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# Southeast Career Technical Academy

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## Future Business Leaders of America

Our Future Business Leaders of America chapter has 50 registered members this year. Our officer team is:

**President** – Michelle Garcia  
**Vice President** – Gabriela Keys  
**Social Vice President** – Ana Bermudez  
**Secretary** – Eliza Rincon  
**Historian** – Emelyn Rodriguez  
**Historian** – Julia Razura

Our national theme this year is **Gateway to Greatness** and we are making plans to have great year. Some of our plans for the year are:

**Fall Leadership Extravaganza**  
Thirty students attended the Fall Leadership Extravaganza on October 17<sup>th</sup>. This was a fun one day conference where we joined members of FBLA, HOSA, and DECA for personal leadership and etiquette training. Our members had the opportunity to network with students from other schools and other organizations.

**Emblem Ceremony**  
Our emblem ceremony was recently held. Our officers prepared a presentation to explain the meaning of the FBLA crest as well as the goals of our organization. Additionally, Amberly Nelson recited the Creed in preparation for our upcoming State competition.

### **Business Achievement Awards**

This is a self-directed business and leadership program designed to accelerate a student's leadership abilities while complimenting their academic studies. Members are working on a variety of activities to earn the "Future", "Business", "Leader", and "America" awards. This is a tiered program that focuses on the FBLA goals of Service, Education and Progress.

### **March of Dimes**

This nonprofit organization is dedicated to improving the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. Over the past four years, our chapter has donated over \$6,000.00 to the March of Dimes. We recently held a school-wide March of Dimes Change for Babies coin drive. During this one-minute coin drive, students, faculty and staff donated their spare change and we were able to collect over \$300.00. We will hold a coin drive each quarter with the goal of donating in excess of \$1,000.00.

### **Ronald McDonald House**

We will be participating in a variety of community service activities this year at the Ronald McDonald House. A few activities will be cooking dinner for the house guests, decorating lunch bags, collecting flip tabs

from aluminum cans, and decorating for holidays. If you would like to donate flip tabs, please have them delivered to the student store during lunch or to Mrs. Jones in Room 102.

### **Committees**

We are currently forming committees to plan activities for American Enterprise Day, social activities, and FBLA week. Additionally, with the help of our Student Organization of Latinos, we will be holding a Reach Out and Read campaign to collect books to be donated to local elementary school children.

COSMETOLOGY



Cosmetology has cracked the first nine weeks with an array of new information!

It has been very exciting in the senior class the first nine weeks. Students just completed an anatomy project that included a 3D body and cell. Students also researched all of the systems preparing a written and oral presentation about their findings.

Seniors have also completed their first salon observation. It has proven to be an enlightening project that has opened their eyes and fielded an array of questions to discuss about the real world of cosmetology.

Discussions have included commission versus independent contractors, paying taxes, customer service, building and retaining a clientele, and the variety of salons that exist in the Las Vegas area.

All of the students are working hard on the lab floor learning and refining the skills needed to be successful when servicing clients. It is exciting to see the students working on clients and mannequins, performing haircuts and styling, coloring, facials, etc.

We have 14 students attending the SkillsUSA Leadership Conference where they will learn about running a chapter, developing a program of

work, community service, and becoming leaders in the chapter, school, and community. We look forward to them sharing what they have learned with our membership.

We are open for clients Tuesday through Friday. Treat yourself to a professional service. Please call 799-7500 X4456 to set up an appointment.

Cross Country

Cross Country is on the Move

Cross Country starts early with intramurals late in the school year and continuing again in June. "I can promise you hard work, heat, and more hard work, but I can also promise you the satisfaction of accomplishment, pride, camaraderie and fun" said Coach Kyriacou. From Zion Park, Utah, to Lake Havasu, Arizona and Huntington Beach, California, the Roadrunners keep on the move. "Cross Country is a pretty descriptive name for our sport", said team captain Zach Zimdars. "We travel a lot and run in the mountains, in the desert and sometimes in water".

Travel is one of the attractions for many members of the team. "I especially love going to California with the team. We compete hard, but Coach always makes sure we hit the beach and the boardwalk afterwards", said Stephanie De la Cruz. Michelle Garcia agreed, but said, "I also liked the trip to Lake Havasu and swimming in the Colorado River at Laughlin".

Traveling is fun, but it also puts the Roadrunners in head-to-head competition against some of the best runners and teams in the western United States. "I love to compete against out-of-state teams. Some teams from Southern California, Page, Arizona, and other places are very strong. We don't know how good we are until we go up against the best," according to top runner Martin Ponce.

The Roadrunners are highly ranked year after year, and will be vying for one of two spots to State when they compete later in the week at the Regional Cross Country Championship at Veteran's Memorial Park in Boulder City. The boys have gone to State in two of the past three years, but this would be the first time going to Reno, if the boy's team succeeds at the regional. "If we don't qualify as a team," Coach K says, "Martin Ponce and perhaps two more runners may make it as individual qualifiers". In each of the past ten years, at least one or two Cross Country runners

have competed at State and the streak will likely continue this year.

For the girls, Taylor Coss and Lizbeth Aguilar will be trying to make it as individual qualifiers. If Taylor succeeds, she will tie the record of three trips to State set by Crystelle Schultz and have a shot at breaking the record next year.



From left to right Albert Munoz, Zach Zimdars, Miguel Garcia, Martin Ponce, Ken Lawrence and Matt Christensen proudly pose with their second consecutive championship trophy. This was the fourth trophy this season.

## SECTA TENNIS

The 2011-2012 Las Vegas high school tennis tournaments, sponsored by the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association (NIAA), finished at the end of September. SECTA's tennis team was ranked number 5 in the Sunrise Region at the close of the regular season. There were a total of seven SECTA tennis players who advanced into individual regional playoffs this year. The Sunrise Region Tennis Championships were held at Darling Tennis Center (DTC) from October 10 to 14.

The following SECTA tennis players made it into the NIAA playoff matches:

### SECTA Boys' Tennis Team

Carlos Degadillo  
Zachary Witt  
Christian Valle  
Jerman Sandoval  
Adan Hernandez

### SECTA Girls' Tennis Team

Alexis Sanchez  
Priscilla Sanchez

The following SECTA tennis players were ranked seeded players for the individual regional matches:

### SECTA Boys' Tennis Team

Carlos Degadillo - Number 5 seed  
Zachary Witt - Number 6 seed  
Christian Valle - Number 8 seed

### SECTA Girls' Tennis Team

Alexis Sanchez - Number 6 seed

**Congratulations to all our tennis players for their achievements in SECTA's Varsity Tennis Program!**



## SOL Hard At Work

On September 11, 2011, about 80 members of SECTA's Student Organization of Latinos (SOL) volunteered for the IRONMAN Triathlon. They handed out water, wet sponges and PowerAde to over 1,000 athletes. SOL had 40 students per shift and they ran two, 4-hour shifts. SOL also won 1<sup>st</sup> place for the best Aid Station, winning \$750 which will be used for scholarships.

SOL students also participated in two Hispanic Heritage Day Parades, one in Las Vegas and the other one in Henderson. SECTA's SOL was the largest group marching in both parades.

On September 24<sup>th</sup>, about 60 members volunteered to work the annual Lake Mead clean up and worked for about four hours cleaning the Lake Mead area.

**GOOD JOB SOL!**

# Automotive, Construction and CADD



## AUTOMOTIVE DEPARTMENT

The Automotive Department is going through its five-year recertification process with the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF). This is a process where the automotive department, its teachers and equipment are reviewed by local business and industry partners, post-secondary education partners and an evaluation team leader to determine if we are meeting the national standards set forth by NATEF. SECTA is the only secondary school in Southern Nevada to have met this certification. Mr. Britton is the leader for this project.

Along with our NATEF certification, SECTA's Automotive Department is also certified by the Automotive Youth Educational Systems (AYES) Organization. AYES is partnered with various vehicle manufacturers and tool manufacturers to provide additional training and instruction for its students and instructors. Again, SECTA is the only secondary school in Nevada to have this certification.

Mr. Raha has joined the Automotive Department as an instructor once again working alongside Mr. Britton.

## CONSTRUCTION and CADD

Mr. Alvey has a unique opportunity for the next few years with his students. With all the new construction taking place on SECTA's campus, his students will have the opportunity to see firsthand, equipment and materials being used on the job site that they are currently learning how to use. Mr. Alvey also incorporates various levels of construction site surveying into his program so students also get this experience in developing their skills.



Students in Mr. Alvey's cabinet classes have been very busy building beautiful office furniture for various departments located on our campus. His students are incorporating their math, reading, and writing skills into all of their engineering and construction classes taken at SECTA.

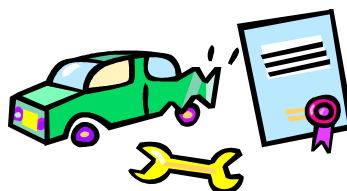
Recently, Mrs. Thomas, (SECTA's Career Coordinator) and Mr. Alvey have been working closely with TIMET on the possibility of developing internships for his students. What an opportunity students will have once this is set in place! Mr. Alvey is also planning to bring more "Green Construction Technology" into his program.

The CADD Architecture students are also taking advantage of all the construction going on around campus. They are walking around campus observing the "Tilt-Up Construction" techniques being used for our new building and are using this information to drawing section details of the new buildings. These types of plans show all the information necessary to build this type of structure.

## AUTO COLLISION

Mr. Fitzgerald has been working hard on his program to have it become I-CAR certified. This certification helps Mr. Fitzgerald teach his students to a higher standard as set forth by I-CAR. Students have the opportunity to take I-CAR tests and be certified in that area.

Students are also working on vehicles which require body work, painting and finishing. Students are taught how to prepare damaged body panels, sanding, welding, and painting. Also, students are taught how to straighten damaged body frames using a frame straightener. I-CAR certification helps students meet tomorrow's technology.



# Deans' Corner

## Nuisance Items

Radios, tape recorders, cameras, video cameras, and other electronic devices are disruptive to the educational environment. These items are not allowed in classes or during passing time, and will be confiscated. Cellular telephones, musical devices such as personal CD players, MP3 players and/or IPODs may be used before school, at lunch, and after school. At all other times, they are to remain off. All of these items will be confiscated if in violation of school rules. After one student warning, a registered parent/guardian will need to pick up the confiscated item from the Deans' Office.



## School Dances (on campus and off campus)

Students may invite one, and only one, non-SECTA student to a SECTA school dance. Students must complete a guest pass form and have it submitted to the Student Activities Director at least three days prior to the dance. The guest must be a high school student and be able to present identification when entering the dance. The guest must enter the dance accompanied by the SECTA student.

SECTA students are responsible for the behavior of their guest.



## Career Center News

### CAREER CRUISING

Career Cruising is an Internet-based career exploration and planning tool used by your son or daughter to explore career and college options and develop a career plan. Career Cruising can be accessed from school, from home, or wherever your son or daughter has access to the Internet. Features of the program include:

#### Interest and Skills Assessment

A world-renowned career assessment tool to help people identify suitable career options based on their interests and skills

#### Ability Profiler

Learn more about your abilities and see how your abilities compare to those used in careers that interest you

#### Learning Styles Inventory

Discover how you learn and retain information and find tips on how to improve your study habits to suit your learning style

### Career Profiles

Thorough up-to-date information about hundreds of different occupations, including direct links between careers and related college programs ...search by keyword, school subject, and career cluster

### Multimedia Interviews

Interviews with real people in each occupation, which add depth and realism to career profiles (2 interviews per occupation)

### College and Financial Aid Information

Comprehensive college, university, career and technical school programs and thousands of financial aid programs, with a number of useful search tools to help students find the right college and the right scholarships

### Electronic Career Portfolio

Available online, so students can develop their education and career plans, store interest assessment results, document work, volunteer experience, skills, abilities, extracurricular activities and build a customized resume

### Resume Builder

Integrated with the portfolio to help students format and print professional-looking resumes quickly and easily

To find out more about Career Cruising simply go to [www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com) and enter Southeast Career Technical Academy's username and password:

Login at: [www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com)

Enter your school's username: scta

Enter your school's password: 89120

Click on "Start Career Cruising" to begin.

If you have questions about Career Cruising, please contact :  
Peggy Thomas, SECTA's Career & Co-operative Education Teacher/  
Coordinator, at (702) 799-7500 Ext. 4157.

# Counselors' Corner

## ATTENTION ALL JUNIORS:

All juniors should plan to sit for the ACT and/or the SAT exams during the spring of their junior year. The ACT is \$34 and the SAT is \$49.

Any student receiving free or reduced lunch can request a fee waiver from Mr. Galyean in the counseling office to test for free. (All free/reduced lunch students can qualify to take each exam twice during their high school career.)

Listed below are the registration and test dates recommended for all juniors.

**STUDENTS WILL REGISTER ONLINE.**

ACT — [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Test Date</u>
March 9, 2012	April 14, 2012
May 4, 2012	June 9, 2012

SAT — [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Test Date</u>
April 6, 2012	May 5, 2012
May 8, 2012	June 2, 2012

