

Clay County Students Place at National TSA Conference

Approximately 8,000 middle and high school student members from across the country attended the 2018 National Technology Student Association (TSA) Conference at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta, the same location where TSA held its first national conference in 1978.

This year's conference theme was "A Celebration of Success," as TSA marked its 40th anniversary of enhancing personal development, leadership and career opportunities in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) through extracurricular activities, competitions and other programs. More than 250,000 TSA student members in schools across the United States are "learning to lead in a technical world."

At the national conference, Clay High and Clay Middle took 34 students to compete. Of those 34 students, 21 placed in the Top 20 in their various events and 9 competed on Semifinalist Monday. Clay County High School students James Carroll, Ely Osborne, Darren Ray and David Tanner placed 6th in Engineering Design and James Carroll, Ely Osborne, and Darren Ray placed 10th in System Control Technology. Clay County Middle School students Makenna Brown and Ava Taylor placed 11th in Mass Production.

"I am blown away by the success of the students of our state this year," said WV TSA Adviser Nicole Shipman. "We continue to show success at the national level and every year have more and more winners. They work hard to prepare and have become a force in national contests. I couldn't ask for a better group of individuals to work with over the past year. Congratulations to all of our schools and their accomplishments."

Clay TSA Advisor Jessica Ramsey would like to thank the students for being well behaved and working hard this past school year. She would also like to thank the members of the Clay County Board of Education, Mr. Paxton and the Clay County Schools Administration, Mrs. Gibson, Mr. Tanner and Mr. Morris at CCHS and Mrs. Goe, Mr. Legg, and Mrs. Triplett at CCMS along with the teachers and parents for their continued support of Clay County's TSA program. "Our students have achieved great success in TSA, and it is because they have great support behind them," said Ms. Ramsey. "I am extremely thankful to all who make these opportunities possible for our students."