David Acklin and Gayle Brock, first year Computer Information Technology students at SAU Tech in Camden, Arkansas, have advanced to the Statewide Qualifier round of the 2010 Cisco Networking Academy NetRiders Post-Secondary Skills Challenge. Their team is one of the top ten highest-scoring teams from across the state of Arkansas. There are 267 teams from the United States and Canada competing in the next round of the Challenge. The top team from each State Qualifier Round will advance to the Theater Finale where the top 10 teams win prizes. The first and second place teams win an all-expense paid trip to Silicon Valley, CA; third-sixth places win an HD Video Camera; seven-tenth places win a Valet Wireless Router. Acklin is from Fordyce and Brock is from Jonesboro.
Graphic Design

Graphic Design Instructor, Ashley Moore, says that students that complete the graphic design program are getting jobs in a variety of places. The following list shows some of the graphic design graduates and where they are currently employed.

Drew Foster: Calvary Baptist Church
Andrew Hinkle: Southern Aluminum
Katherine Hilson: Southern Aluminum
Megan Mayfield: JC Productions
Brittany Garner: Camden Wholesale
Tristen Turner: Camden News
Mary Brown: Camden News
Billy Hughes: File America

Staff Meets Legend

Milton Pitts Crenchaw, of the original Tuskegee Airmen, was one of the first African Americans in the country and the first from Arkansas to be trained by the federal government as a civilian licensed pilot. He trained hundreds of cadet pilots while at Alabama's Tuskegee Institute in the 1940s and was the catalyst in starting the first successful flight program at Philander Smith College in Little Rock from 1947 to 1953. His combined service record extends for over forty years of federal service from 1941 to 1983 with the U.S. Army (in the Army Air Corps) and eventually the U.S. Air Force.

Aerojet

As part of a partnership in preparing prospective employees for work in the Highland Industrial park, the GenCorp Foundation with Aerojet donated $15,000 to the SAU Tech Foundation for scholarships of $1,000 each. The scholarships are for students who enter the college's new pre-employment program developed though the Calhoun and Ouachita County Business and Industry Consortium (COBITC). The group, made up of mostly human resource managers from the industries in the park, have been working together for several years to see this project become a reality. Thanks to additional efforts by SAU Tech's Chancellor, Dr. Corbet Lamkin, and Aerojet, initial funding for the project was made possible through a congressionally directed grant, supported by Senators Lincoln, Pryor and Congressman Ross, which the college received this fall. The pre-employment program prepares potential employees to work for companies in the park by providing a wide range of basic skills. Participating industries are giving preference for hire to completers of the program. The program is currently enrolling students for the spring 2011 classes. The classes are held in the evening for three days a week and scholarships are available for those who qualify.
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Purchase a ticket for a $1 donation to Relay For Life for the opportunity to win!!

Location: Admissions, Business Office, or Relay Team members
All proceeds will go to benefit Relay For Life

Drawing to be held Wednesday, December 22nd
Winners need not be present to win
The Miss (18-24) & Teen (13-17) divisions are preliminaries to Miss Arkansas and Miss Arkansas Outstanding Teen Scholarship Pageants and are restricted to participants from: Ouachita, Calhoun, Nevada, Union and Dallas Counties.

The 0-12 years old participants can enter from all counties.

Entry fee for Miss & Teen Divisions: $50.00
Entry Fee for all other divisions: $30.00
Entry Fee for Photogenic: (All divisions) $10.00

Color Ads for Program Book
Full Page: $100.00
1/2 Page: $50.00
1/4 Page: $25.00

For more information on entering this pageant, please contact Ophelia Lindsey at 870.818.7922/807.2511 or Rita Givens at 870.574.4495.

WHEN: Saturday, February 26, 2011
WHERE: Camden Fairview Middle School Auditorium
TIME: 10:00 am (Ages 0-12 years) & 7:00 pm (Ages 13-24 years)
ADMISSION: Adults- $3.00 Students, $2.00 for each session
Children 3 and under free.

DEADLINE TO ENTER IS FEBRUARY 17, 2011
CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR HOLIDAY
DEC. 23–JAN. 3

IPT

“Wayne went well above the call of duty in helping the school get the new consent form information entered in POISE. His helpfulness and technical expertise were invaluable and made the accomplishment of this possible!”

John Jefferson

“David McLeane most definitely deserves to receive the IPT award! It seems as if he spends every waking hour worrying about the students in housing; especially considering that the Housing Manager position is currently unfilled! Along with housing comes a slew of other issues he has to deal with including homesickness, roommate arguments, and safety issues that come up not only during the week but also on weekends! To ensure our students have activities available on campus, David is constantly creating and developing new activities for the students like our new Zumba program! With all those activities under his supervision he also has recruiting as another top priority! He joins me out on the road every chance he gets and also takes calls and conducts tours for future students on a daily basis! David deserves to receive this recognition because he truly puts SAU Tech students FIRST! We could all learn a little from him in that regard!”

Emily Stover