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### Photos:



Zack Bitzer, a Muskegon Area Career Tech Student from Mona Shores, won a first place award and \$5,000 scholarship at the Michigan Industrial Technology Education Society State Competition.



Adan Spencer, a Muskegon Area Career Tech Student from Fruitport, placed fourth in the state with his finger wheel model at the Michigan Industrial Technology Education Society State Competition



James Farrar, a Muskegon Area Career Tech Student from Fruitport, placed seventh in the state for his design of a fishing rod holder at the Michigan Industrial Technology Education Society State Competition.

## Local Machine Tool student wins first place award, \$5,000 scholarship

MUSKEGON: In early May three projects, crafted by students from the Machine Tool Technologies program at the Muskegon Area Career Tech Center (MACTC), were judged as part of the Michigan Industrial and Technology Education Society (MITES) State Competition. Zack Bitzer of Mona Shores won first place with his design for a BMX female hub. Bitzer also was awarded a \$5,000 scholarship to the Baren Institute of Technology in Connecticut.

MACTC students James Farrar (Fruitport) competed in the Sporting Goods category, while Adan Spencer (Fruitport) competed in Machine Models. Farrar placed seventh for his design of a fishing rod holder while Spencer placed fourth with his finger wheel model. After graduation, all three students plan to further their education by attending either Grand Rapids or Muskegon Community College.

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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