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*Photo (HOSA_01.jpg)-
Career Health Display Gold Medalists Alicia Whitwam
and Brooke Cooper*



*Photo (HOSA_02.jpg)-
Amanda Macheta, Top 10 Finalist, competing in the strength and flexibility
event for Sports Medicine during Region VI HOSA conference. Patient
Ashley Major is following her student's instruction as the HOSA judge
takes notes.*

Career Tech students earn 29 medals at health occupations contest

BIG RAPIDS: Muskegon Area Career Tech Center (MACTC) students from the Rehab Tech Program and Health Services Program earned 29 medals in the Region VI Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) Conference at Ferris State University on February 5, 2009. Over 400 students from the West Michigan area participated in a variety of events, such as physical therapy, sports medicine, nurse assisting, job seeking skills and a number of knowledge tests. Students completed lengthy written medical assessments and demonstrated hands-on skills on patients, such as directing range of motion exercises, instructing patients how to walk with a walker, taking vital signs, and participating in mock interviews.

Additionally, students highlighted a community awareness project on the recent Shigella outbreak detailing their education and community service within local schools. In total, MACTC Rehab Tech students took home a total of 14 medals and earned 20 top ten finalist positions while Health Services students were awarded 15 medals and 10 top ten finalist positions. Those students earning medals will advance on to State HOSA Competitions

HOSA is one of several extra-curricular Career Tech Student Organizations (CTSOs) offered by the Muskegon Area Career Tech Center. Currently 196 students participate in CTSOs. HOSA strives to promote career opportunities in health care and enhance the delivery of quality health care to all people. Endorsed by the U.S. Department of Education and the Health Science Technology Education Division of the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE), HOSA recognizes the importance of providing students with training far beyond the basic technical skills needed for entry into the health care field. The MACTC opened to Muskegon area high school juniors and seniors in January 2005 and is operated by Muskegon Area Intermediate School District (MAISD).

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