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White House Ceremony Honors Vocational Education "All-Stars"

President George Bush and Education Secretary Lauro Cavazos, on September 11, applauded the success of seven business executives, an astronaut, a country music star, and a teenage entrepreneur in ceremonies aimed at boosting the image of vocational education.

The American Success Awards, presented during a Rose Garden ceremony, cited 10 individuals for using their vocational education backgrounds as springboards to the top of their fields. It also honored two companies, Land-O-Lakes, Inc. and General Electric Co., for taking part in local vocational education programs.

Bush used the occasion to stress his interest in vocational education and job training. *"Building a world-class work force must be a national priority. Improving America's capacity to educate and train workers is critical to the*

future of this country," he said.

Individual recipients were Dorothy Holland, a retired Vice President for Kraft Food, Inc.; Roy Roberts, Vice President and General Manager of Navistar International Transportation Corp.; Charles Strang, Chief Executive Officer of Outboard Marine Corp.; George Shinn, owner of the Charlotte Hornets professional basketball team; Delbert Staley, Chief Executive Officer of NYNEX Corp.; Frederick Napolitano, Chairman of Pembroke Enterprises; Norma Kamall, fashion designer; Maj. Gen. Joe Engle, astronaut; George Strait, country and western singer; and Joseph Semprevivo, the 17-year-old vice president of a cookie company that brought in \$3 million last year.

In addressing the honorees, Bush said, *"You have become American success stories through your involve-*

ment in vocational-technical education."

The awards are part of a campaign to upgrade voc ed's image by a dozen groups, including the National Association of State Councils on Vocational Education, the National Council on Vocational Education, the American Vocational Association and advocacy groups representing voc ed partnership programs, state directors and student organizations.

Other groups backing the campaign include the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges, National Commission for Employment Policy, Brick Institute of America, National Concrete Masonry Association, Associated General Contractors of America and Home Builders Institute. ###

(Source: *Vocational Training News* - Vol. 20, No. 37 - Sept. 14)

Board Finalizes CVAE Rule Change

vocational funding restored if certain criteria are met

The State Board of Education on September 9 gave final approval to a rule change that continues vocational funding for Coordinated Vocational Academic Education (CVAE) at grades 7-8, effective with the current 1989-90 school year. The vote was 8-6-1.

Vocational funding, under action taken by the Board in 1988, would have ended on September 1. The reinstatement is designed to improve the quality and effectiveness of CVAE programs at grades 7-8 which still

could have been offered by school districts after Sept. 1 but without the benefit of vocational funding and stronger state guidelines.

Vocational funding will be limited to CVAE programs which are identified in a district's plan for alternatives to social promotion. The district plan will have to provide that students will be placed in CVAE programs based on their individually assessed needs, interests,

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Funding Sources Sought

Dropout Prevention Program Put On Hold

Until new funding sources are found, a high school dropout prevention program administered by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board will not accept additional eighth graders, according to Kenneth H. Ashworth, Commissioner of Higher Education.

Ashworth told the Board in July that the College Bound program cannot absorb another eighth grade class this fall since it did not receive funding from the Legislature.

In 1989-90, Job Training Partnership Act funds and donations from Coordinating Board members will help underwrite the cost of maintaining the program for students who have signed up since fall 1987.

Currently, about 100,000 students in predominantly minority school districts participate in the College Bound program. They receive a newsletter twice a year containing information to help them prepare and pay for college.

When these students graduate from high school, the Commissioner has pledged to help them find the financial assistance they need to attend college.

Although the College Bound program cannot accept new eighth grade classes this fall, Ashworth said the Board will now have an opportunity to study the college-going rates of eighth graders in College Bound and compare them with a group outside the program.

"By tracking these students, we can determine whether College Bound makes a difference," he said. ###

(Source: *Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board REPORT*, Vol. XXIV, No. 2.)

Support the 1989-90
Texas Vocational
Education Awards
Program

Schedule of Activities for the Annual Update of the Master Plan for Vocational Education

~~June 10, 1989~~ Action on proposed responses to recommendations from the Texas Council on Vocational Education that impact the Master Plan. *

~~September 8, 1989~~ Proposed draft of the annual update of the Master Plan submitted to the State Board of Education for discussion. *

October 12, 1989 Proposed annual update to the Master Plan submitted to the Joint Liaison Committee for review and recommendations.

October 13, 1989 Public Hearing before the State Board of Education and invited members of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board on the proposed annual update of the Master Plan.

October 26-27, 1989 Review of public testimony and recommendations of the Texas Council on Vocational Education regarding the proposed annual update of the postsecondary and adult sections of the Master Plan by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

October 26-27, 1989 Action on proposed annual update of the postsecondary and adult sections of the Master Plan by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

November 11, 1989 Review of public testimony and recommendations of the Texas Council on Vocational Education regarding the proposed annual update of the Master Plan by the State Board of Education.

November 11, 1989 Action on proposed annual update of Master Plan by the State Board of Education. Approved changes to the Master Plan would be effective with the 1990-91 school year.

* Struck through items indicate completed activities.

Cummings Assumes New Position With TEA

Dr. Jay Cummings, formerly Assistant Commissioner for Special Programs Funding and Compliance at the Texas Education Agency, has been named the Agency's new Deputy Commissioner for Special Programs by Commissioner of Education W. N. Kirby.

Cummings, who was appointed to the post August 10, will head the Agency's new Department of Special Programs, which was created as part of a recent reorganization of the TEA to focus greater attention on the needs of various special student populations. He will be responsible for developing

and implementing programs for at-risk students and those in special populations and will administer funding, compliance monitoring and technical assistance activities for vocational, compensatory, bilingual, migrant and special education and adult employment and training programs.

Cummings also will direct the Agency's efforts to assist school districts with programs for students in special populations, such as gifted and talented and migrant students and those who are limited English proficient, handicapped, or emotionally disadvantaged. ###

Texas Vocational Education Awards Program

Council Accepting 1989-90 Nominations

The Texas Council on Vocational Education has announced that nominations are being accepted for the third annual Texas Vocational Education Awards Program.

Over 1200 nomination form packets have been forwarded to superintendents, deans and directors, and business leaders encouraging their active participation in the nomination and ultimate recognition of outstanding/exemplary participants in vocational education.

Individuals interested in submitting nominations are asked to either contact the Council office to secure an official nomination form packet or contact their institution's leadership for a packet as soon as possible. Deadline for Council receipt of the nominations is November 15, 1989.

The 1989-90 Awards Program will culminate with an awards banquet to be held in honor of the six winners and eighteen finalists during February in Austin. State winners will be submitted as nominees from Texas for national awards in the appropriate categories.

The Texas Vocational Education Awards Program was initiated during the 1987-88 school year with a goal of establishing a vehicle to recognize exemplary participation in vocational education activities and providing a forum that could spotlight the caliber of students and the voluntary involvements by individuals, businesses, and labor organizations associated with the vocational education component of the public education system of Texas.

The 88-89 Awards Banquet was sponsored in part by the Vocational-Technical Education Development Foundation of Texas with additional funding provided by ALCOA-Rockdale; GTE-Southwest; Texas AFL-CIO; Texas Building and Construction Trades Council; and United Services Automobile Association (USAA). Further financial assistance was provided by the Trinity Valley Community College Occupational Education Advisory Committees and individual vocational education teachers in Texas.

Approximately 220 banquet attendees honored the seven winners and fifteen finalists for their outstanding achievements and contributions.

The Awards Program has been growing in stature and participation since its conception in 1987. The Council encourages vocational education supporters to help make the 89-90 effort an even greater success by placing a nomination as soon as possible. ###

Deadline for Nominations is

November 15, 1989

Request a Nomination Packet TODAY!

Award Categories & Criteria

Outstanding Student

A student, currently enrolled in vocational-technical education, who has demonstrated a high degree of competence in a regular vocational program through classroom or laboratory training, work experience, or related projects and extracurricular activities. *

Outstanding Special Populations Student

A student, currently enrolled in a vocational-technical program specifically designed for special populations who has demonstrated a high degree of competence in his or her chosen field, and who has displayed initiative, self-reliance, and positive attitudes. Special populations include: handicapped individuals, economically and academically disadvantaged individuals; adults in need of training/retraining; single parents or homemakers; individuals participating in programs designed to eliminate sex bias/stereotyping; criminal offenders served in correctional institutions. *

Exemplary Business/Labor Involvement

An employer, labor firm, or organization that has exemplified a commitment to vocational education through public/private sector partnerships.

Exemplary Vocational Education Advisory Committee

An advisory committee which has an exemplary record of service to a school district or post-secondary institution in promoting instructional excellence in effective and innovative ways. The nominee can be a "general" or "instructional program" advisory committee.

* Two divisions (secondary and postsecondary)

Horn Submits Resignation

Will Reece, Executive Director of T/COVE, has announced the resignation of Kerry Horn as Program Officer of T/COVE, effective September 30.

Horn, who served as Program Officer for two years, has accepted a position with the Texas Association of School Boards as Assistant Director of Governmental Relations.

Prior to joining T/COVE, Horn served as Executive Director of the Texas Vocational Consortium.

Horn assumes his position with TASB on October 9. ###

Postsecondary "Movers & Shakers"

Four Texans have been named among the 50 most effective community college leaders in America in a survey conducted by two University of Texas professors and by a researcher at Mount Royal College, Canada. They are: **Raymond Hawkins**, *Tyler Junior College*; **Jan LeCroy**, *Dallas County Community College District*; **Jess Parrish**, *Midland College*; and the late **Stewart MacLaurin**, *Kilgore College*.

Navarro College's new President is **Gerald Burson**. He had served as Vice President and Dean of Instruction at Northern Oklahoma College for 22 years.

Jim Worden, Dean of Instruction at *Tarrant County Junior College's South Campus*, was named that campus' new President, effective July 1. He replaced **Charles McKinney** who retired in April.

Cecil Groves was named Chancellor of the *Texas State Technical Institute*, effective February 15. He had served as President of *Pikes Peak Community College* in Colorado since July 1985.

Don Goodwin is the new President of *Texas State Technical Institute-Waco*, effective June 13. He had served as Vice Chancellor for Educational Services since April 1 and, prior to that, as Vice President for Instructional Services at *Pikes Peak Community College* in Colorado.

The National Association of Community College Trustees has named *Austin Community College* President **Dan Angel** as Western Regional Chief Executive Officer.

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The Texas Higher Education
Coordinating Board will hold
its next quarterly meeting on
October 27-28.

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and abilities. Districts must develop and implement a process to ensure close coordination between general and vocational components of the program, and a process to monitor a student's academic and vocational progress and exit provisions.

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