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PRESS RELEASE

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS MEMBERS EXCEL AT TSA COMPETITION

Club teens bring home over 60 awards from the Technology Student Association State Conference

BRADENTON – Members of Boys & Girls Clubs of Manatee County from The Club at Southeast High School and Harlee Middle School had something to be proud of when they came back from the Technology Student Association State Conference on April 27th.

All fourteen teens from The Club at Southeast High School qualified for the upcoming National TSA Competition in Orlando. Southeast High was awarded “Third Best Overall High School in Florida.”

The Southeast HS teams won trophies for ten 1st places, six 2nd places, one 3rd place and numerous Top Ten finishes. First place trophies were awarded in: Agriculture & Biology; Career Comparisons; Engineering Design; Film; Digital Video Editing; Florida Open Wheel Race Car Design; Science Visualization; Structural Engineering; Technical Sketching; and, Remote Controlled Transportation. Second places went to: Cyber Pursuit; Extemporaneous Speech; Medical Technologies; Prepared Speech; Computer Programming; and, Tech Bowl. The third place trophy went to Technical Written Examination Performance.

Harlee Middle School Club took home the “Third Best Overall Middle School in Florida” trophy and a third place “Spirit Award!” First place trophies were awarded to the Harlee teams in: Communication Challenge; Cyberspace Pursuit; Digital Photography; Problem Solving; Technical Design; and, TSA Multimedia. Second places went to: Inventions & Innovations and Tech Bowl. Third place trophies were awarded in: Flight; Technology Transfer; and, TSA Cup in Marine Design. They had 27 Top Ten awards.

Due to the numerous 1st place winners from Southeast High and Harlee Middle School, students will not have to pay for their transportation to the National and International Conference in Orlando at the end of June, but they will need to raise money to pay toward registration, lodging and food. If you would like to sponsor our local technology champs at Southeast or Harlee, call Chelsea Lyman at Boys & Girls Clubs, 761.2582 X 108 for more information.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Manatee County serves over 2,500 youth at six locations (Harlee Middle School, Southeast High School, Bradenton, East Bradenton, DeSoto and Palmetto).

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