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College notes

April 29 is the deadline to apply for the "STEM Summer Institute: Underwater Robotics" at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. The School of Engineering and Computing Sciences will hold two sessions of the program: Session 1: June 9-15; Session 2: July 7-13. The camps are open to students ages 16-18. Cost: \$500/covers food, lodging and instructional materials. A \$35 nonrefundable fee must accompany your application. Information: 825-6025 or email Korinne.Caruso@tamucc.edu. To apply, go to entc.tamucc.edu/stemsi.

A haiku written by **Cathy Downs**, a Texas A&M University-Kingsville professor of language and literature, is featured as part of San Antonio's Via Metropolitan Transit's celebration of National Poetry Month. Downs' haiku about education was one of

10 selected during the Via Metropolitan Transit's Poetry on the Move contest. The winning poem, along with artwork from South and Central Texas, are placed in the 10-inch space between the windows and the ceiling of the city bus.

Laura Rose Pinon, of Corpus Christi, was placed on the honor roll at University of Nebraska-Lincoln during the All-University Honors Convocation on April 14.

Christopher Hernandez, a senior chemistry major at



Hernandez

Undergraduate Research Day on Friday at the Capitol in

Austin. The event showcases the research of undergraduate students engaged in research for Texas legislators and the public through poster presentations. The program will highlight how research conducted by undergraduate students positively impacts the state with the theme, "Transforming Texas through Undergraduate Research." Hernandez works in the research laboratories of **Mark A. Olson**, assistant professor of chemistry at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, in the area of molecular nanotechnology and molecular self-assembly.

Edward Tyndall, assistant professor of media production at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, will screen his award-winning film "Reconvergence" at 7 p.m. May 3 at the Art Museum of South Texas, 1902 N. Shoreline Blvd. The

screening is part of the South Texas Cinémathèque spring showcase.

"Reconvergence," which has been screened internationally, has received



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several awards including Excellence in Filmmaking Award (Indie Memphis Film Festival), Goujon Caille Award for Best Documentary (Cinema on the Bayou Film Festival), Golden Lion Award for Best Documentary and the Special Jury Award for Best Score (Lindsey Film Festival). Information: www.reconvergencthefilm.com.

The Scholarships to Enhance Life Sciences program held its spring symposium April 5 for the 19 biology and biomedical

students receiving the scholarships to Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. The National Science Foundation funds the Scholarships to Enhance Life Sciences program, which provides scholarships to academically talented students with financial need.

This year's scholarship recipients are: **Alyssa Dawson, Cinnamon Hill, Bolu Idowu, Abigail Johnson, Christine Jordan, Amber Kirton, Daniel Martinez, Shannon Murawski, Thien Nguyen, Erin O'Brien, Nick Quimby, Alicia Renck, Dianne Rivas, Christina Rivera, Lee Rodriguez, Dustin Smith, Samantha Valdez, Susana Villela and Jessica Williams.**

There were 10 Del Mar College students represented the college

at the Community College Aerospace Scholars 2013 competition at the Johnson Space Center in Houston last month. Del Mar participants included engineering majors **Andres Castellanos, Gabriel De Jesus, Richard De Luna, Edgar Hinojosa, Mark Mathias, Woody Owens and Robert Villarreal**; biotechnology major **Portia Hall**, chemistry major **Zachariah Rollins** and mathematics major **Jennifer Sheriff**. The College Aerospace Scholars program is designed for participants to apply concepts of science, technology, engineering and math gained in the classroom. Students use their skills and knowledge to create a company that competes for a virtual NASA contract to build a Mars Rover.

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School notes

The Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Clara Driscoll Chapter, announced the 2013 winning Texas History student essays: **Elle Marie Boyd**: "James W. Fannin and Fort Defiance." Boyd is the daughter of Eric and Jenny Boyd and is a student at Baker Middle School.

Cyan Sepulveda: "The Angel of Goliad." She is the daughter of Valerie Sepulveda and is a fourth-grade student at Incarnate Word Academy Elementary.

Both students received a certificate and a prize. Their essays have been sent to the Daughters of the Republic of Texas district level for additional competition.

Riviera Kauffer High School junior **Hunter Meyer** and Calallen High School junior **Holly Raiborn** will travel in June with about 150 other



Raiborn



Meyer

Texas High School co-op members to Washington, D.C., where they will take VIP tours of the monuments and speak with legislators about electric cooperative priorities. Each year, Nueces Electric Cooperative sponsors two attendees. Several cooperative members entered the contest by writing essays describing "My Energy Project: How I Can Promote Energy Efficiency and Conservation."

Hunter's project is based on informative sheets that will target the average homeowner with information about saving energy and a checklist for homeowners.

Holly's project focused on educating youths through print materials, social media and a community event to educate and promote efficiency.

Four middle school students who competed at the Valero and Texas A&M-Corpus Christi Regional Science Fair advanced to the Exxon Mobil Texas Science and Engineering Fair on March 29 in San Antonio where they received awards.

Two of the students received special awards, which are given to recipients by scientific and engineering organizations. Recipients were:

Michael Rock: Incarnate Word Academy, received an award from the Society of American Military Engineers for his project "Ocean Currents."

Maggie Libby: Seashore Learning Academy, received an award from the Texas Academy of Audiology for her project titled "Are My Classmates Damaging my Hearing?" Junior Division winners were: **Draven Schooler**: School of Science and Technology, received second place in Physics & Astronomy for his project "Weighting for the Right Push."

Tatiana Ortiz: Seashore Learning Academy, received the fourth place in Microbiology for her project "How Clean is Your Hospital Room?" A total of 21 winners from the Regional Science Fair held March 8-9 in the American Bank Center advanced to the Exxon Mobil Texas Science Fair.

Five Incarnate Word Academy High School students participated in the Texas Art Education Association's Visual Art Scholastic Event in Bryan on April 5-6. **Erin Kuffel** and **Sam Lathrop**



Xavier Zamora, senior at Robstown High School, was named Exemplary Migrant Student of the Year and received a \$2,000 scholarship from the University of Texas Migrant Program. Zamora also is being recognized for his academic excellence with a grade-point average of 4.18 and a class ranking in the top 20 percent of his class. Zamora plans to become a petroleum engineer. He is the son of Felipe and Eunice Zamora of Robstown.

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Samantha Sandate donated a solar system quiz game to West Oso Elementary School on April 17. Students will use the game to help study for the Science STAAR test. Also pictured is Desirhay Garcia and Jayden Garcia.

received superior ratings and medals. Erin placed in photography, and Sam placed in self-portrait.

Lois Pierce, Lucero Perez and Deanna Ramirez received excellent ratings.

Incarnate Word Academy High School placed second April 6 at the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools State Academic Competition in Austin.

IWA was one point shy of reaching the TAPPS State Academic title with 66 points. There were 14 students who placed in a range of subjects such as current events, social studies, mathematics, Spanish and more. Results included: Current Events: Third, **Jesse Woodall**; Calculator Applications: Third, **James Matti**; Solo Acting: Second, **J.R. Gore**; Social Studies: First, **Brittany Donald**; second, **Derek Ficenec**; Spanish: Third, **Gus Madero**

Simon Rios, of Moody High School, has been named the local winner of the Barnes & Noble My Favorite Teacher Contest. Rios was nominated by **Jessica Diaz**.

Rios was recognized at an event April 13 and received an award acknowledging his achievement. Diaz, who wrote the winning essay or poem, also received a certificate of recognition.

The Celebrate America Creative Writing Contest award ceremony was April 12. Three

Corpus Christi area students were honored for their writing entries on the theme "Why I am Glad America is a Nation of Immigrants." Students honored were **Anthony Matti**, first, and **Eleanor Greco**, third, both from Incarnate Word Academy Elementary, and **Krystal Tejada**, second, Galvan Elementary.

Destination ImagiNation teams from the South Coastal Bend Region competed at the State Destination ImagiNation Tournament in Katy. Of the 474 teams, three local teams placed at the top of their respective divisions and will compete in the Destination ImagiNation Global Tournament on May 23-26 in Knoxville, Tenn.

Teams headed to the global challenge are: **Challenge A**

Second: Windsor Park Elementary: Team manager **Veronica Adams** Students created vehicles and performed a skit regarding healthy marine ecology.

Challenge B **First:** Ray High School: Team manager **Jane Wolter-Williamson** Students created a wind-driven device that interfaced with a humorous skit involving a Nordic village.

Challenge D **First:** Adams Middle School: Team manager **Ruben Peña** Students created a five-minute improv skit about life after a dramatic change and how the characters adapted to this change.

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School reunions

Wynn Seale Jr. High School is planning a 2013 reunion in the spring for all classes. Information: Linda, 361-549-6206; Al, 361-549-8531; Joanne, 361-215-7560.

Ella Barnes Jr. High School Class of 1956-76. Original committee will hold the second reunion July 19 (social) and July 20 (formal dinner) at Holiday Inn Airport. Information: Rosalva Ortiz, 361-563-8693; John Richard G. Ortiz, 361-563-1378; Rosalinda Garcia, 904-2385.

Miller High School Class of 1963 will hold its 50th reunion Aug. 30-31 at Omni Hotel. The event is open to all Miller graduates. Information: Tony Torres, 331-4369; Minnie Sanchez, 945-0242; Kathy Freyer Kern, 832-723-4226; Joe Barrientes, 443-3266; or Josie Gomez, 563-4189.

King High School Class

of 1973 will celebrate its 40th reunion Sept. 20-21 at the Seashell Village Resort, Port Aransas. Information: email Steve.Luker1@gmail.com, 361-877-4111; email DHTullos@hotmail.com, 813-7777; email JMRobo55@yahoo.com, 361-442-5063, search Facebook for "King High School CC 1973" or visit Classmates.com. **Calallen High School** graduating classes of 1943-75 will hold a four-decade reunion Sept. 20-22 at Holiday Inn Emerald Beach. The event features a football game Sept. 20; dinner and dance, Sept. 21; and farewell breakfast, Sept. 22. Information: Brenda Roe Bonaventura, 832-326-0053, or email grandparents34@yahoo.com.

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