

Career Center students cited in LIP program

Eleven students currently enrolled in vocational programs at the Career Center were recently cited for their participation in a limited internship program -- Project LIP. The student honorees were recognized at a faculty reception held at the school during National Vocational Education Week.

Chad Cheek, a Carver High School senior and second-year student in the computer programming class at the Career Center, was named outstanding intern for the fall work experience. Cheek's instructor at the Career Center, Kaye Henighan, was also named as the outstanding cooperating teacher for her participation in Project LIP.



Vivian Burke congratulates Chad Cheek for his work in the Career Center's fall internship program.

Project LIP is designed to provide a modified work experience in the public or private sector. Qualified students work under the direct supervision of designated employees who assist the student apprentices in acquiring and demonstrating certain vocational proficiencies. The two-week work experience is directly related to previous learning received in the classroom.

Statements from students and their supervisors support the basic premise of Project LIP. Students are especially pleased with the opportunity to engage in meaningful and productive work related to their career choices. Supervisors have given the program high marks for its practical approach to learning about the world of work.

Commenting on their shared work experience, Cheek's supervi-

sor said: "It was an opportunity for us to give some feedback to the schools regarding the training vocational students are receiving, and it helped the student to evaluate his/her readiness for full-time employment."

He was especially complimentary of young Cheek's enthusiasm for work and his ability to take constructive criticism. According to him, these characteristics, plus Cheek's technical skills, qualified him as a good employment prospect. Comments from other work supervisors also centered on the maturity of the students chosen for Project LIP.

Vivian H. Burke, a counselor at the Career Center and the coordinator of Project LIP, presented certificates to each of the student

interns, their instructors and their work supervisors. She expressed her satisfaction with the project, as did Harry L. Underwood, who is the principal of the Career Center.

Certificates of Merit for Participation were awarded to all of the student interns. Those receiving certificates were Teresa France, Tammie Hunter, Ronda Anderson, Martha Jackson and Tanya Reid, who worked as medical laboratory assistants at Reynolds Health Center.

Steve Idol and Jeff Nichols accepted their certificates for work done with the transportation corps of Forsyth County government. Both young men worked in the area of support maintenance, where they utilized their training in automotive technology.

Lawrence chosen to represent Omegas at competition

Michael Lawrence, a senior at Mount Tabor High School, has been chosen to represent the local chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity at its district Talent Hunt competition in Charleston, South Carolina. Lawrence, who plays the saxophone, will compete at the district level, April 2. The winner of that appearance will be invited to perform at the fraternity's national convocation in Dallas, Texas this summer.

The son of Dr. Brian and Mrs. Judy Lawrence, Michael auditioned for the chance to represent the local Omegas by playing Glazounov's Concerto on his saxophone. Michael joins an impressive list of past talent hunt participants who earned the right to compete for cash prizes and national exposure in the Omega venture. The Omegas promote the Talent Hunt as a medium for discovering and promoting the creative talents of young artists such as Michael Lawrence.

Lawrence has been a serious student of music for most of his young years. He started playing the saxophone in the fifth grade. He has played the piano for nine years, and drums for four years. He is a member of the symphony band and school orchestra at Mount Tabor High School.

Furman University is the school of choice for young Lawrence as he prepares for col-

lege. He has been awarded a \$2800 scholarship to Furman and will consider a major in either business or music. It is his hope to complete his studies at the post-graduate level. A career in the music industry in some area of enterprise,

other than performing, appeals to his present interests.

Galvin Crisp is the local chairman of the Omega Talent Hunt. James Franklin is the basileus of the sponsoring chapter, Psi Phi

Joining Chad Cheek as certificate winners were Tammy Bear, Curtistene Prissley and Carolyn Shelton, who all worked at the Forsyth County Hall of Justice in computer services.

For their cooperation with Project LIP, the following Career Center teachers were cited: Jessie Campbell, Kay Henighan, Wilkie Tebbens and Nathaniel Clemons.

The spring class of Project LIP will place approximately 20 more students on job sites throughout the community before their graduation. Community employers interested in the program may contact Vivian H. Burke at the Career Center for more information.

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