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*“Excited About  
the Future...”*

*Director Alan Taylor (right) and Floyd County Sheriff Darrell Mills (left) recently announced that Prosser School of Technology is going to offer a Criminal Justice Program for students. The Floyd County Sheriff's Department donated a car to the program. See the next page for more.*

## Making Tomorrow Better: Floyd County Sheriff's Department Donates Car

The fall of 2011 will usher in an exciting time in the School of Technology. Prosser will open its doors to a brand new Criminal Justice Program. Plans are currently being made to ensure that the program is set up for success. On March 17, Prosser hosted its first committee meeting of the Criminal Justice Advisory Board. Those invited were Indiana State Police, every county sheriff and every city chief of police located within Prosser's six-county CTE district. The meeting was well attended and very productive. "Stakeholders will be essential to the success of this program," said director Alan Taylor. "This program will benefit many Indiana counties as it prepares our students for careers in criminal justice," Mr. Taylor added.



Committee members agreed to assist in locating quality teacher candidates and to donate necessary equipment to the program. Adding to the excitement, Floyd County Sheriff Darrell Mills donated a sheriff's car to the program. "I support Mr. Taylor and the many fine educators who work at Prosser. On behalf of Floyd County I would like to help make the Criminal Justice program one that will generate success for

students." Mr. Taylor added, "Our thanks go to all those willing to give time, experience and gifts and to Sheriff Mills for his generous donation to this new program!"

## SuccessStory: Douglas Bostock, 2005



His dream was to find a career in Computer and Network Technology. He is realizing it very quickly. Douglas Edward Bostock, Jr. graduated from Floyd Central High School in 2005. He also studied IT Network Systems at Prosser during that time.

What were Bostock's impressions of Prosser? He tells us, "Attending Prosser allowed me to start pursuing a passion of mine before attending college. It gave me a real advantage against the other students in college and when I started looking for my first job."

A December, 2008, graduate of Purdue University's Internal Technology Program, Bostock currently works at Google as a part of their Internal Technology Residency Program. He provides IT support to internal users at Google. Working there has given him the opportunity to effectively use the knowledge and skills he learned while at Prosser and then Purdue to provide the support that enables people at Google to stay productive and do "amazing things." And the "massive perks" provided by Google make his job even more enjoyable.

But, what else will Bostock always thank Prosser for? He says, "All the tools you need to succeed in your area of focus are provided: equipment, books, instructors. The hands-on experience I received was invaluable in preparing for the real world. The work-study program during the last semester of my senior year gave me real-world experience and was a great start to my career."

Is Bostock behind a computer 24/7? No. The hard work of learning and developing the skills he needs behind him and using the Prosser program to full advantage, he now finds time to relax on weekends on his motorcycle and to train for a marathon. Life has turned out well for Bostock who credits his mother's constant challenge to him to succeed in all that he does, whether at work or in his leisure time. And, of course, he is thankful to Prosser for the development of his skills that will "always be of benefit" to him.

**PROSSER SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY** is a strong supporter of the Skills USA and Business Professionals of America career and technical student organizations. Both of these organizations allow students to demonstrate career and leadership skills through competitive contests.

This year the BPA state competition was held in Indianapolis on February 27-March 1. Prosser had 23 students qualify for the state competition. Of these students, four qualified for nationals. These four students will represent Prosser and the State of Indiana at the national competition to be held in Washington, D.C., on May 4-7.

On Saturday, April 19, the SkillsUSA state competition was held in Indianapolis. Boastfully, 34 Prosser students qualified for the state competition. Of these students, four won an Indiana State championship. The four students will represent Prosser and the State of Indiana at the national competition to be held in Kansas City, Mo., on June 19-24.

**BPA National Qualifiers**



Breanna Fitzgerald  
Mary Pellman  
*2nd Video Production Team*



Bradley Cypert  
*4th C++ Programming*  
Eli Bane  
*4th Web Programming*

**SKILLS USA STATE WINNERS 2011**

SCHOOL/NAME	PLACE	EVENT
<b>CORYDON</b>		
John Timberlake	3	CNC Milling
Zach Stewart	2	CNC Turning
Colin Wieckowski	3	Building Trades
<b>EASTERN</b>		
Kendra Lewellyn	2	Medical Terminology
<b>FLOYD CENTRAL</b>		
Blake Marvin	2	Electricity
<b>**Brian Sheckell</b>	1	Precision Machine
Jessica Wilfong	2	Food & Beverage
<b>**Taylor Dedrick</b>	1	Culinary Arts
<b>HENRYVILLE</b>		
Zachary Wilmoth	3	CNC Turning
<b>JEFFERSONVILLE</b>		
Gina McCowan	3	Medical Terminology
<b>**Corey Havens</b>	1	Computer Networking
Jadon Drake	3	Masonry
<b>**Amanda Schuley</b>	1	Basic Health Care
David Pollard	3	Computer Networking
<b>LANESVILLE</b>		
Rachel Riley	3	Nurse Assisting
Hannah Bays	2	Nurse Assisting
Ashley Bolin		State Officer
<b>NEW ALBANY</b>		
Erica Dixon	2	Basic Health Care
D. J. Johnson	3	First Aid & CPR
<b>SALEM</b>		
Luke Martin	2	Computer Networking
<b>SCOTTSBURG</b>		
Tanner Perkins	3	Collision Repair
<b>HOME SCHOOL</b>		
Kayla Bryan	3	Food & Beverage

**BPA STATE WINNERS 2011**

SCHOOL/NAME	PLACE	EVENT
<b>CRAWFORD</b>		
Jenna Hammond	6	Graphic Design
<b>FLOYD CENTRAL</b>		
<b>**Bradley Cypert</b>	4 & 6	C++/ Java
Jeremy Williams	8	Java
Landon Gavin	9	Java
<b>JEFFERSONVILLE</b>		
<b>**Breana Fitzgerald</b>	2	Video Production
<b>LANESVILLE</b>		
Aaron Borders	2	Video Production
<b>ROCK CHRISTIAN</b>		
Jon Gonzalez	4	Presentation Management
<b>SALEM</b>		
<b>**Eli Bane</b>	4	Web Programming
<b>SOUTH CENTRAL</b>		
<b>**Mary Pellman</b>	4	Presentation Management
Hallie Sams	4	Presentation Management

**\*\* denotes National Qualifier**



*From left to right; Corey Havens, Amanda Schuley, Brian Sheckell and Taylor Detrick (Inset) are Skills USA National Qualifiers.*

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## Prosser Students Earn Scholarship Money in Welders Competition

Louisville's Welders Supply Company hosted its fifth Annual American Welding Society competition on April 29. The American Welding Society (AWS) was founded in 1919 as a multifaceted, nonprofit organization with a goal to advance the science, technology and application of welding and related joining disciplines.

Locally, the AWS competition provides not only a chance to show off skills, but an opportunity to earn money for college.

Eight teams from four local schools competed in the event, including students from Prosser. Prosser's welders did very well in the competition.

Ohio Technical College provided scholarships to students who demonstrated expertise in the art of welding. Prosser students were awarded the following scholarships from Ohio Technical College:

- Nathan Niccum, 3rd place, GMAW, \$3,000
- Cody Frank, 2nd place, Welding Theory, \$4,000
- Jordan Sweeney, 2nd place, Flux Core, \$4,000

The team of Nathan, Cody, and Jordan also placed 4th overall.

Mike Arand, Prosser's Welding instructor said, "This event showcases our students' skills and provides an opportunity to compete with other students. I want to thank Bud Merrill of Welder's Supply for his work in making the event happen. I am proud of our students."



## Director's Message Preparing for the Future



As jobs become more difficult to obtain, it's more important than ever that applicants approach a prospective employer with the proper training. The answer to affording a degree, certification or job is preparedness, knowing what you want and how to go about getting it. Now is the time to prepare.

Most parents and students would love to be able to set aside the money for post-secondary tuition and some were fortunate enough to be able to do so. For the rest of the nation, life got in the way of this goal and the years flew by.

At Prosser, we understand the pressure and anxiety of sending a child to college. We're not just educators; we're parents and, at one time, students ourselves. We know about passing the SAT/ ACT and applying for scholarships; in fact, we have people dedicated to helping with these daunting tasks.

High school graduation should be a time of celebration for parents and students without anxiety about the future. In this newsletter we feature Prosser graduate Douglas

Edward Bostock who proves that preparedness is critical to future success. Whether you are headed for college, the military or into the job market, we can talk you through the steps and help ease the tension. Get excited about the future! We'll help you.

— Alan Taylor, Director