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Career Academy Awards for 2015-2016 ***For both Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties***

Pensacola, FL: The School Districts of Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties collectively held a Career Academy Awards Luncheon on April 5 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Pensacola. The luncheon was sponsored by Pen Air Federal Credit Union.

Career academies are small learning communities where students complete a rigorous program of study within a career pathway. The academies produce students ready for college and careers. With the guidance of teachers and business partners, students develop knowledge around a given industry while they are provided with opportunities to earn industry credentials relevant to their chosen career path and to participate in related work-based learning.

The following winners of outstanding business partners, students, teachers and academies categories were recognized at the 7th Annual Career Academy Awards Luncheon:

Healthcare Industry Partner:

Arcadia Health and Rehabilitation Center – Mary Reid

Information Technology Industry Partner:

University of West Florida – Anthony Pinto

Agriscience Industry Partner:

Veterinary Emergency Referral Center – Dr. David Bordelon & Catheryn Grantham

Aviation Industry Partner:

Unmanned Safety Institute – Alex Mirot

Marketing and Entrepreneur Industry Partner:

University of West Florida, Freelance Photography – Sabrina McLaughlin

Middle School Career Academy Student of the Year:

Shaleyah Carter – Bellview Middle School, Information Technology Academy

Alexis King – Woodlawn Middle School, Microsoft IT Academy

Middle School Career Academy Teacher of the Year:

Jonathan Cordier – Woodham Middle School, Information Technology Academy
Martha Fricks – Gulf Breeze Middle School, CAPE

Middle School Career Academy of the Year:

Information Technology Academy, Bellview Middle School
Santa Rosa Medical Center IT Academy, Hobbs Middle School

High School Career Academy Student of the Year:

Gabby Gordon – Escambia High School, Digital Design Academy
Andrew “Chase” Durbin – Milton High School, Aviation and Manufacturing Academy

High School Career Academy Scholar of the Year:

Kiana Celestino – Escambia High School, Digital Design Academy
Mary Katherine Ashford – Pace High School, Pace HS Communication and Graphic Arts

High School Career Academy Intern of the year:

Mariah McMullen – West Florida High School, Multimedia Academy
Athena Crawford – Navarre High School, Navarre High School Construction Academy

High School Career Academy Teacher of the Year:

Amy Hendrix – B.T. Washington High School, Sports Medicine Academy
Celene Sessions – Pace High School, YEA Academy

High School Career Academy of the Year:

Multimedia Academy, West Florida High School of Advanced Technology
Biotechnology Academy, Pace High School

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