

Career Center student's work recognized

Brabenec wins awards for poster, pamphlet and photographs

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Akron Club of Printing House Craftsmen recently recognized Career Center junior Devon Brabenec for winning eight silver awards for his creative photographs, a poster and a pamphlet.

Barry Sponsler, graphic communications instructor at the Career Center, received the annual invitation to enter students' work in early March. Judging took place in April and the organization displayed the award-winning work at the Student Gallery of Superb Printing 2007 Awards Banquet May 8.

Akron Club of Printing House Craftsmen is comprised of professionals in the Northern Ohio area who judge student submissions. Categories range from stationery and calendars to photography and typesetting. "I always ask the class who might be interested in submitting work," said Sponsler, "but I thought Devon needed to do this."

Because there was not a limit to the number of submissions, Brabenec seized the opportunity to enter as many of his works as possible into several categories.

"There was no limit, so I figured 'why not?'" Brabenec said.

The pamphlet Brabenec submitted outlines the purpose and curriculum for the Career Center's graphic communications program and also was used for visitor and sophomore tours.

Though Brabenec did not know exactly which photos won the six awards, the subjects of his entries ranged from portraits to abstract pieces. His posters advertised his



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Devon Brabenec, a junior in the Career Center's graphic communications program, poses with some of the photographs and posters he won awards for through an Akron Club of Printing House Craftsmen contest.

skateboarding company.

So far, no other student of Sponsler's has ever has won as many awards as Brabenec. "I'm pretty proud of myself," Brabenec said. "I felt like the pamphlet would win, I've worked on it way too much since the start of it."

Brabenec realized his interest in graphic design even before the visit to the Career Center during his sophomore year. He began attending the Career Center at the beginning of his junior year. Since then, his assignments have prompted him to work with silk screening, photography, creating letterheads and business cards.

According to Sponsler,

much of the work Brabenec completes exceeds the general entry-level expectations.

"He's a self-motivated kid who has actually come back into school to work on his projects," Sponsler said. "It's hard to find a teenager willing to put in that kind of work when they don't have to."

Brabenec is working on advertising flyers for a teacher who races and looking for a summer job or internship to assist his efforts in finding early placement. In the past he has worked on thank-you notes and memo pads for United Way.

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BLACK RIVER SCHOOL BOARD

Outstanding students honored before meeting

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SULLIVAN — Black River School Board met to recognize outstanding students Thursday before the regular meeting.

Students honored were first nominated to the school principal by teachers. They were chosen for receiving student of the month awards, dedication to the Anti-Smoking Advocate committee and assistance in the Spring into Health Fair, among other activities. Honored students received certificates commemorating their individual successes.

The meeting went smoothly, according to Board Treasurer Connie Hange.

The motion to employ Gary Bush was shelved for further consideration. Bush

is up for a position as a high school science teacher for the next school year.

Tyler Gordon received full board support in his nomination for a high school social studies and language arts teaching position.

The board also approved the hiring of several athletic department workers, including coaches for volleyball, football and cheerleading. Eleven people were selected to help with maintenance work over the summer as well as three additional bus maintenance workers.

Supt. Janice Wyckoff also recommended the board accept the resignation of Anne Gasser, a teacher at the high school.

In other action, handbooks for the elementary, middle and high schools were approved for the 2007-08 school year.



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Royalty

County Commissioner Matt Miller crowns Kingston of Ashland's senior candidates for the Ashland County Fair, Herbert Johnston and Mary Thompson, Friday at Kingston.

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