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## Design Contest Champions

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9, Benjamin Carson High School for Science and Medicine.

Mark Trostle, head of SRT, Mopar and Motorsports Design for Chrysler, was part of the judging panel and spoke in an interview about the winners and their design concepts.

Stinson will receive a \$5,000 scholarship to CCS, provided he is accepted by the school. All first and second place winners received an iPad, a sketchbook, drawing materials as well as the opportunity to attend a summer design class at CCS specifically geared toward transportation design, which will be taught by CCS instructors.

Commenting on Martinez' work, Trostle said Martinez' entry was one of the strongest ones in the competition.

"His concept for the drawing was probably the most expressive and far-reaching if you were looking for an automotive design."

Trostle said Martinez incorporated a little of the "Spirit of Detroit" into his design and in the background as well.

Trostle said Lawrence Johnson's entry was very expressive, and "broke the mold of what a normal car would look like but it was still an automobile," which was inspired by an open-top roadster.

Ninth-grader Howa Rahman was the only girl garnering a first place ranking. Trostle commented, "She definitely pushed the envelope of what we think of as a four-wheeled vehicle" with a circular design which was very futuristic. She also demonstrated an understanding of perspective, a key element judges looked for in selecting the winners.

## Breakfast Was About Women

Last week's Leadership Breakfast, co-hosted by the Auburn Hills, Troy and Rochester Regional chambers of commerce brought representatives from an eclectic mix of local businesses together to learn how to create an environment friendly to promoting women's advancement.

Held at the Marriott Centerpoint in Pontiac, the breakfast featured the presentation of research on this topic from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Center for Women in Business. Speakers included presidents from Dow Automotive, TTI Global and VMS365 shared insights on their own companies' practices in promoting women within their organizations.

Denise Asker from the Auburn Hills Chamber said the event was a sellout, with a final attendance count of 170 people.

"It was our chamber's concept and we reached out to our fellows in the Rochester and Troy chambers," she said. "The purpose was, between Auburn Hills, Rochester and Troy we made up the legion that encompassed any type of business from small coffee shops to Chrysler, and everything in between."

Breakfast attendees had the opportunity to hear research from the Center for Women in Business on the practices of the best-performing companies in terms of having better women's representation on their boards and top leadership teams.

The research showed six common threads in companies that were most successful at this.

Asker said the presentations were well received.

"In our opinion, it was the right mix, actually, the ideal mix (of companies) to bring this topic to the region," she said.

## Historical Society Seeking Items

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generations to come, they are encouraged to write their story for the Historical Society in order to help the AHHS better record the history of the community.

The public is always welcome to attend AHHS business meetings held at 7 p.m. every second Monday of the month at the Auburn Hills Public Library, 3400 E. Seyburn Dr., Auburn Hills.

Contact the Auburn Hills Historical Society at 248-247-9361 or auburnhillshistory@yahoo.com.



Arts Academy in the Woods students, from left, Haylie Mousseau, Rachel MacLean, Anthony Chirco and Shelby Klobucar pose in front of the mural they painted outside the Chrysler House in downtown Detroit.

## Art Students Paint Mural for Chrysler House

A group of students from the Fraser-based Arts Academy in the Woods high school recently completed a mural that covers the walls of the breezeway that connects a parking garage with the Rock Ventures-owned Chrysler House in Griswold in downtown Detroit.

Kayla Friess, outreach, recruitment and admissions officer at the school, said that several students placed their proposals for the mural before building officials from Rock Ventures last September.

Their proposals were successful and they began painting the murals on their weekends. The project took some time to complete and they finally finished the project in February.

"The students' proposal was full-color, full-detail," Friess said. "They were led by one of our alumni, Anthony Chirco, who graduated from the school last spring. He now attends Macomb Community College."

Arts Academy in the Woods opened its door in August of 2001, and is a free public high school chartered by the Macomb Intermediate School District.

It offers students specialized coursework in the fine and performing arts along with teaching students lessons designed for the Michigan Merit Curriculum.

Painting murals on walls is nothing new to Academy students.

Friess said that many seniors, as part of their senior projects,

would paint murals on the walls of the school.

"Right now, we still have plenty of wall space that has yet to be covered, so students aren't in danger of running out of mural space at the school anytime soon," Friess said. "But it's been a while since students painted a mural away from the school, so this project was very exciting for us."

## Red Wings Boost AH

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