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## **ARCHITETURAL DRAFTING AND DESIGN TECHNOLOGY SENIORS COMPETE IN ANNUAL PORTFOLIO CONTEST**

**Scranton, PA – April 1, 2009** – On Tuesday, March 24, 2009, Architectural Drafting and Design Technology seniors participated in the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Portfolio Contest. The contest was held in the Architectural Drafting and Design Technology classroom and was judged by six local members of the industry.

Judges include Bill Jones, from the Palumbo Group, Ron Moskalczak, owner of Imagina Graphics, and Dennis Wargo, an alumnus of Johnson College in 1957 and a former Johnson College Instructor. Also judging were Johnson College alumni: Valerie Widaman, from KBA Engineering, Heath Middaugh, from GPI Engineering, and Don Baron, from CEE Group.

The ten students' design portfolios were judged on a scale of 1 to 10 with the highest total score winning 1<sup>st</sup> place.

The purpose of the contest is to encourage students to produce work they can be proud of throughout their career. Though, according to student, Matthew Sinbaldi from Clarks Summit, you win "bragging rights," the true prize is a sense of accomplishment and an award that may make a difference on a resume.

Barron said, "The [students] every year are getting better and better. [The contest] helps them follow direction and see that there's a way to do things instead of their own way. It shows a progression of where they started and where they're finishing."

Chairperson of Architectural Drafting and Design Technology, John DeAngelis, challenged each senior at the beginning of the year to recreate Albrecht Dürer's 1498 woodcut illustration *Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse* to teach them to be detail oriented and keep a sharp pencil.

Chris Garges, Warren Center, received honorable mention, Barbara Tibus, West Wyoming, received 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Chris Arndt, Scranton, received 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and Michael Kornhoff, Dingmans Ferry, received 1<sup>st</sup> place.

Kornhoff said of his win, “I think anybody in the class could have won... Actually it’s the mark of a good teacher to take a bunch of [us] and turn [us] into good students.”

Please view photos of the students and judges at: <http://www.johnson.edu/blog/press-releases/architectural-drafting-and-design-technology-seniors-compete-in-annual-portfolio-contest/>.

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