

Schools

Hospitality leadership

Logan Cain wins Pineapple Bowl

Fountain Hills High School senior Logan Cain has been named the overall winner of the 2014 Pineapple Bowl, Hospitality Leadership's annual event to test and celebrate students' knowledge of the industry and its inner workings.



Logan Cain brings home the prestigious 2014 Pineapple Bowl trophy.

Each year, Hospitality instructor Claire McWilliams invites industry and education professionals to visit the high school campus and grill her students on what they've learned over the course of their studies.

"Students rotate through six stations including math, written communication with guests, industry vocabulary/jargon, front office procedures, solving guest complaints and portfolio/interview," McWilliams explained.

"Logan Cain won the most fabulous trophy in all the land, inching out his closest competitor by two

very proud of every student who showed up and gave it their best.

Cain said he's excited to receive the big Pineapple trophy, as he expects it will make an interesting conversation piece for years to come.

"I was a little surprised I won, to be honest, because I knew there were some students who probably knew a bit more than I did," Cain said.

"But I am absolutely excited and really glad I won."

Cain said he plans on studying theology at university, but that his time in the local hospitality program will stay with him no matter where he ends up.

"The things I learned in this program will apply to my life no matter where I go," he continued.

"I'm really glad I was a part of the program. No matter what you get into in life,

your goal should always be to serve others."

Taking Silver honors at the event were Madeline Briguglio, Brooke Crothers, Olesii Kuziuta, Kelly Pederson, Sarah Russo, Samantha Smith, Hailey Straub and Rachel Strayer.

Bronze Honors went to Jennifer Fisher, Kylee Kauffman, Marisa Leger, Matthew McCoy, Gabriella Mei, Margaret Schechner, Claire Wooden and Jalin Yoder.

McWilliams said she would also like to give a "big thank you" to all of the event volunteers and judges, including Tom Brennan, Jennifer Ray, Mackenzie Loving, Mary Davisson, Darren Brainard, Cindy Landes, Mike Harrison, Sabine Hebert, Courtney Beyer, Sandy Davis, Christine Sutherland, Eric Cooper, Bruce Haseley and Rachael Mann.

Health Talk

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'Tis the season!

The spring time brings about many events, such as prom and graduation. Unfortunately, these special times for our kids can turn very dangerous, very quickly. Every year we hear stories of children who are hurt or worse, killed, during this time of celebration.

The Fountain Hills Coalition asks that you please talk with your teens about the dangers of drugs and alcohol before their big nights. Here's a seven-item checklist to help with a safe prom and graduation season:

1. Be sure you know your child's complete itinerary for the evening, including who they will be with and phone numbers where they can be contacted.
 2. If your child is going to a party at someone's home, contact the parents to be sure that they will not be allowing illegal drugs or underage drinking in their home. If you are a member of the Safe Homes Network, we encourage you to utilize the Safe Homes directory to call and confirm the above.
 3. Determine a fair curfew that is based on your child's previous history of responsibility.
 4. Take stock of all the alcohol and prescription drugs in your home.
 5. Know who is driving and ensure the driver will remain sober for the entire evening.
 6. Establish a couple of mandatory call-in times; these will help know where your kids are.
 7. Give your child the unconditional option of calling you at any time for help or advice which includes picking them up if needed. Create a code word that your child can use to indicate that they need your assistance.
- Let's keep our kids safe this season!



Robotics Team takes fifth in regional

Eight Fountain Hills High School students in the Botball Robotics Club competed in the San Diego Regional Botball Tournament in late March, taking fifth place overall.

Those students attending were Christian McErlean, Riely Brande, Andrew Cooper, Wyatt Carlowe, Elizabeth Mora, Dalton Nixon, Kahri Smith and Aurora beans.

According to club advisor Dr. Paul McElligott, Botball is the most difficult of the several types of robotics available.

"It is 100 percent programming that requires a robot turn on by light activation, score maximum points against an competitor and shutting off before



Dr. Paul McElligott and his Botball students celebrate their recent achievements at the San Diego Regional Botball Tournament.

120 seconds," he explained. "It is a highly regarded competition."

Local students had a slow start as several problems cropped up from trans-

porting the robot. After a few adjustments, however, McElligott said that the robot performed well. In fact, the robot had the high scoring round of the day of 300 points.

The judges were impressed that the team won two separate awards, including the Judges Choice Award for best design of a grabbing mechanism and a finalist award. They came in fifth place out of 35 teams.

"We are very proud of their accomplishments," McElligott said.

School Briefs

Principal search on

With McDowell Mountain Elementary School Principal Joanne Meehan set to retire at the close of the current school year, the district continues the process to hire her replacement.

According to Superintendent Tom Lawrence, the list of applicants was narrowed down to seven, who were offered an opportunity to take part in the full interview process.

Originally receiving 31 applications, the list of potential McDowell Mountain principals was further shortened when three of the final seven opted to drop out, leaving four to be interviewed last week. None of the interviewees are from in-house.

An announcement on the selected principal could come as early as this week.

The new principal's tenure will begin July 1.

Arts in the Courtyard set

Fountain Hills Middle School will host its annual Arts in the Courtyard event Thursday, April 24, from 5 to 8 p.m. on the FHMS/Four Peaks campus.

Students and staff have worked hard all school year to prepare this year's enter-

tainment, including hundreds of art pieces from multiple mediums, music, dance, drama and more. Community members are invited to come out, take in the sights and sounds, enjoy dinner and support the local programs.

Art scholarship to be available

The Fountain Hills Art League is offering scholarships for senior art students who are interested in advancing their studies in the arts.

This will be the third year these scholarships have been available thanks to the Fountain Hills Art League's studio

tour "Tour d' Artistes" which helps to raise the funds.

Applications for the scholarships are available at the Fountain Hills High School and also on the web at: www.fountainhill-sartleague.com.

The deadline is April 20. All of the information is on the application.

The league is asking students to send a CD with three images of one's art work and details about future studies.

Completed applications should be mailed to Andrea Kenworthy, 11812 N. Oasis Dr., unit A, Fountain Hills, AZ 85268.

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Business achievement



Junior Achievement instructors Dwight Johnson (pictured) and Jerry Traylor recently completed their last session of the program with Fountain Hills Middle School teacher Chris Peterson's seventh grade students. "Our hope is that teaching children about how to conduct themselves in a business setting, realizing their successes and failures, will pay true dividends in their lives 10-20 years from now," Johnson explained. Above, Andrew O'Neil receives his \$100 reward for his performance in JA. Johnson explained that he asks winners to give \$20 to someone in need, put \$30 in savings, then spend the final \$50 however they choose.

OSTEOPOROSIS: A BONE EPIDEMIC?

Women's Health Lecture Series

In the United States alone, 10 million people have osteoporosis. 80 percent of people who suffer osteoporosis are women. Join us for an informative evening with one of Scottsdale Healthcare's leading orthopedic surgeons, Sean Brimacombe, MD. He will discuss osteoporosis including risk factors, treatments and fracture prevention.

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