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PROJECTS SHOW SUCCESS OF STUDENTS

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Jason Sullivan works on his remote control robot.

Not many students get the opportunity to spend a week at the beach for academic credit.

But 11 students used their time at Carolina Beach to increase their German skills.

This was just one of the many interesting projects going on during SPW.

"It's important for students to find something they are good at. They get out of it what they put into it," said math teacher Dan Teague.

Two groups of students worked on problems for the upcoming Odyssey of the Mind competition. Both teams won first place in their categories and awards for creativity at the OM regionals in Raleigh.

"SPW was an experience about life in the real world. We ran into a lot of pitfalls, but it made winning more meaningful," said Jennifer Olinger.

Jennifer's team designed and built a self-propelled vehicle out of a skateboard and fire extinguisher that fit into two suitcases. The other OM team built an 11-inch balsa wood structure that supported

143 pounds.

Although SPW started in 1980, Sharing Day has only been a part of the week since 1984 when it was introduced by art instructor Joe Liles.

"I thought Sharing Day would be a good idea. It's a community-wide event to celebrate SPW," Liles said.

"It's an ideal way to honor the school's commitment to independent study," said SPW committee chairman, Dr. Beth Timson.

"I feel like I missed out on a lot because I was at home sick the whole week," said Joey Staier.

"It was too short -- we really needed the extra day that we had last year," said Ray Kennedy.

"SPW was a great way to get to work on my Mentorship for an entire week. I got more done than all of the rest of my mentorships combined!" said Wade Rogers.

"I loved SPW! I didn't want to go back to classes. Not only did I have fun with my project, I learned a lot too," said Heather Kane.

UNICORN UPDATE

This year three seniors from NCSSM have received the Morehead Scholarship for UNC-Chapel Hill: Steve Aldrich, Cindy Dy, and Cate Shappley.

On April 4 and 11 semi-finalists will be visiting the NCSSM campus to have their interviews, the third step in the admissions process.

SAB's activities for April include a Hall Theme dance and Friends of the College passes to the Requiem on April 4, a band show on April 5, and bowling on April 12. Also on April 12 a Color Analysis Workshop will be offered to the first twelve students who sign up. The Roommate Game will continue throughout the month of April, and SAB is planning Perils of the Water, relay races in the water.

Harvey Miranda has been selected to participate in this year's Youth For Understanding (YFU) International Exchange Program and will spend this summer in Finland with a host family.

The NCSSM Science Olympiad team came in second at the state competition this Saturday in Salisbury.

The Dean of Students recently approved a proposal that students be allowed to have cars for prom weekend. Packets of information and permission forms will be out soon.

*Have a great
extended!*



Mon Peng Yeuh engraves a clay vase.