

# ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES ACADEMY

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## Congratulations A-TECH FBIA



Congratulations to Liset Puentes, who was recently elected the 2010-2011 Nevada FBIA State President during this year's conference in Las Vegas!

Congratulations to these state conference winners:

Name(s)	Ranking	Event
Caleb Norcia	1st	Client Service
Iun Chen, Vivian Lee, McKenna Murray	2nd	Management Decision Making
Jessica Lee	2nd	Scrapbook
Natalie Choto & Skylar Dunn	3rd	Business Ethics
Natalie Choto	3rd	Client Service
Carmen Puentes & Liset Puentes	3rd	Emerging Business Issues
Iun Chen & McKenna Murray	4th	Business Presentation
Sean Lim, McKenna Murray, Alex Uboldi	4th	Emerging Business Issues
Britney Khuu	4th	Introduction to Business
Maggie Herrera & Caleb Norcia	4th	Management Decision Making
Vivian Lee	5th	Public Speaking I
Caleb Norcia	5th	Sports Management
Natalie Choto	7th	Business Communication
Sean Lim & Alex Uboldi	7th	Entrepreneurship
Sam Yoon	8th	Introduction to Business

Top three rankings automatically qualify for Nationals.

## Class of 2010 Commencement

The Class of 2010 Commencement will take place on Monday, June 7, 2010, at 12:00 PM at the Orleans Arena.

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## Update Student Information

Please contact A-TECH Registrar's office regarding any changes to your students' information. An Information Update form can be picked up at the Student Services desk as well as in the Registrar's office. It is imperative that we receive updated student information immediately so that important school related information/correspondence can be delivered to the parent/guardian in a timely manner.

## ACADEMIC PROBATION

Students not maintaining a cumulative 2.0 GPA (unweighted) will be placed on ACADEMIC PROBATION. Each counselor will schedule a meeting with the student, parent/guardian, and all current teachers to develop a written improvement plan. Students must bring their cumulative GPA up to a 2.0 by the end of the academic year in order to remain at A-TECH.

## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Advanced Technologies Academy is to empower a diverse student body to succeed in a competitive world by promoting academic concepts, technological skills, and ethical behavior.

## MOTTO

Academics Plus Technology

## BELIEF STATEMENTS

- A-TECH students deserve rigor, relevance, and relationships in their studies.
- A-TECH students deserve instruction from highly qualified teachers.
- A-TECH students should use relevant technology in their educational experience.
- A-TECH students should engage in problem solving and critical thinking as part of the curriculum.
- A-TECH instruction should promote physical, intellectual, and emotional well-being.
- A-TECH students should receive instruction in a climate that values cultural diversity.
- A-TECH students should receive differentiation as an integral part of curriculum, instruction, and assessment.
- A-TECH student should receive an education that prepares them for success at a college, university or career.

## VISIT A-TECH'S WEBSITE AT

[WWW.ATECH.ORG](http://WWW.ATECH.ORG)

For 24/7 information regarding our school please visit A-TECH's website. For student grades please visit ParentLink. <http://parentlink.ccsd.net>

**Have a safe and fun filled summer! Good Luck to the Class of 2010. To our returning students... see you Monday, August 30 - the first day of school.**

## 2010 HARVARD PRIZE BOOK AWARD RECIPIENTS



TYLER SEPPALA



ANNA KIYANTSEVA

Congratulations to Juniors Tyler Seppala and Anna Kiyantseva recipients of a 2010 Harvard Book Award. The Harvard Book Award is an award given out by the alumni of Harvard University to the top-performing student(s) in 11<sup>th</sup> grade reading classes in 1,900 "selected" high schools throughout the United States. Tyler and Anna were chosen from over a pool of applicants from 60 high schools throughout Nevada. The award has been handed out since 1910. Tyler and Anna were honored at a reception of the Harvard Club of Nevada on Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## Statistics Poster Competition Winner



The Nevada Chapter of the American Statistical Association held its annual statistics poster contest in March and over 250 entries were received in grades K-12. Senior Kameron VanWoerkom, a student in Mrs. Price's Statistics AP class took second place in the 10-12 division of the Statistics Poster Competition with his poster entitled, "Do Population Dense Areas Really Lean Democratic?" He was awarded a certificate and a monetary award. His project will now be sent to the American Statistical Association national competition. Photographs of Kameron's poster and other winning posters are posted on the ASA website at [www.nevada.edu/~nvasa](http://www.nevada.edu/~nvasa).

## NASC 2010-2011 Vice-President Elect Andrew Agustin



Congratulations to Junior Andrew Agustin who won the National Association of Student Councils election for the AAA Vice-Presidency. He will serve on the National Association of Student Councils State Board for the 2010 – 2011 school year.

## Staff of the Month

April 2010  
Paul Bassett  
Physical Education



April 2010  
Sandra Carillo-Pinedo  
Front Office



## Architecture Students Big Winners



NAWIC Winners L to R: Ryley Hill, Logan Ziegler, Kyle Kithas



AIALV Winners L to R: Ryley Hill, Logan Ziegler, Adrian Plata

This school year has been a very successful one for students in the Computer Assisted Drafting and Design (CADD) program at Advanced Technologies Academy. Students in Mr. Richard Knoepfel's Computer Assisted Drafting and Design II and Advanced CADD Applications classes have spent this school year studying the concepts of sustainability, green building, and reclamation as they relate to residential and commercial architecture. Students in Mr. Knoepfel's classes designed structures for the National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) and the American Institute of Architects Las Vegas Chapter (AIALV). This year's NAWIC challenge was to design a Satellite Library. Students were challenged to use the concepts of "Green Architecture" in their solution. The designs, which were submitted for judging March 19th, were carefully analyzed by local professionals to make sure that they fit the guidelines of the contest. Plans were scored and the results shared. On April 13th representatives from NAWIC Chapter 74 presented Senior Logan Ziegler with the award for first place in the local competition. Senior Ryley Hill and Junior Kyle Kithas placed second and third respectively in the local judging. Logan's plans were reviewed at the regional level where he was awarded second place. The AIALV challenged Clark County students to design a master planned community in Henderson near the Arroyo Grande Sports Complex. Students were encouraged to work in groups to plan the site which was to include parcels for use by the general public, private open spaces for the residents, and adequate parking to ensure a sense of community. Students were challenged to design a home that fit the desert climate that we live in. Student designs were due Friday, March 26th and judged by a jury of local architects Saturday, April 4th. The awards were presented during reception held at the Fifth Street School on April 15th. Senior Logan Ziegler was awarded best of school and the Honor Award for the best entry in Clark County. Classmate Ryley Hill received an honorable mention as did Junior Adrian Plata. Each of the students in these classes is to be commended on his or her efforts this school year. Congratulations to all.

## 2010 RTC Earth Day Contest Winners



Matthew Judd receives his award in front of a bus with his artwork on it.

A-TECH students created artwork that represented the celebration of Earth Day's 40th Anniversary and highlighted the RTC's sustainable initiative "quicker, cleaner, greener." A-TECH students Matthew Judd and Kate Wakeman were selected as the top two winners and their artwork is now being displayed on a 40ft. hybrid bus which was unveiled at an Earth Day special event. Matthew Judd will have his artwork displayed on the outside of the RTC bus for one year. His theme "It's in our hands," shows the earth sick on one side and well on the other held by two large hands. Kate Wakeman's "Save Our Planet," artwork will be displayed inside the bus for one year. Congratulations to Ms. Woodbury and her Graphic Design students!



*Students  
of the  
Month*  
**APRIL  
2010**



**Business and Finance  
SKYLAR DUNN**



**CADD  
EMRE KESKINTEPE**



**Computer Graphic Design  
VICTORIA CHONG**



**Computer Science  
IAN WATERS**



**English  
JARREN SANTOS**



**Foreign Language  
JASSIR VELEZ**



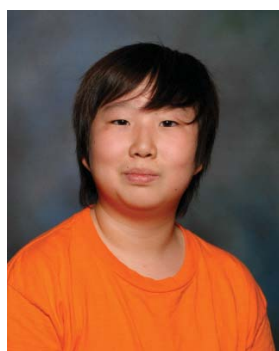
**Information Technology  
REBECCA LOPEZ**



**Legal Studies  
MICHAEL WRIGHT**



**Math  
NICHOLAS GIRARDI**



**Physical Education  
SAMUEL YOON**



**Pre-Engineering  
KAYLA SHIM**



**Science  
ISABELLE MARIE BENAVENTE**



**Social Studies  
GRETCHEN BALDAU**



**Networking Technology  
ROSA MENDOZA**

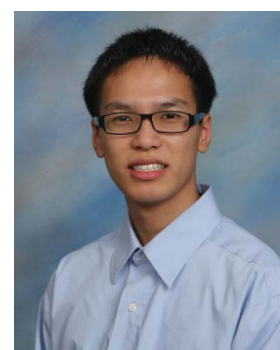
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of the  
Month*  
**MAY  
2010**



**Business and Finance  
LISET PUENTES**



**CADD  
KENNE LOWRY**



**Computer Graphic Design  
VINCENT HO**



**Computer Science  
BRANDON WORL**



**English  
FRANK AKABUTU**



**Foreign Language  
ADRIANNA BASIN**



**Information Technology  
MARCIELA GURROLA**



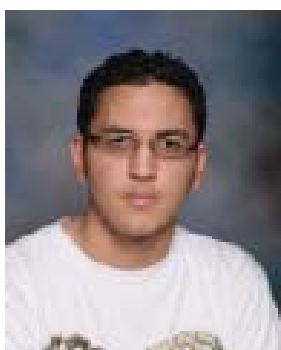
**Legal Studies  
AUSTIN PRADO**



**Math  
KYLE KITHAS**



**Physical Education  
KAREN LAM**



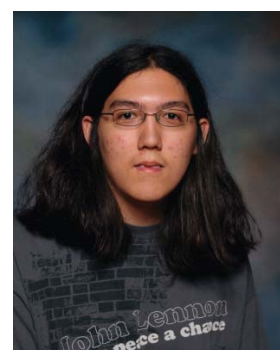
**Pre-Engineering  
BEHZAD FEDA**



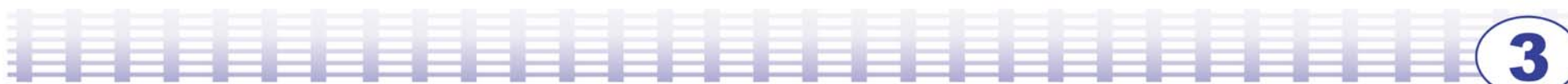
**Science  
JULIEN FLESHER**



**Social Studies  
LORRAINE FRANCISCO**



**Networking Technology  
JAMES BAKER**



# COUNSELORS' CORNER

## Volunteering Can Get You Credit!

High school students may earn elective credit by volunteering in the community. Students who volunteer for a total of 60 hours may earn ½ credit, and students who volunteer for a total of 120 hours may earn 1.0 credit. In order to begin the process, the student must meet with his/her high school counselor to get pre-approval. Parents must also approve the community service experience. Students must then locate a community site at which to volunteer. Volunteer sites in the community must be non-profit agencies, such as animal shelters, elementary schools, and hospitals. There must be an adult at the volunteer site to supervise duties and hours spent in service. At the conclusion, students must write a brief narrative describing the community service experience.

## SAGE Academy at UNLV

UNLV will be hosting the Summer Advanced Gifted Education (SAGE) Academy from July 12 – July 30, 2010. Gifted 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students are eligible to attend. Students may be identified as gifted by achieving certain SAT/ACT scores, being named as a National Merit Semifinalist, having taken Honors/AP classes in their high schools, or by receiving a letter of recommendation from their counselor. Cost to participate is \$875, which includes daily lunches, textbooks, and a parking pass. Students must provide transportation to and from UNLV. Students will take one college course from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday to earn 3 UNLV college credits, as well as high school enrichment credit. Limited tuition assistance is available to students who qualify. For more information, please call (702) 895-5469 or visit the SAGE website at <http://edoutreach.unlv.edu/sage/>

## Travel Credit May Be Earned This Summer

High school students may earn elective credit while traveling this summer. Students who travel for a total of 21 days may earn ½ credit, and students who travel for a total of 42 days may earn 1.0 credit. In order to do so, students must see their high school counselor in order to get pre-approval. Upon approval, the student must keep a journal of what he/she learned while traveling, including pictures of the student on the trip. These materials must be submitted to the counselor within three months after the student returns.

## Students – Visit a College Campus This Summer

Summer is a perfect time to plan for a College Campus visit. Begin researching colleges and universities by visiting their websites. When a potential list of colleges is determined, plan your summer campus visit. Schedule a campus tour with the admissions or recruitment office. Try to do so when summer classes are in session. This way, you can get a “true” experience with students, professors, and classes being held on campus. You may want to ask if it is possible to attend a lecture, stay in the dorms, visit an athletic practice, or meet with a financial aid administrator. Consider those characteristics of a college that are most important to you, take good notes, and bring a camera. A Checklist for a Campus Visit is available in the *CCSD Moving On – College and Career Transitional Planning Guide*. Students and parents may download this document by visiting the Guidance and Counseling website at [www.ccsd.net](http://www.ccsd.net) in the Students section.

## Students: Service Academies and the Nomination Process

Service Academies include the U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Air Force Academy, and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. Each Academy requires a congressional nomination that begins by writing a letter to the local office of your Senator and your Congressional Representative. (The Coast Guard Academy does not require Congressional nomination.) In the letter, you must state that you would like to attend a Service Academy and would like to be considered for a nomination. Most interested students begin by sending letters in the spring of their junior year. Students may apply to more than one Academy. Each congressional office will send a packet of information to interested candidates. A completed application packet includes: the application form, official high school transcripts, SAT/ACT scores, and three letters of recommendation. *Please note: ACT/SAT scores are weighted highly when Service Academy appointments are determined.* The completed application deadline is November 1<sup>st</sup> each year. For more information, contact your local Senator or Congressional Representative's office.

## SENIOR CHECKOUT

Between Tuesday, May 25 and Wednesday, June 2nd, you are to complete checkout with each of your teachers, the librarian, student services, banker, and your counselor. When completed the checkout card is returned to the counseling office for processing. If you are not planning to participate in the graduation ceremony, you are to submit the checkout card to your counselor who will verify you have met all requirements for graduation.

**Class Checkout** -- At the first of each of your exams, you are to submit your checkout card to your teacher. If you have a solid passing grade and your teacher has time during the exam, your teacher may elect to sign your checkout card while you are taking your exam. If how well you do on the exam may determine if you pass or fail the class, you will check out with your teacher the next day according to the schedule below. Be sure you go to the teacher's classroom and present your checkout card during the time listed as that is the only time they may be available without you having to wait.

**Library Checkout** – Notice on your checkout card, there is a space for the library to sign you out. If the librarian's stamp is already on your card, you do not need to go to the library as you have already been cleared. If the stamp is not on your card, as soon as possible, stop by the library with your checkout card to clear up any missing items with the librarian and obtain the stamp.

**Student Services Checkout** – Assigned parking permits are to be turned in at student services. If the student services box on your checkout card has been stamped, you do not need to go to student services. Students without a stamp on their card need to stop at student services and turn in their permit. Students who fail to turn in their parking permit will be fined \$5.00 per the parking rules and use agreement. All permits must be turned in or fines be paid to receive the student services clearance stamp.

**Bank Check out** -- After all teachers', librarian, and student services signatures are on your form, you may checkout with the banker. If you have any outstanding fines, they must be paid at this time.

**Counselor's Checkout** – Once you have the library stamp, student services stamp, all teachers' signatures and the banker's signature, take your checkout card to the counseling office for processing.

**Wednesday, May 26** -- Semester Exams, Seniors only, Periods 5 and 6  
Senior Teacher Check out - Periods 5 & 6

**Thursday, May 27** -- Semester Exams and Review - Full-day Schedule  
7th and 8th Period Exams – 7:00 – 10:45 a.m.  
Senior Teacher Check out - Periods 1, 2, 7, 8  
Library and Student Services Checkout- -10:45 - 11:00

**Friday, May 28** -- Semester Exams - Half-day Schedule  
1st and 2nd Period Exams – 7:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.  
Senior Teacher Check out -10:45 - 11:00 Periods 1, 2  
Library and Student Services Checkout - -10:45 - 11:00

**Monday, May 31** -- No School-Memorial Day

**Tuesday, June 1** -- Semester Exams - Half-day Schedule  
3rd and 4th Period Exams – 7:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.  
Senior Teacher Check out - 10:45 - 11:00 Periods 3,4,  
Library and Student Services Checkout - - 8:55 - 11:00

Bank Checkout - - 7:00 - 1:00 (Must have librarian, Student Services and all teachers' signatures on card to check out with banker)

Counselor Checkout - Must have ALL signatures

**ALL SENIORS MUST CHECK OUT WITH COUNSELORS 6/1**

**Wednesday, June 2** -- Required Graduation Practice in Gym - 7:30 a.m.  
Cap and Gown distribution: Approx. 8:30 - 10:45 (Submit check out card)

**Monday, June 7** -- Graduation - 12 p.m. ORLEANS ARENA

11:00 a.m. Graduates enter at the north end of the facility and are to report to the lineup area no later than 11:00 a.m., ready to march.

11:00 a.m. Guests must enter through the main entrance of the facility.

# CLASS OF 2010 GRADUATION QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



## Graduation Questions and Answers

The administration, faculty, and staff are proud of the Class of 2010. Graduation is a time to honor the class as a whole and the graduate individually. The Clark County School District has developed guidelines that are to be implemented by all high schools to assure that each graduating class receives the respect and dignity due at graduation. It is expected that all guests will recognize this as a dignified and solemn ceremony and will behave in an appropriate manner. Failure to do so will result in the offender's being removed. Air horns and any other noisemakers are expressly forbidden as they interfere with honoring the graduates.

### When and where is graduation?

A-TECH's graduation will be held in the ORLEANS ARENA at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, June 7, 2010. Guests must enter through the main entrance of this facility. Doors open at approximately 11:00 a.m. with seating on a first-come basis.

Seats cannot be saved. Graduates enter at the north end of the facility and are to report to the lineup area no later than 11:00 a.m., ready to march.

### Are a cap and gown worn at graduation?

Yes. Seniors qualifying for and desiring to participate in the Class of 2010 graduation ceremony will wear the class-selected purple colored caps and gowns. **ONLY HIGH HONORS GRADUATES WILL WEAR WHITE CAPS AND GOWNS.** The A-TECH tassel for all is purple and teal.

### Is there a graduation orientation and/or practice?

Yes. Graduating seniors must attend the mandatory graduation practice at 7:30 a.m. on June 2, 2010 in the gymnasium. Students must be dressed in appropriate school attire to participate. Students not participating in this practice will not be allowed to walk at graduation unless prior approval is received. Students are to report directly to the gym.

### When do seniors receive their PRE-ORDERED caps and gowns?

Graduating seniors must present a completed checkout card to obtain their graduation practice line-up cards. The graduation practice line-up cards will be turned in after rehearsal to receive a cap and gown. Distribution is scheduled for June 2, 2010, following the mandatory graduation practice in the morning. **SENIORS WHO HAVE NOT ORDERED THEIR CAPS AND GOWNS SHOULD DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!** (Josten's 579-0204)

### What is the appropriate graduation attire for commencement?

It is recommended that young men wear a light-colored shirt with a collar, dark slacks, socks, and shoes. Recommended attire for young women includes a dress, which does not hang below their gowns, or a nice pant suit and appropriate shoes. No flip-flop sandals or athletic type shoes will be permitted. Caps and gowns are not to have anything attached to or written on the outside of them. Gowns and stoles need to be ironed – but careful on temperature as they scorch easily. Students not properly attired will not be permitted to participate. CCSD dress code will still apply.

### Are tickets required to attend graduation? If so, how are they distributed?

Graduating seniors do not need a ticket to attend graduation, but all graduation guests, including children, must have a ticket to attend the ceremony. Graduates will receive ten (10) tickets with their caps and gowns. If more tickets are needed, students may pick up a ticket request form from the Student Activities Office starting April 22, 2010. All tickets request forms are due back to the school by 2:00 p.m., Friday, May 21, 2010. Extra tickets will only be given if a request form is turned in by 2:00 p.m., Friday, May 21, 2010. Graduates who were approved to receive extra tickets will receive them with their cap and gown.

A senior will be considered in jeopardy of not graduating if he or she is not enrolled in a course required for graduation, has earned a D or F for third quarter in a course required for graduation, has received a Senior Failure Notification letter listing areas not completed at this time, has not passed all parts of the Nevada Proficiency Exam, and/or who has received an unsatisfactory progress report for fourth quarter in a course required for graduation. Seniors not cleared for graduation by 7:30 a.m. on June 2, 2010, will not be allowed to participate in the practice or graduation ceremony. Caps and gowns will be returned to Josten's after June 7, 2010. Josten's will reimburse families directly.

### When and where can parents and friends take pictures of the graduates?

The Class of 2010 elected to purchase its gowns so pictures may be taken at the graduate's and/or family's convenience. Students will receive their caps and gowns following graduation practice on June 2, 2010 if they are paid in full. Those desiring professional photos of a student in a cap and gown should check with their preferred studios as most have caps and gowns for senior photos now available. Cameras are NOT allowed on the stage, in the front section, or in the lineup area. Video cameras, as well as other types of cameras, are allowed in the regular guest seating area, but no power source is available. Tripods, which block the vision of other guests or aisle areas, are not allowed. An independent, school-sanctioned photographer will take a graduation photo of each graduate on stage. Information for ordering is sent by the photographer to the family, not from the school.

**If a graduate is unable to attend the ceremony, can someone take the graduate's place?** No.

### If a senior owes a fine or fee, when must this be paid?

All fines, fees, and other debts owed to the school must be paid before caps and gowns are issued. Senior fine letters have been mailed home, and senior fine lists have been posted in English classes. Final payment deadline is Friday, May 28, 2010. However, seniors are encouraged to make payments earlier to avoid the bank line on that day.

Seniors' Checkout Cards will be handed out May 24, 2010, during third period and must be returned no later than 10:45 a.m., June 1, 2010, to the counselors' offices.

### Where do graduates and guests park?

Graduates and their guests may park in the ORLEANS ARENA parking garage or the parking lot east of the Arena. **DO NOT PARK IN THE FRONT CASINO PARKING AREA.**



## CLASS OF 2010 GRADUATION QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS - CONTINUED

### **How are graduates lined up?**

The Valedictorians, Salutatorian, student speakers, and High Honor graduates in alphabetical order enter first, followed by the remaining graduates in alphabetical order.

### **What type of recognition and/or diplomas are a part of graduation?**

#### **VALEDICTORIAN-SALUTATORIAN**

The highest academic awards are Valedictorian and Salutatorian. Valedictorian status is awarded to the student(s) with the highest weighted GPA in the graduating class. Salutatorian status is awarded to the student(s) with the second highest weighted GPA in the graduating class. Valedictorian(s) and Salutatorian(s) will wear teal stoles.

#### **HIGH HONORS GRADUATION DISTINCTION**

High Honors graduates are those students who have earned a cumulative weighted grade point average of 3.8 or higher with no grades of "F". These students wear gold stoles and white caps and gowns at graduation and will have their names listed in a separate section in the graduation program. High Honors graduates will lead the CLASS of 2010.

#### **HONORS GRADUATION DISTINCTION**

Honors graduates are those students who have earned a cumulative weighted grade point average of 3.5 to 3.799 with no grades of "F". These students wear silver cords at graduation.

#### **HONORS DIPLOMA**

To earn the Honors Diploma, students must complete two required Honors courses in mathematics, science, and social studies; three required Honors courses in English; one Honors course in a foreign language; and two additional Honors courses in areas of the students' choices. Students must also maintain a minimum weighted grade point average of 3.5. Honors Diploma graduates will wear black hoods at graduation. If the graduate also meets the requirements for the Program Diploma, the graduate's program area will be listed on the Honors Diploma.

#### **ADVANCED DIPLOMA**

To earn an Advanced Diploma, students must complete an additional science credit and an additional credit in the areas of humanities, social studies, or occupations. Students must also earn an unweighted grade point average of 3.25 or above. Advanced Diploma graduates will wear teal hoods at graduation. If the graduate also meets the requirements for the Program Diploma, the graduate's program area will be listed on the Advanced Diploma.

#### **PROGRAM HONORS MEDALLION**

Students who complete their required program classes with an unweighted GPA of 3.6 or above through the seventh semester are awarded the Program Honor Medallion. These students are recognized at Awards Night and in the graduation program. The Program Honor Medallion is worn at the graduation ceremony.

### **What time are graduates to be in the lineup area?**

All graduates are to be dressed in their caps and gowns at 11:00 a.m., ready for lineup. Guests are not allowed in the lineup area before or after commencement.

### **Is there a place to keep purses or personal belongings in the lineup area?**

No. Graduates should have nothing, including flowers, cell phones, or cameras in their hands, on their wrists, or pinned to their gowns. Confiscated items will be available for pick up at A-TECH in the Student Services office during office hours in June.

### **May a graduate wear a special personal sash on top of the gown?**

No. Only school sanctioned stoles, hoods, cords, and medallions may be worn on top of the gown.

### **May parents give a graduate flowers or gifts as the graduate receives his/her diploma?**

No. No one but graduates and assigned personnel are allowed on the stage area.

### **Are graduates allowed to throw the mortarboard (cap)?**

No. Due to the possibility of injury, the throwing of mortarboards (as well as other objects) prior to, during, or following the graduation exercise is prohibited.

### **When are the diplomas and diploma covers presented to the graduates?**

During the ceremony, a school board member or CCSD region administrator will present the diploma covers. The actual diploma will be given to the graduate following the graduation ceremony in the diploma distribution area. To receive the diploma at that time the, graduate must present his/her cap with his/her name on a pre-printed label inside the cap. Names MUST match diplomas.

### **What happens if a graduate is disruptive during the ceremony?**

The graduation ceremony is a privilege, not a requirement. Students who do not behave properly and negatively affect the ability of others to enjoy the ceremony will be removed from the graduation area. Should a student be found to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol at the ceremony, he/she will be denied the opportunity to participate. Diplomas will not be issued to these students at that time but will be issued to the parents at a conference with the school principal in August. School personnel are assigned supervisory responsibilities to assist graduates during the ceremony.

### **What happens if a guest is disruptive during the ceremony?**

Officers will meet with individuals who are disruptive and reduce the opportunity for other guests to see and/or hear the ceremony. Noisemakers and air horns are inappropriate and prohibited. These items will be confiscated.

### **When do graduates return the special designation items?**

All gold stoles, teal hoods, and black honors hoods are returned to A-TECH personnel immediately after the graduation ceremony in the diploma distribution area. Upon the presentation of the graduate's cap and the return of any required items, the graduate receives the diploma. The graduate will then leave the diploma distribution area to meet with friends and family.

## CLASS OF 2010 GRADUATION QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

### Are parents allowed in the diploma distribution area after graduation?

No. Graduates should arrange to meet parents and guests in the parking lot. All students will exit at the south end of the Orleans Arena. Male students will exit through the east exit. Female students will exit through the west exit.

### Will the ceremony be taped or recorded?

Yes. The Orleans will be selling DVDs.

### Will a sign language interpreter be available?

If an individual student or guest requires a sign language interpreter, he/she must contact Mrs. Price at 799-7870 ext. 4500 by May 14, 2010. Listening devices will be available from the Orleans; a driver's license is required. Closed captioning will be provided at the ceremony.

### Where is handicapped seating?

Handicapped seating is located within the arena, around the perimeter. Guests may enter the arena at 11:00a.m. using the elevator at the main entrance.

### Are Helium balloons allowed?

No. Due to sensors in the Orleans Arena, balloons are strictly prohibited. All helium balloons will be checked in at stroller services by Orleans personnel.

### Other Questions???

Any parent with graduation questions is invited to call Mrs. Price at 799-7870 ext. 4500.

## CONGRATULATIONS A-TECH DECA



Congratulations to the student participants of A-TECH DECA who successfully competed in the 2010 International Career Development Conference held April - in Louisville, KY. A-TECH's eight (Lidiya Kilchenko, Shon Govan, Siyuan Wang, Laura Sullivan, Rong Fu, Chris Chen, Caleb Norcia and Josh Gray) competed against 16,000 other business/marketing students worldwide. Performance Excellence Awards (recognition for top 25 performances) went to Shon, Siyuan, Laura, Rong and Josh. Congratulations to A-TECH DECA!

## NATIONAL HISTORY DAY WINNERS



Anna  
Kiyantseva

Ryan  
Dungee

Ronald  
Bohne

Shon  
Govan

Si Yuan  
Wang

A-TECH had an outstanding showing at the National History Day competition for Southern Nevada. 54 A-TECH students attended the event and A-TECH had the most wins for a high school with 9.

### First place winners:

- Website: "The Art of Deception: Innovations in Propaganda" by Anna Kiyantseva
- Documentary: "Modern Rocketry" by Ryan Dungee
- Exhibit: "Alternating and Direct Current Electricity" by Ronald Bohne
- Group Documentary: "Pasteurization" by Shon Govan and Siyuan Wang

### Second place winners:

- Website: "The Beatles: Muscial Experimentalists" by Ashley Seda and Richard England
- Exhibit: "Gunpowder" by Ryan Rivera
- Paper: "1917 Constitution of Mexico" by Jesus Espinoza

### Third place winners:

- Exhibit: "Efficiency Management Engineering" by Tyler Seppala
- Group Exhibit: "Paper Origami Transforms Science" by Karen Lam and Tiffany Mao

Our first place winners are eligible to attend the national competition in College Park, Maryland, at the University of Maryland, June 13-17.

## CONGRATULATIONS A-TECH KEY CLUB 2010 DISTRICT CONVENTION AWARD WINNERS



Scott  
Meikle

Kameron  
VanWoerkom

Krystina  
Kamjourn

Pyline  
Tangsuvanich

Congratulations to the A-TECH Key Club chapter for their success during the District Convention held in Sacramento, California. A-TECH won a total of 12 club and individual awards including Distinguished Club, Increased Membership, and Outstanding Website. Special congratulations to Adviser Scott Meikle and chapter leaders Kameron VanWoerkom, Krystina Kamjourn, and Pyline Tangsuvanich who were each recognized for their leadership talent.

1. Distinguished Club (Top 30 clubs out of 600)
2. Increased Membership
3. Distinguished Club Attire (T-shirt designed by Pyline Tangsuvanich)
4. Membership Retention
5. Outstanding Website
6. District Tree Award
7. A.I.M. Award
8. Kameron VanWoerkom – Distinguished Lieutenant Governor
9. Krystina Kamjourn – Distinguished President
10. Pyline Tangsuvanich -Outstanding Vice-President
11. Kameron VanWoerkom won the Kenneth C. Forrer, M.D. Scholarship
12. Scott Meikle – Distinguished Advisor



# SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE-2010

## Wednesday, May 26 (Full Day)

Period 5 7:00-8:45 (Senior Exam) (Review Grades 9th, 10th & 11th)  
Period 6 8:50-10:35 (Senior Exam) (Review Grades 9th, 10th & 11th)

1st Lunch 10:35-11:05 Rooms: 301, 304, 305, 307, 308, 314, 315, 324, 325, 403,404, 406, 410, 601, 618, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627,701, 802, 803, 902, Gym, Port

Period 3 10:40-11:40 (Review Period)

Period 3 11:10-12:10 (Review Period)

2nd Lunch 11:40-12:10 Rooms: 312, 313, 321, 322, 326, 401, 407, 409, 414, 603,604, 605, 606, 607, 609, 610, 615, 616, 702, 703,704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 710, 715, 800, 804, 805,808

Period 4 12:14-1:20 (Review Period)

### LOCKER CLEANOUT-Period 4

All students will be released by intercom at 1:20 PM to cleanout lockers. Students will not return to classes.

## Thursday, May 27 (Full Day)

Period 7 7:00-8:45 All students (Semester Exam)  
Period 8 8:50-10:35 All Students (Semester Exam)

1st Lunch 10:35-11:05 Rooms: 301, 304, 305, 307, 308, 314, 315, 324, 325, 403, 404, 406, 410, 601, 618, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 701, 802, 803, 902, Gym, Port

Period 1 10:40-11:40 (Review Period)

Period 1 11:10-12:10 (Review Period)

2nd Lunch 11:40-12:10 Rooms: 312, 313, 321, 322, 326, 401, 407, 409, 414, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 609, 610, 615, 616, 702, 703,704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 710, 715, 800, 804, 805, 808

Period 2 12:14-1:24 (Review Period)

## Friday, May 28 (Half Day)

Period 1 7:00-8:45 (Semester Exam)  
Nutrition Break: 8:45-9:00  
Period 2 9:00-10:45 (Semester Exam)

## Monday, May 31- No School

Memorial Day

## Tuesday, June 1 (Half Day)

Period 3 7:00-8:45 (Semester Exam)  
Nutrition Break: 8:45-9:00  
Period 4 9:00-10:45 (Semester Exam)

## Wednesday, June 2 (Half Day) (Last Day of School for Students)

Period 5 7:00-8:45 (Semester Exam)  
Nutrition Break: 8:45-9:00  
Period 6 9:00-10:45 (Semester Exam)