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Melissa Caldwell, Carly Dills and Sara Perry at the 2018 HOSA Conference.

enough to experience such a great opportunity, enjoying many educational symposiums, conference exhibitors and workshops.

Sara Perry competed in Clinical Specialty, Melissa Caldwell competed in Health Care Issues, and Carly Dills attended the educational exhibits and workshops.

In addition to the

competitors, Towns County's own Chase Reece was elected Georgia HOSA state officer in the position of Reporter.

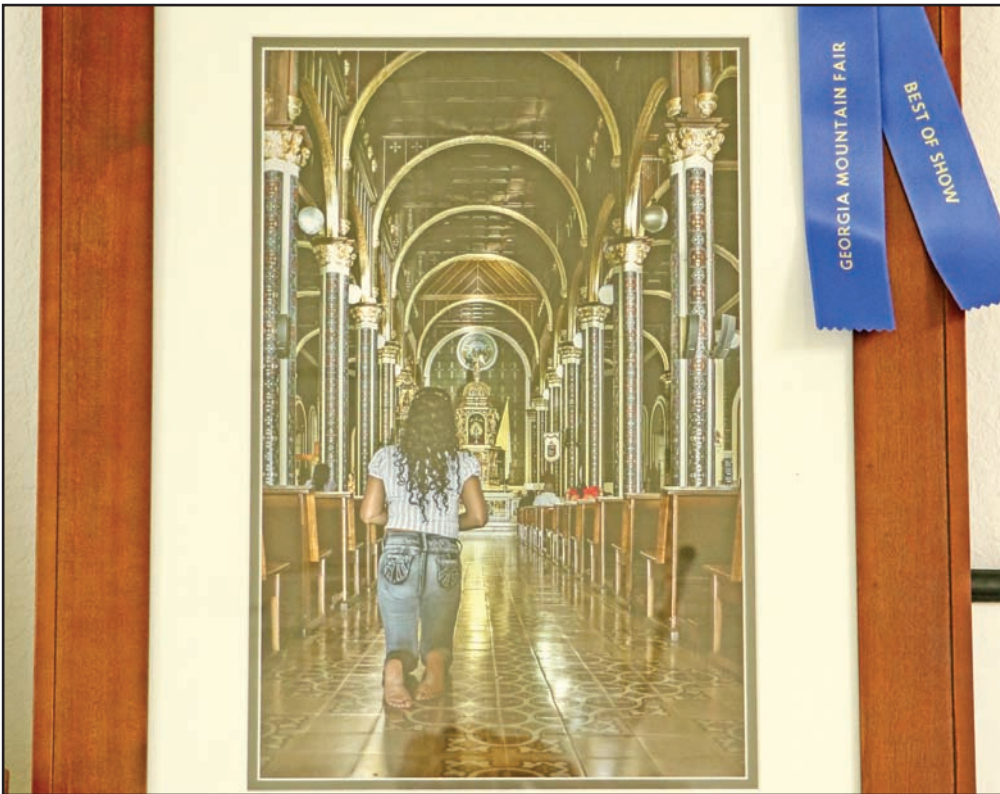
This is the first time ever that Towns County High School HOSA has had a member elected to the Executive State Council.

He advanced on to the International Leadership Conference in Dallas to be

an ambassador for Georgia HOSA.

"Competing at this level is a tremendous honor and has increased the students' knowledge and boosted their confidence in health care skills," said Sarah Vardo, Health Occupations Teacher/ HOSA Sponsor. "I am extremely proud of this group of students."

Fair Photography Contest winners from five states



Best of Show winner "Devotion" by Kathy Thompson



Second Prize "Soco Sunrise" by Robert Clayton

This year's Georgia Mountain Fair Photography Contest was a great success! A total of \$1,175 in prizes was awarded to 64 exhibitors, who entered from five states—the most participants since competition began in 1980. Photographers came from as far as Kentucky, South Carolina, and 3 cities in Florida,



Third Prize "Busy Bumble Bee" by Theron Clore

showing a total of 278 pictures. An exciting part of the Contest was a variety of subject matter, especially from 24 North Georgia Technical College (NGT) photography students, who had seven winners! This was the first year that a large group from a college entered the Contest, and Photography Contest Director Clara Franklin is looking forward to even more participation next year from Instructor Jim Loring's students and those from other colleges.

A few participants are professionals but the most are not. Some were first-time contestants with great photographs, and the Director encourages them to continue to enter each year. With so much quality work in the contest, the judges had a quite a challenge choosing 31 winners to win prizes!

The top 3 winners and their pictures are:

First Prize \$200: Kathy Thompson, Blue Ridge, GA – "Devotion" in a Costa Rica Church.

Second Prize \$100: Robert Clayton, Murphy, NC – "Soco Sunrise" in Cherokee, NC.

Third Prize \$75: Theron

Clore, Murphy, NC – "Busy Bumble Bee" in Murphy, NC.

The remaining prize money went to 10 Fourth Place winners and 18 Fifth Place Winners:

Fourth Place \$35: Florida: Inglis – Daniel Bopp; Ormond Beach – Skip Lowery; Georgia: Cleveland – Richard Hayes & Kim Martin/NGT; Dacula – Fred Youngblood; Lavonia – Nathan Finonono/NGT; Toccoa – Levi Cornelius/NGT; Young Harris – Jessica Tulba; North Carolina: Hayesville – Patricia Adams; Murphy – Jerry Wilson.

Fifth Place \$25: Florida: Keystone Heights – Glenda Harper; Georgia: Blairsville – Jim Barnes and Charlie Krick; Clarkesville – Laura Waters/NGT; Cleveland – Richard Hayes; Demorest – Julie London; Gillsville – Abby Parks/NGT; Hiawassee – Syler Church, John Henderson, Clayton Saucier, Joni Thompson; Lilburn – Harrison Citron/NGT; Young Harris – Patrick Mahon; Kentucky: Berea – Aaron Crawford; North Carolina: Hayesville – Ingo Dere and Ana Hall; Murphy – Lee Brockman; South Carolina: Batesburg – Jordon Dunbar/

NGT.

Director Clara Franklin and her Assistant Eileen Oberzutz were very happy about the entries this year.

They also greatly appreciate the volunteer help with publicity by Dianne Williams of the Towns County Lions Club and the help of the Fair's Director, Hilda Thomason. In Georgia and surrounding states, the Contest was promoted through announcements in 19 newspapers, 6 colleges, 3 radio stations, and Channel 4 Cable TV Station.

Director Clara Franklin thanks all the photographers for their participation and hard work, which made this 2018 show a success! She encourages all the exhibitors and everyone who loves taking pictures to enter their best work in the 2019 July contest at the annual summer Georgia Mountain Fair. Watch for notices from mid-April through mid-June 2019 for how to enter the Contest. At that time, also see the website: GeorgiaMountainFairgrounds.com for Guidelines and Registration Form. In May, paper copies will be available at the Fairground's office.