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Van Buren Tech Rocks Region 5 MITES!



**(front row from left) Kim Wood (instructor), Hannah Falor, Jeffrey Kuhn, Finn Roberts, Dylan Grover.
(back row from left) Zach Hays, Keaton Ruppert, Kaitlynn Lyzenga, Lisandro Magana, Logan Dahlquist,
Phillip Johnson, Amaya Taylor, Kelly Vander Kley (instructor).**



**(from left) Kim Wood (instructor), Austin Niefert, Lizette Bocanegro, Tyler Stoken, Gabrielle Lechlitner,
Jada Moraca, Jamison Timmons, Marcos Gonzalez, Tyler Pennington, Moriah Rao, Kelly Vander Kley
(instructor).**

Lawrence, Mich.– The 2019 Michigan Industrial Technology Education Society's (MITES) Region 5 competition took place on May 2 and 3 at Coloma High School. Judges evaluated projects and announced winners on May 2, revealing that Van Buren Tech (VBT) students clearly rocked Region 5 MITES competition!

The MITES mission is to empower students, teachers, and stakeholders to grow, lead, collaborate, and advocate for industrial and technological education and workforce initiatives, aiming to develop leaders through education and to consistently supply industries with a prepared workforce. Berrien, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph and Van Buren counties make up MITES Region 5, yet despite formidable competition Van Buren Tech students earned several regional awards.

Van Buren Tech's Commercial Design instructor Kim Wood, Engineering & Architectural Design instructor Jesse Mayes, Polymer Technologies instructor Robert Anderson, and Print Media instructor Kelly Vander Kley each supervised and assisted VBT students who placed at the 2019 Region 5 MITES competition. Each student winner is listed below, along with the student's home high school, year in school, and award(s).

Each MITES Region 5 competitor who placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th in any category will move on to state competition to be judged on May 10 at Shanty Creek Resort in Bellaire, Mich. The public is welcome to view the projects exhibition on May 9 (5 p.m.-8 p.m.), May 10 (8 a.m.-5 p.m.) and May 11 (8 a.m.-12 p.m.).

COMMERCIAL DESIGN

Taught by Kim Wood

Lizette Bocanegra (Bloomingdale junior)

- 3rd Place in Illustration

Hannah Falor (Decatur senior)

- 2nd Place in Illustration
- 3rd Place in 4-Color Print

Andrea Garcia (Lawton senior)

- 6th Place in Illustration

Marcos Gonzalez (Bloomingdale junior)

- 2nd Place in Animation

Kaitlyn Hamacher (Paw Paw junior)

- 4th Place in Animation

Phillip Johnson (South Haven junior)

- 1st Place in 1-Color Print

Gabrielle Lechlitner (Mattawan senior)

- 5th Place in Illustration

- 6th Place in 4-Color Print

Kaitlyn Lyzenga (Bangor junior)

- 2nd Place in 4-Color Print

Lisandro Magana (Bangor junior)

- 4th Place in Illustration

Jada Moraca (Dowagiac senior)

- 3rd Place in Animation

Tyler Pennington (Watervliet senior)

- 1st Place in 4-Color Print

Finn Roberts (Mattawan junior)

- 1st Place in Illustration

Tyler Stoken (Cedar Street senior)

- 5th Place in Animation

Jamison Timmons (Paw Paw senior)

- 1st Place in Animation

Cecilia Weeks (Bloomingdale senior)

- 5th Place in 4-Color Print

Individual pictures of Commercial Design 2019 Region 5 MITES winners can be accessed at:
<https://www.theexchange.co.xyz/single-post/2019/05/06/MITES-Winners>

ENGINEERING & ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN

Taught by Jesse Mays

Keaton Ruppert (South Haven senior)

- 1st Place in Architectural Interior CAD Photo-Realistic/CAD Rendered Presentation
- 2nd Place in CAD Architectural Working Drawing - Single Family Residential

Zachary Hays (Hartford Senior)

- 1st Place in CAD Architectural Working Drawing - Single Family Residential
- 2nd Place in Architectural Exterior CAD Photo-Realistic/CAD Rendered Presentation

POLYMER TECHNOLOGIES

Taught by Robert Anderson

Dylan Grover (Bloomingdale senior)

- 1st Place in Plastics 3-D Print 1 Piece

Jeffrey Kuhn (South Haven Community Based Transition Center 13th-year)

- 1st Place in Wood - General Woodworking
- 1st Place in Plastics - Carving

Austin Neifert (Mattawan senior)

- 1st Place in Plastics - Fabrication

PRINT MEDIA

Taught by Kelly Vander Kley

Antonio Bautista (Covert junior)

- 3rd Place in Open - Safety Poster

Celeah Christopher (South Haven junior)

- 6th Place in Open - Safety Poster

Logan Dahlquist (Lawton junior)

- 2nd Place in Graphic Arts - Screen Print on Paper Products

Lloni Diaz (Hartford senior)

- 4th Place in Open - Safety Poster

Jesse Hernandez (Covert junior)

- 1st Place in Open - Safety Poster

Raquel Martinez (Hartford senior)

- 2nd Place in Open Safety Poster

Kayla Mellema (Dowagiac junior)

- 3rd Place in Graphic Arts - Screen Print on Textiles

Moriah Rao (Watervliet senior)

- 4th Place in Graphic Arts - Process 4-Color
- 1st Place in Graphic Arts - Screen Print on Paper Products

Montserrat Requenez (Hartford senior)

- 1st Place in Graphic Arts - Screen Print on Textiles

Amaya Taylor (Lawton senior)

- 2nd Place in Graphic Arts - Screen Print on Textiles
- 5th Place in Open - Safety Poster

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