

All Alone At the Top

TCTC Student Finishes First in the Nation



They say, “One is the loneliest number,” but Steve Bada should be used to the feeling. Competing in the visual media production category in BPA sponsored events; he finished first in the region, then first in the state and culminated his achievement with a first place finish in the nation. He is a 2008 graduate of McDonald High School who was enrolled in the Multimedia Tech Prep Program at the TCTC.

In the BPA competition, Steve produced a series of infomercials on specific topics. He impressed his instructor, John Bagnola with his determination to improve. Bagnola said, “Contestants were allowed to make changes before competing in both the state and national events. Steve took advantage of this opportunity to make subtle adjustments that improved the quality of his video.”

The Nationals were held in Reno Nevada during the second week of May. In addition to receiving his trophy, Bada earned a \$1,000 scholarship. What he gained in self confidence is equally valuable. He described the feeling of euphoria associated with his honor. “It was a great feeling to stand on stage and receive my award before a large audience. My project allowed me to demonstrate the skills that I have learned in multimedia while simultaneously improving my ability to present and speak publicly.” In the fall, Bada will attend classes at YSU. Ultimately, he hopes to make his career in the field of telecommunications.

Bada’s success in high school extends beyond his program achievements. He is a member of the TCTC Honor Society and participated in football and track at McDonald High School.

Although Bada was a national winner, he is not the first Multimedia Tech Prep student to receive this honor. Lisa Hohman, a graduate of Lakeview High School also finished first in the nation in the 2004 competition.