youth Research Uncovered (Harvest City Christian School, Regina)
- Best 1st Year Achiever – Michael Flegel - Delicious Delights (Peacock Collegiate, Moose Jaw) AND Israh Abdulhadi - YourCup Only (Huda School, Regina)
- Professional Leadership – Rebekah Corpuz – Youth Research Uncovered (Harvest City Christian School, Regina)
- Achiever of the Year – Victoria Gagne – Youth Research Uncovered (Harvest City Christian School, Regina)
- Company of the Year – Classy Concoctions (Central Butte School)

In addition, Verna Alford of Alford Floors and Interiors Inc. and Robert L. Vanderhooft of Greystone Managed Investments Inc. were inducted into the Junior Achievement Business Hall of Fame. Lieutenant Governor Vaughn Solomon Schofield and her husband were in the audience, along with many business leaders, educators, Junior Achievers and their supporters. It was truly an evening of celebration and inspiration!

- 6. Reminder Junior Achievement of Saskatchewan:** In partnership with Junior Achievement of Saskatchewan, the Ministry of Education is working towards advancing the entrepreneurship experience in Saskatchewan schools. Entrepreneurship teachers from several schools have already committed to a new initiative which integrates the Junior Achievement Company Program into Entrepreneurship 30, thus providing students with the real-life experience of creating and operating their own business venture. The initiative puts project based inquiry at the forefront and allows students to experience business firsthand. Barbara McKinnon, education consultant in the areas of Entrepreneurship and Financial Literacy is available to collaborate with teachers and the Junior Achievement organization in bringing this program to high schools within your school division. Please contact her directly at 306.787.2334 or by email at Barbara.mckinnon@gov.sk.ca for further information.
- 7. Career Education Resources:** It seems like hardly a day goes by where mining is not in the news. The following link will provide you with the information you need when talking to students about careers in the mining industry and why mining matters in this province.
<http://www.acareerinmining.ca/en/careers/index.asp> <http://www.pdac.ca/miningmatters/>
- 8. Trades and Skills Centres:** Please check the Regina and Saskatoon Trades and Skills Centres websites for summer and fall programming options for young adults and students.
<http://www.reginatradesandskills.ca/programs.php>
http://www.saskatoontradesandskills.ca/about_stsc.php
- 9. Saskatchewan Teachers of Applied Technologies (STAT) Conference:** the 2012 STAT Conference will take place in **Regina on October 18th, 19th and 20th**. The theme for this year's conference is **"Get Skilled"**. Mark it on your calendar today.
- 10. Reminder: Saskatchewan Career & Work Exploration Association (SCWEA) Conference 2012:** This year's SCWEA conference will take place in the spectacular **Cypress Hills on October 10 – 12**. The theme of this year's conference is **"Inspiring New Perspectives"**. Mark it on your calendar today.
- 11. Reminder: Saskatchewan Home Economics Teachers' Association (SHETA) Conference 2012:** This year's SHETA conference is planned for **September 27th – 29th** in **Swift Current**. For more information on the conference, email shetaconference@gmail.com. The theme of this year's conference is **"Power Up! Recharge, reconnect, reflect"**. Mark it on your calendar today. Also a **quick reminder** from the SHETA executive to **view the proposed resolutions** in the electronic version of VISTA before the 2012 conference in Swift Current. If you do not receive the VISTA electronically email Megan Crittenden at shetavicepresident@gmail.com.