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Columbia-Montour Area Vocational-Technical School Students Place 1st in Lodging Management Program State Competition

Four students from the Columbia-Montour Area Vocational-Technical School placed first in the Lodging Management Program (LMP) State Competition. This competition was held March 6 - 8, 2011, at the Nittany Lion Inn in State College, PA. The team was comprised of Angelica Davis, Jessica Smith, Brooke Travelpiece, and Britney Zumberling. Their teacher is Donna Harris.

Students competed against other qualified high school teams in a variety of activities designed to test their skill-level and professionalism in the hospitality management field. In order to compete, all students and their schools must first comply with very strict educational program standards as dictated by the Educational Institute of the American Hotel & Lodging Association.

Second place in the overall competition went to the team from Monroe Career & Technical institute: LeAnn Frazier, Namansa Marah, Austin Miller, Nicholas Upton, and Instructor Patty LeCompte. The third place team from Erie County Technical School consisted of Natasha Forbush, Steffany Jackson, Kaylie Mallette, Shayla Riefstahl, and Instructor Robert Craft.

The Pennsylvania Department of Education and Penn State Hospitality Services co-sponsored this year's Competition.

The students from Columbia-Montour AVTS will now represent Pennsylvania at the 2011 Lodging Management Program National Competition on April 7-9, 2011 in Orlando, Florida. The Educational Institute of the American Hotel & Lodging Association produces this event.

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The Columbia-Montour AVTS Team; (L-R) Angelica Davis, Britney Zumberling Jessica Smith, Brooke Travelpiece, and Donna Harris.