

# Career Tech Matters

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**D**ebbie Wipert, building supervisor at the Mound Street Campus, wanted to make the building a little more festive this year and decided to host a door decorating contest.

Students in programs that meet there — Allied Health, Aspire, Pathways, Sports Medicine and Veterinary Science — came up with a theme and have been working on the doors for the past few weeks, Debbie said.

“Juniors in the programs are already talking about what they want to do next year,” she said.

Yesterday, Jason Vesey, director of Secondary Education, judged the doors and selected the winners, basing his scores on creativity, quality and program integration, he said.

“This is great what Debbie has done. It builds a connection for the students to the school.”

Becca Hopkins’ Veterinary Science lab won first (right); Tammy Tipton’s Allied Health Juniors won second; Jan Altier’s Sports Medicine won third; and Austin Manson’s Pathways class won fourth. Honorable mentions went to Jason Picklesimer’s Pathways class and Aspire.



Jason Vesey and Debbie Wipert check out one of the doors decorated by students at the Mound Street Campus.



I came to campus Saturday to check out the Pancakes with Santa & Craft Show event and was pleased by the great turnout.

The brainchild of event coordinators Robin Bussey and Tracey Eyre brought in more than 200 people who bought pancakes and about 30 vendors for the craft show.

Tracey said the feedback from every vendor was positive but what she really hopes is that the event resonates with the children who saw Santa and Mrs. Claus.

“It’s a seed to plant with the little ones so that they’ll say years later ‘I remember when I was 5 years old and I went there to see Santa Claus.’ ”

Money raised by the vendors’ table fee benefits the PRTA Scholarship; money from the pancake break-



fast goes to Student Council; and money donated for the gift-wrapping service goes to our SkillsUSA chapter.

Donna Patrick, a SkillsUSA co-advisor who oversaw the gift-wrapping station, said she and students who worked with her had a lot of fun.

“Students have already said they want to help next year!”

Donna did have one regret.

“I didn’t get the memo to wear a Christmas sweater but next year, I will.”

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