

Judkins Places First at SkillsUSA Competition

Roger Judkins, a Rich Mountain Community College Career Center student and senior at Mena High School, placed first in the Career Center Aviation Competition at SkillsUSA last week in Texarkana. Judkins will now represent the State of Arkansas in the national competition this June in Kansas City. SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers, and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce.

Judkins stated his career goal is to study to be a pilot/airframe and power plant mechanic. Lee Chapman, RMCC's aviation maintenance instructor stated, "I am very proud of what Roger has accomplished and feel he is an excellent representative of Mena and the College." Chapman went on to share,

"The competition consisted of hands-on tests of the skills learned throughout the program. For example evaluating electrical circuits, computing an aircraft's center of gravity, identifying different types of aircraft hardware, making an entry in an aircraft logbook, measuring the resistance of a magneto coil, and determining if an engine's crankshaft is bent."

RMCC's Career Center is a program established to allow students to begin training in various technical fields while still in high school, and students attend RMCC career center during normal high school class periods throughout the semester.

Aviation Maintenance is one of RMCC's newest programs and is offered through both career center and regular college courses. For more information about Career Center at RMCC call Craig Jumper at 479-394-7622 x 1357. For specific information regarding aviation maintenance courses call Lee Chapman at 479-394-1660.

