

# Technically Speaking

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For Students, By Students

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"All great achievements require time."

Maya Angelou



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## Spotlight on Architecture and Interior Design Students

By: Kathryn Royal



Jessica Ballard stands in front of her group's first-place design.

For the second year in a row, Forsyth Tech's Architecture and Interior Design students swept the state-wide Natural Talent Design Competition, beating out teams from both two-and four-year institutions. The

students were honored at the Architecture and Interior Design Open House held the evening of June 12 in Snyder Hall.

At the event, this year's award-winning designs were on display for the crowd to see, and the award-winning students were on hand to discuss and explain their designs. Program coordinators for architecture and interior design, Todd Shoaf and Gisele Taylor-Wells, respectively, were also present. The Open House was co-sponsored by USGBC NC, the US Green Building

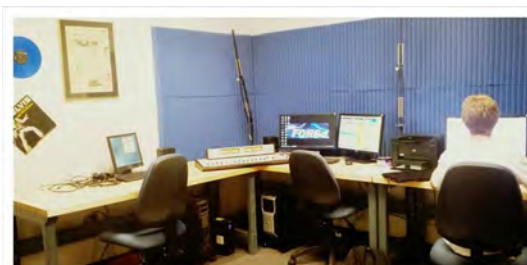
Council North Carolina Chapter, the sustainability and green building group that sponsors the Natural Talent Design Competition.

Each year's project competition is different – this year's contest required participants to design a new building to be used as a multi-modal transportation hub in the city of Charlotte –The Gateway Station. The contest required participants to consider multiple objectives, including "a new public train station waiting area and Amtrak back-of-house areas, a new public bus transfer facility and CATS back

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## Broadcasting & Production

By: Marlon Blackmon & William Youse



would like some of that money, Forsyth Tech offers a Broadcasting and Production

such as problem solving, time management, creativity, and research, as well as communication, both written and verbal, according to Forsyth Tech's website.

The Broadcasting and Cable industry is expected to reach almost \$475 billion in 2015. For students who

program located on the first floor of the Oak Grove Center. This field of study can improve skills

Broadcasting Instructor Tom Logan said, "Eighty-five percent of my students

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## Workshop for Success

By: James Sprouse

Building a resume can be the difference between landing an interview

or not even getting a call back. Forsyth Tech held a resume workshop on



**Carla Crews in the Student Success Center**

The workshop was run by Career Counselor Carla Crews and focused on how to customize a resume for a particular job opening. "We're really trying to help students tailor their resumes to specific jobs they're applying for instead of having a resume they use for every job they pursue," Crews said.

The workshop covered useful information not only for students just getting off the ground with their resumes but for those simply needing some modifications and affirmation.

Jalisa Williams, an Associate in Applied Science major, thought the

workshop was very helpful. "I already had a resume, but this really helped me with key points that I needed to make that I was missing," said Williams.

Career advisement is provided by Career Counselors through the Student Success Center in the Allman Center. Resume workshops are held periodically each semester, and individual advisement is also offered for students.

For more information on career counseling offered by Forsyth Tech, visit the "Career Services" page under the College Services tab on TechLink.

Wednesday, April 23, in the Tech Building to instruct students on the principles of building a successful resume.

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-of-house areas, [and] a below-grade pedestrian concourse between the station building and the passenger platform" while following the City of Charlotte's building codes and using green and sustainable materials and design, according to the website of USGBC NC.

Forsyth Tech's Architecture and Interior Design students rose to the challenge and took both first and second place in the contest. Cari Brown, who just graduated with her Interior Design degree and was a member of the second-place team, says she is proud of winning and that winning means a lot.

Alston Willcox, recent Architecture Technology degree recipient and a member of the first-place team,



**Model of the first-place design for The Gateway Station**

echoed Brown's sentiments by saying that it "felt good to win."

Jessica Ballard, who recently graduated with her Interior Design degree and was also a member of the first-place team, says, "It was a major accomplishment to know what we learned in the program could be applied to a real-life project."

Gisele Taylor-Wells expressed a similar idea when she said the project gives a "chance to put students in a real-world situation" because the project requires students to

work with people from "different backgrounds in a group."

The Open House not only showcased the winning designs and allowed students to show off the efforts of their hard work, but since members of the USGBC NC attended and spoke with the students, the students were able to network with professionals in the field. Says Todd Shoaf of this opportunity for the students, "It makes my day. It gives students a chance to grow."

## **Have Your Voice Heard!**

Are you interested in contributing to *Technically Speaking*?

Do you have a suggestion or an idea that might improve

*Technically Speaking*?

Or would you just like to get involved with the Journalism Club?

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- Have at least 3 hours per week to volunteer
- Are able to meet bi-monthly on Wednesdays at 3pm

#### **TO APPLY TO SGA:**

- Complete an application
- Complete the Availability Worksheet
- Submit a one page personal statement
- Get 3 faculty/staff references

Applications due to [studentactivities@forsythtech.edu](mailto:studentactivities@forsythtech.edu) by **September 3, 2014.**

To learn more visit Techlink: "Student Government" under the Student Life tab.



## Broadcasting and Production

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make it into radio programming, and four have made it to top radio broadcasting stations."

In addition to classes, students are also required to intern at various places that offer broadcasting careers, according to Avery Colburn, 18, a Theatre Lighting Student working in the Broadcasting work study program. He continues to say, "I would say about 80% of students

in the program go on to work where they intern."

This program prepares students for multimedia fields such as on-air production and audio speaking. The course of study emphasizes speech and script writing and also covers ethics, laws, and marketing, according to the Broadcasting and Productions page located on Forsyth Tech's website.

Brandi Blanchard, 33, a Broadcasting Student, said, "Learning software and having confidence . . .

improved my skills [needed for] this career. It's very competitive and it's my passion and I was built to major in this program."

Anyone interested in exploring the field of Broadcasting and Production can pick up an application in the Admissions Office in room 123 of the Allman Center on the Forsyth Tech Main Campus, can call (336)-734-7253 and request an application, or can download an application at [Forsythtech.edu](http://Forsythtech.edu).

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> World UFO Day 	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Independence Day Holiday College Closed 	<b>5</b> No classes
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Fall Walk-in Registration 8am-6:30pm Last day of 8-week summer term classes	<b>15</b> Fall Walk-in Registration 8am-6:30pm	<b>16</b> Career Assessment Workshop 6:00-7:00pm (email rhobson@forsythtech.edu by July 15 to register)	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> National Lollipop Day 	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> National Hot Fudge Sundae Day 	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Last day of 10-week summer term classes Career Assessment Workshop 10:00-11:00am (email rhobson@forsythtech.edu by July 25 to register)	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Mutt's Day 	<b>Coming in August . . .</b>  <b>Late registration for fall will be August 13 &amp; 14 from 8am-6:30pm.</b>	