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Photo Captions:

1. Derek Eek of Muskegon Catholic Central displays the Divisional Grand Award for Excellence in Craftsmanship, Machine Shop Level A at the Michigan Industrial Technology Educational Society State Competition.
2. Orchard View Senior Jacob Farber received a divisional first place award with his bow fishing reel in the Michigan Industrial Technology Educational Society State Competition.
3. Dylan Beyrle of Montague is pictured with his award-winning steering wheel and MACTC Machine Tool Technologies Instructor Al Wahr.

Machine Tool Tech Students Win First Place Awards at State Competition

On May 10, 2008, three seniors from the Muskegon Area Career Tech Center (MACTC) returned from Lansing, Michigan, as winners in the three-day Michigan Industrial Technology Educational Society (MITES) State Competition. Dylan Beyrle (Montague), Derek Eek (Muskegon Catholic Central), and Jacob Farber (Orchard View) all received first place awards for their individual projects. According to Machine Tool Technologies Instructor Al Wahr, "This was the first time our local CTC students have participated in the competition. Their work was up against over 500 other machine tool projects. All three came back winners!"

Eek placed first out of ten in the A-6 Division Machining category and received the Divisional Grand Award for Excellence in Craftsmanship, Machine Shop Level A, out of 101 other competitors. His project was a #3 lathe live center. Farber took first place in the A-11 Division Machining. His winning project was a bow fishing reel. Beyrle earned first place in the A-15 Division Computer Numerical Control (CNC) Machining. Beyrle created a half scale steering wheel which competed against ten other student projects.

The Muskegon Area Career Tech Center (MACTC) opened to Muskegon area high school students in January 2005 and is operated by the Muskegon Area Intermediate School District. The center offers 20 different career and technical education programs for over 700 students.

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