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EOC TECH TAKES NATIONAL NETWORK DESIGN COMPETITION

(CHOCTAW, Oklahoma) Twenty-three teams from across the nation represented their technical schools in Reno, Nevada for the Business Professionals of America competition, Network Design division. Eastern Oklahoma County Technology Center (EOC Tech) was represented by Ryan Jenkins of Harrah and Kevin Lewis of Choctaw.

Both young men found the competition to be rigorous as the judges were either computer engineers or industry professionals from CISCO, the Department of Homeland Security, private consultants and a former contest winner. Each of the competing teams was given a specific scenario and it's their responsibility solve it in a limited amount of time. In addition, they must prepare a presentation suitable for a CEO and respond to a battery of technical questions regarding their presentation.

Tom Buntin, EOC Tech Computer Repair and Networking instructor comments, "The students were challenged by the caliber of the other competitors, yet they came through with flying colors. I had a lot of confidence in them."

While staying in Reno, Buntin arranged a day trip to San Francisco so the students could visit the local sites and attractions including the Golden Gate Bridge, Jelly Belly Factory, Ghirardelli Chocolate Factory, and Fisherman's Wharf. Buntin noted that for fun, the guys set up a wireless network in the van while they were traveling from Reno to San Francisco.

As part of the state-wide Career Tech transformation of programs to courses, the Computer Repair and Networking program is evolving into two new career majors: Network PC Support Specialist and Network Systems Engineer. Both majors are comprised of a wide variety of courses such as Computer Repair & Troubleshooting, Client & Server Operating Systems, Network Management, Business Marketing and Information to name a few.

Jenkins graduated from EOC Tech and Harrah High School in May and plans to continue his education at the University of Central Oklahoma pursuing a degree in broadcast journalism. Lewis plans to return to EOC Tech in the fall as a senior continuing his studies in computers, this time focusing

on web design. Together, they have formed a freelance company, Media One Information Services, web address www.mediaoneis.com, phone: (405) 309-0004. Given their skills they offer “expert” computer network consultation and perform computer diagnostics.

To learn more about the many computer courses available at EOC Tech or to explore a career change, contact Student Services at (405) 390-9591. For a complete list of the extensive course offerings and services available, visit the website at www.eoctech.org .

For more information or to schedule an interview, please contact Dorothy O’Boyle, EOC Tech.



EOC Tech National Business Professionals of America award winners in the computer networking division are Ryan Jenkins of Harrah (left), Tom Buntin, EOC Tech Computer Repair and Networking instructor (center), and Kevin Lewis of Choctaw (right).