

## **Ayala students take home awards from career and technical education event**

Several Ayala High School students took top awards in the 68<sup>th</sup> Annual FCCLA/FHA State Leadership Conference held April 25 to 28.

The event for students involved in career and technical education relating to family and consumer sciences drew more than 700 students from all over the state. FCCLA students competed in 20 different categories for more than \$600,000 in plaques, trophies, gifts, cash, and scholarships.

Nine students from Ayala went head-to-head in eight different areas, ending with these awards:

First place Creed -- freshman Trinity Tat -- \$150 cash

First place Consumer Education -- junior Myra Zhang -- \$100 cash and \$1,000 scholarship

First place Job Application & Interview -- senior Kirby Wang -- \$150 cash

Second place Prepared Speech, junior division -- freshman Zheng Dong

Second place Consumer Education -- senior Lisa Dong

Third place Energy & Resource Conservation – team of juniors Terry Chern and Andrew Chhur

Senior Steven Espinoza participated in Teaching Careers, and sophomore Brittanie Chu participated in the senior division of Prepared Speech.

Sophomore Katrina Arano, Region 10 Historian, earned superior recognition and 1<sup>st</sup> place for the Region Scrapbook competition documenting the “Spirit of Adventure” theme for 2014-2015.

Senior Shirley Wang retired as Region Vice President and sophomore Katrina Arano retired as Region Historian. Representing Ayala on the 2015-2016 FCCLA Region Cabinet will be juniors Terry Chern as Vice President and Andrew Chhur as Treasurer.

Ayala’s cash prizes totaled \$400. The local students also received \$1,000 in scholarships, nine plaques, seven trophies and a weekend filled with industry tours, educational and personal workshops and leadership experiences. All participants had a fantastic time in Fresno and are planning for next year’s conference to be held in Riverside.

Ayala FCCLA advisors are Barbara Allen and Jennifer Mehaffie.

Please join us in congratulating these students and their outstanding accomplishments.